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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

P. S. S. S. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	795	Press
		Mis.
Dated	31.5.1870	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
31st May 1870.

No. 141. Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th April 1870, No. 795 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Minchin's letter to the Chief Justice, dated 19th February 1870, forwarding Proceedings of Government, Public Department, of the same date, No. 206, and requesting the opinion of the High Court on the suggestions made by the Supervisor of the Government Press regarding the printing work of the High Court.

2. In reply I am instructed to forward a Statement of the Receipts and Charges on account of printing in the High Court, during the last three years, arranged under three heads :—

				Circular Proceed- ings, Forms, &c.			Records of Suits.			Authorized Reports.		
				RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1867.....	{ Receipts...	...	...	...	...	...	6,680	6	2	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	...	...	820	6	0	5,553	0	0	221	7	0
1868.....	{ Receipts...	...	...	...	...	...	8,029	13	9	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	...	...	1,880	8	0	8,114	4	3	367	12	2
1869..	{ Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	7,994	14	0	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	...	...	1,956	6	0	5,985	2	3	465	6	0
Total.....	{ Receipts ...	...	...	...	...	...	22,705	1	11	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	...	...	4,657	4	0	19,652	6	6	1,054	9	2
Average..	{ Receipts...	...	...	...	...	...	7,568	5	11	...	...	...
	{ Disbursements	...	...	1,552	6	8	6,550	12	10	351	8	4

It will be seen that, under the first head, the actual cost to Government for printing charges, during the past three years, averages about Rupees 1550 *per annum*, and that the profit under the second head averages about Rupees 1000 *per annum*, so that the actual expenditure is only about Rupees 550 *per annum*. The charges under the third head are more than counterbalanced by the sale of the reports which is conducted under the immediate superintendence of Government, and of which the High Court have no account. The receipts from the sale of the reports should properly appear as a set-off against the printing charges and the salary of the Reporter.

3. I am to observe that the cost of paper, which is now supplied gratis from the Government Press, must be added to the charges in the above statement; but it is believed that there is still a considerable profit on the printing work undertaken on behalf of suitors. The Chief Justice and a majority of the Judges are of opinion that the rates now paid should not be enhanced as proposed by Mr. Stokes so as to cover the cost of the *bonâ fide* work of the Court, and that suitors ought not to be called upon to pay more than the actual cost of the printing and the paper.

4. The present system of crediting to Government, when received, deposits from parties on account of printing, and submitting monthly bills for payment, appears to be the most convenient course, but the receipts should be set-off against the disbursements. I am to suggest that the receipts might, with advantage, be

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kept in a deposit account in the Madras Bank, and the accounts be adjusted at the close of the calendar or official year. Bills should be at the same time forwarded by the Government Press for the paper supplied to Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co., so as to exhibit clearly the actual cost of printing in the High Court.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1870, No. 683.

The Government consider that the cost of the printing work required for the High Court itself, including authorized reports, should alone be brought into the Government printing account, and that the printing for suitors should be made a matter of separate arrangement under the control of the Court.

2. If paper is required for the suitors' printing work, the Registrar should, from time to time, indent for it on the Superintendent of the Government Press, who will supply the paper on payment.

(True Extract.)

To the Honourable the Judges of the High Court.
,, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
,, Supervisor of the Government Press.
,, Accountant-General.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
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 High Court, Madras.
 D. E. 25th April 1870 No 795.

Order thereon 21 May 1870, No 183

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 High Court.

Cost. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE HON. MR. JUDGES OF THE
 HIGH COURT.
 &c., &c., do

Dated May, 31st.

Recd.

G. O. 31st May 1870, No. 683.

MAY.
 NOS. 141-142.

Considering that the cost of the printing work
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To the Hon^{ble} the Judges of the
High Court
— Supply of fuel & Ordnance
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High Court
23rd May / 70

My dear Mr. Ellis

I return the papers about the High Court printing, and as far as the proposals to make us keep separate accounts of suitors printing and our own printing I have no objection to offer - But if it is intended to discuss the advisability of putting an end to Messrs Graves & Cookson's contract I should like to state the arguments in favor of the existing

Printing
Court

Dated May 24th 1870, No 683
Recd.
465

MOS. 44. 142.

Considering the cost of the printing, except required for the High Court itself, included, being authorized by the Court, the High Court printing accounts, and the printing for suitors should be made a matter of separate or - separate under the control of the Court.

arrangement.

And in the first place I would urge that we are one of the most economical Departments as regards printing. Compare the matter printed by the Board of Revenue in their monthly volumes with our printing. We never print unless we intend to circulate.

The advantage of having the press in our own building is obvious. We are constantly wanting proofs struck off in a few hours and I know from experience what it is to have to send proofs backwards &

forwards to a Press Office for revision. When I came to the High Court at the beginning of 1868 all our printing was done at Messrs. Graves & Cookson's printing office in Black Town and it was in consequence of the inconvenience of having to send proofs to the Press every day and all day long that I got Messrs. Graves & Cookson to put up three presses in a spare room in the office. Those presses are always constantly at work. We can set up forms & circulars in type in a few hours and we have never ^{since} been in arrears (as was not infrequently the case before) with our printing.

Again under present arrangements I
can undertake to bring out a number
of the High Court ^{Reports} on 31st March con-
taining all the decisions passed up
to 31st December and the Chief Justice
is very anxious to have this done
but if the printing is to be done at
the Gazette Press I foresee many
difficulties in getting anything done
satisfactorily as I shall have no hold
over the printers - and the labor of
taking proof more than a mile
backwards & forwards every day will
be considerable. In consideration

therefore of the small ^{extra} cost to Govt. B
and the great convenience to us I
hope you will manage to let us
retain our presses. I mentioned
to Stokes the other day that as
regard forms we shall be happy
to employ the Penitentiary Press
if Govt. wish.

Sincerely yours
Wigram

Semi-official
reply to letter about
High Court printing

Graves & Lookson's
rate is not under them
a few pice in excess of
the cost per page and the
cost Press.

H.S.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Off. Registrar to the High Court,
Appellate Side -

Dated 25th April 1870, No 795.

Dear Sir -

The Govt. approve

the proposal made in paragraph
4 of the foregoing letter, as regards
the suitors payments for printing
done for them - These sums
should be credited to a separate
deposit account, in which
the Registrar should draw to
meet the charges for the suitors
work. These the Govt. believe
are even now separately shown
in Messrs Graves & Lookson's bills.

2. The paper for the work of

J. D. S.

Why I could be being
this in to our account
at all? Why not
let Registrar, under
the Court's orders, arrange
for the printing - buy
the paper & so every
thing connected with

The Court itself may be
supplied as heretofore
from the Govt. press.

But as regards the Suits
work the simplest arrange-
ment would be that the
Registrar should from
time to time indent

on the Superintendent
of the Govt. press for
the paper required, dis-
cussing the value of it
from the Suits' deposits.

The Govt. direct that
these arrangements be
adopted in future.

Myrs. J. J. & Co.

the Suits work, buy-
ing for the same out
of the deposits? The
accounts would relate
exclusively to the
Court work & would
be simplified & our
statutory indent be
simplified.

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I agree, and as the
High Court work is
done in one
press but given out I
don't see why we should
do it at all. I would
like to have the question
of printing the High Court
work discussed in Council.
All are N.P.

My M.L. & Co.
I think
N.P.

bills for the Court's own
printing, including the
cost of the reports, will
be submitted monthly
for payment as usual.

to the Hon. the Judges of the High Court
- Account General.
- Secretary Govt. Press.

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Not to have anything
to do with the pending
petition.