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No. 185

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS,
MADRAS, 18th January 1892.

From

THE SECRETARY,

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Madras.

SIR,

By desire of the Government Directors of the Lawrence Asylum Press, I have the honor to submit a report on the working of the Press during 1890, accompanied by three statements, as per margin.

1. Balance Sheet.
2. Profit and Loss Account.
3. Cash Account.

2. The net out-turn of the year under notice was Rs. 1,66,710-0-9

Year.	Rs.	As.	P.
1888	1,37,385	12	2
1889	1,58,436	6	11
1890	1,66,710	0	9

against Rs. 1,58,436-6-11 in 1889 after deducting plant, &c., supplied to the Branch Press at Ootacamund. Of the above out-turn, work done for Government amounted to Rs. 51,484-2-1, a considerable falling off, it will be observed, as compared with the year preceding (Rs. 63,537), although the order of the Government of India transferring forms hitherto printed at the Press to the Contractor for Government Forms, Calcutta, at, as already shown, a very considerable loss to Government and the Lawrence Asylum, had only been in force for a few months.

3. Of the out-turn, there remained uncollected at the close of the year, the sum of Rs. 54,849-12-9 which has been reduced to Rs. 9,840-12-0 by collections to date.

4. The opening cash balance of the year was Rs. 7,011-3-1, the receipts Rs. 1,79,647-4-7, and the disbursements Rs. 1,74,721-2-11, inclusive of payments made on account of the Branch, as against Rs. 2,02,926-6-8 and Rs. 2,02,397-9-10, respectively, during 1889—*vide* analysis of receipts and disbursements in the Auditor's Report, dated 22nd December 1891, para. 3, submitted to Government with the Accountant-General's letter, No. 3700 of the same date.

Year.	Rs.	As.	P.
1890	2,20,225	11	8
1889	1,85,775	0	7

- * 1. Cash purchases of Plant ... 11,635 9 10
2. Types, Chases, &c., manufactured by the Press... 1,717 10 3
3. Adjustments ... 21,097 7 0

34,450 11 1

5. Stock was taken during 1890 by the Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press, agreeably to Order of Government, No. 743, dated 24th October 1890, and after writing off depreciation it shows an increase over that of 1889 of *Rs. 34,450.

6. There were 18 apprentices at the commencement of the year and 20 at its close. Four retired having served their time and were replaced by drafts

from the Lawrence Asylum; one of these is employed at Messrs. Spencer and Co., Bangalore, one went to Bezvada as a guard on the Kistna State Railway, and two are employed in the Press as compositors.

The apprentices were employed as follows:—

- 1 in the Mechanic and Joiners' department.
- 4 in the Type Foundry and Store department.
- 12 in the Composing room.
- 2 in the Stereo department.
- 1 in the Machine room as a Fireman.

Their conduct and health were good, and progress very satisfactory.

BRANCH ACCOUNT.

1. Balance Sheet.
2. Profit and Loss Account.
3. Cash Account.

7. The Accounts, as per margin, will show the financial position of the Branch at the close of 1890.

	1889.	Rs.	As.	P.
Out-turn ...	18,678	3	10	
Receipts ...	17,215	10	0	
Expenditure ...	14,868	7	0	
1890.				
Out-turn ...	20,172	4	4	
Receipts ...	19,057	4	6	
Expenditure ...	21,661	7	9	

8. The net out-turn, receipts and expenditure, will be found in the margin, contrasted with those of 1890. The cash balance at close of the year was Rs. 2,329-2-5 against Rs. 4,932-5-8 in the year preceding.

9. Of the balance out-turn uncollected at the commencement of the year, *viz.*, Rs. 3,804-12-1, Rs. 2,731-7-7 has been recovered to 31st December 1891.

10. The Government work done at the Branch was Rs. 10,344-11-7 of the total out-turn of Rs. 20,232-8-0.

11. The accounts of the Branch at Ootacamund have not been audited by the Accountant-General for two years, 1889 and 1890, but stock was taken in the latter year by the Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press with satisfactory results—*vide* this office letter, No. 4073 of the 19th September 1890.

12. It will be observed that the action of the Government of India in transferring the printing of the W. O. and I. O. Forms to the Contractor for Printing Government Forms, Calcutta, though in operation for only a few months of the year, has caused a falling off in the value of the out-turn of work done for Government of Rs. 12,052, but nevertheless the total out-turn of the year exceeded that of 1889 by Rs. 8,274, representing an additional amount of miscellaneous work done for the public to the value of Rs. 20,326, which but for the foresight

* "The Government of India do not desire to take any action, if it can be avoided, which would have the effect of disorganizing the Lawrence Asylum in Madras, or of depriving the Bombay Education Society's Press of its profits which are devoted to the support of a charity."

of the management in adding to the accommodation and plant of the Press could not have been undertaken, and the disorganisation of the Press which the Government of India in their letter* No. 2467B, dated 6th September 1890 thought it possible might result from the sudden withdrawal of about a third of its business out-turn might, but for such foresight, have been an accomplished fact: The necessity for utilizing profits for the above purposes is therefore apparent.

13. The annual contributions to the Lawrence Asylum have been resumed during the current official year and these contributions will be considerably enhanced, say by another 5,000 at least if the Government of India should be

* Letter No. 6750, of 8th Dec. 1891, to Pay Examiner, enclosed for perusal.

satisfied that the forms can be printed as cheaply, if not much more economically, here than in Calcutta; and from recent correspondence* that has passed between this Press and the Pay Examiner, Presidency, that wished-for result may not be long delayed.

14. The Press has had further to contend with certain rumours that have been circulated that the Press is either to be sold or taken over by Government, which rumours have been copied into the Home papers with the result that even our constituents are doubtful as to the advisability of entrusting work to it, which rumours it may therefore be fairly inferred have had the further effect of deterring others from sending their work to this Press.

15. The uncontradicted idea, sedulously circulated by those interested in closing the Press, that it is assisted by Government and that therefore it is able to compete unfairly with the trade, which you are aware has no foundation in fact, has also been taken full advantage of and has no doubt deterred many from sending their work to the Press as it undoubtedly acted as an incentive to several of the members of the Trades' Association to attach their signatures to the memorial praying Government to close the Press.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,


Secretary.

DR.

LAWRENCE ASYLUM BALANCE SHEET OR ACCOUNT

1890.			L. F.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Jany.	1	To LIABILITIES AT THIS DATE	72	...	...	...	1,15,700	1	2
		Interest from Superannuation Fund	35	965	9	4			
		Sundries (Employés' Securities) ...	...	2,350	0	0			
		Do. (for Stock purchased) ...	...	10,655	8	1			
		Do. (for Impersonal Accounts) ...	...	4,472	0	11			
		Personal Ledger Accounts	...	2,891	4	8			
		L. A. Press, Ooty Branch, No. 2 Account ...	7	14	10	2			
		Superannuation Fund ...	37	37,500	0	0			
		Press Old Buildings Fund	"	56,851	0	0			
				1,15,700	1	2			
Dec.	31	To ASSETS AT THIS DATE	72	...	...	...	5,12,773	13	
		Cash and Drafts on hand	41	4,694	2	8			
		With Bank of Madras	"	7,243	2	1			
		Contingent Advance on hand	5	500	0	0			
		Fixed Deposits	32	525	0	0			
		Stock	17	2,20,225	11	8			
		Plant, &c., Dead Stock	...	1,36,820	12	1			
		Stores Stationery	...	54,865	5	0			
		Depository Stationery	...	19,111	12	9			
		War Office Forms	...	5,207	0	2			
		War Office Books	...	4,220	13	8			
				2,20,225	11	8			
		*Press Premises (actual value) ...	22	1,49,690	13	11			
		Investment of Superannuation Fund (Government Pro. Notes in Trust with Accountant-General, Nominal Value 37,500).	34	36,828	8	1			
		Investment of Employés' Securities	42	2,650	0	0			
		Investment of Fire Insurance Sinking Fund	36	8,282	7	2			
		L. A. Press, Ooty Branch, No. 1 Account...	6	25,523	10	5			
		Do. do. No. 2 do.	8	1,760	8	10			
		Personal Ledger Accounts	65	54,849	12	9			
				5,12,773	13	7			
		Rupees	...	...	...	...	6,28,473	14	

*The Estimated Value by Government, viz., Rs. 1,72,554, was communicated in 1891 as per G.Os. Nos. 770 and 830, dated 27th November 19th December 1890, respectively.

Chennarayana Rao
Assistant Superintendent,
Accounts Department.

PRESS, MADRAS.
FOR 1890 (L. F. 71).

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1890.			L. F.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Jany.	1	By ASSETS AT THIS DATE	72	...	...	...	5,38,359	3	3
		Cash and Drafts on hand	41	1,339	6	11			
		With Bank of Madras	"	5,671	12	2			
		Contingent Advance on hand	5	500	0	0			
		Fixed Deposits	32	15,525	0	0			
		Stock	17	1,85,775	0	7			
		Press Premises	22	1,11,273	15	9			
		Investment of Superannuation Fund	34	36,828	8	1			
		Investment of Employés' Securities	42	2,350	0	0			
		Investment of Fire Insurance Sinking Fund	36	8,652	12	10			
		L. A. Press, Ooty Branch, No. 1 Account	6	33,023	10	5			
		Personal Ledger Accounts	...	42,294	13	7			
		Sundries for Impersonal Accounts	...	773	2	11			
		Accountant-General (Govt. Pro. Notes in Trust)	36	37,500	0	0			
		Government Valuation of the Press Old buildings as per G.O. No. 2425, dated 22nd October 1884	"	56,851	0	0			
				5,38,359	3	3			
Dec.	31	By LIABILITIES AT THIS DATE	72	...	...	...	46,502	4	10
		Interest from Superannuation Fund	35	753	3	6			
		Sundries (Employés' Securities)	...	2,650	0	0			
		Do. (for Stock purchased)	...	35,314	0	9			
		Do. (for Impersonal Accounts)	...	4,547	14	6			
		Personal Ledger Accounts	65	3,237	2	1			
				46,502	4	10			
		Balance (Net Profit)	...	...	...	...	5,84,861	8	1
				...	...	...	43,612	6	8
		Rupees	...	...	...	...	6,28,473	14	9

Chennarayana Rao
Secretary.

DR.

LAWRENCE ASYLUM

ABSTRACT OF THE CASH

Date.	PARTICULARS.	Ledger Folio.	Amount as per Cash Book.			Amount as per Contingent Book.			Total.		
			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1890.	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>										
Jan. 1	To Balance on hand—										
	Cash and Drafts ...	41	1,339	6	11	500	0	0			
	With Bank of Madras ...	"	5,671	12	2						
			7,011	3	1	500	0	0	7,511	3	1
Dec. 31	To Total Receipts in the year :—										
	Sale of Books on Commission ...		10,569	9	0						
	Ooty Branch in part of No. 1 Account ...	6	7,500	0	0						
	Do No. 2 Account ...	7	4,195	10	1						
	Interest on Fixed Deposits ...	33	340	14	5						
	Fixed Deposits ...	32	15,085	0	0						
	Interest on Fire Insurance Sinking Fund ...	37	26	1	9						
	Interest from Employés' Securities ...	43	80	8	0						
	Interest from Superannuation Fund ...	35	1,536	15	8						
	Investment of Fire Insurance Sinking Fund ...	36	652	12	10						
	Rents ...	34	732	8	0						
	Discount and Commission ...	1	32	14	1						
	Charges, Merchandise ...	9	0	4	6						
	Establishment ...	11	44	12	6						
	Extra Work ...	12	5	12	10						
	Charges on Account of Apprentices ...	20	0	8	0						
	Plant, Tools, Furniture, &c. ...	26	221	2	5						
	Taxes ...	30	3	4	0						
	Law Charges ...	32	9	10	0						
	Sale of building Materials ...		102	10	9						
	Cash Sales ...		688	9	11						
	Collection of Bills ...		1,33,193	6	5						
	Do without Bills ...		4,624	5	5						
			1,79,647	4	7				1,79,647	4	7
	Rupees ...								1,87,158	7	8

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Assistant Superintendent,
Accounts Department.

PRESS, MADRAS.

ACCOUNT FOR 1890 (L. F. 72)

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Date.	PARTICULARS.	Ledger Folio	Amount as per Cash Book.			Amount as per Contingent Book.			Total.	Grand Total.				
			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1890	<u>DISBURSEMENTS.</u>													
Dec. 31	By Working Expenses	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65,727	12	9
	Establishment	11	58,323	11	3	306	5	6	58,630	0	9			
	Extra work	12	1,431	11	5	797	1	1	2,228	12	6			
	Carriage Allowance to the Superintendent	31	360	0	0	...	...	...	360	0	0			
	Advertising	21	1,106	6	0	173	0	0	1,279	6	0			
	Rents for Telephone	34	150	0	0	...	...	...	150	0	0			
	Repairs	30	349	12	6	17	14	0	367	10	6			
	Municipal Taxes for House, Water and Lighting, Cart and Trade	30	963	0	0	23	0	9	986	0	9			
	Postage on Letters	4	...	...	...	1,226	11	3	1,226	11	3			
	Receipt Stamps	18	...	...	...	49	3	0	49	3	0			
	Honorarium	29	450	0	0	...	...	...	450	0	0			
			63,134	9	2	2,593	3	7	65,727	12	9			
	By Other Payments :—													
	Expenses of maintaining and educating Apprentices during the year	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,804	5	1
	Boarding of Apprentices	13	2,707	7	7	160	3	6	2,867	11	1			
	Out-fit of do.	14	658	4	0	10	0	0	668	4	0			
	Other charges on account of Apprentices	20	110	1	6	158	4	6	268	6	0			
			3,475	13	1	328	8	0	3,804	5	1			
	Pensions to Superannuated Servants	31	1,445	12	9	...	...	...	1,445	12	9			
	Press Premises	22	38,490	1	2	16	9	4	38,506	10	6			
	Lawrence Asylum Press, Ooty Branch, No. 2 Account.	8	26	14	0	297	12	3	324	10	3			
	Payments on Parties Account	...	30	6	6	3,969	0	2	3,999	6	8			
	do on Books on commission sale's Account	...	2,959	11	11	368	12	3	3,328	8	2			
	Interest on Employes' Securities	43	38	15	4	29	7	8	68	7	0			
			42,991	13	8	4,681	9	8	47,673	7	4			
	Payments on account of Stock :—													
	Merchandise purchased in England	16	20,174	11	7	14	0	0	20,188	11	7			
	Loss in English Exchange	29	5,168	15	9	7	8	0	5,176	7	9			
	Merchandise purchased in Madras	15	11,643	3	10	192	13	1	11,836	0	11			
	Charges Merchandise	9	4,786	8	6	1,285	1	1	6,071	9	7			
	Plant, Tools, Furniture, &c., ...	26	13,939	9	6	303	2	5	14,242	11	11			
			55,713	1	2	1,802	8	7	57,515	9	9			
			1,65,315	5	1	9,405	13	10	1,74,721	2	11			
	By Balance :—													
	On hand :—													
	Cash and Drafts	41	4,694	2	8	500	0	0	5,194	2	8			
	With Bank of Madras	"	7,243	2	1	...	...	...	7,243	2	1			
			11,937	4	9	500	0	0	12,437	4	9			
	Rupees		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,87,158	7	8

Edward F. ...
Secretary.

DR.

*Assistant Superintendent, Accounts Department,
L. A. Press, Madras.*

CR.

Elbert Fink
Secretary,
L. A. Press, Madras.

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PROFIT AND LOSS

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1890.			L. F.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Dec.	31	To STOCK :—	86	...	...	...	35,595	0	5
		Balance of Stock on 31st December 1889	...	28,798	1	4			
		Merchandise purchased	...	6,683	5	4			
		Charges, Merchandise	...	113	9	9			
				35,595	0	5			
		To WORKING EXPENSES :—	84	...	...	...	10,347	12	3
		Establishment	25	8,189	11	6			
		Allowance to Secretary	81	600	0	0			
		Rent of Premises	81	600	0	0			
		Extra Work	82	46	1	10			
		Advertising	83	1	10	3			
		Trade Tax	82	50	0	0			
		Receipt Stamps	80	9	8	0			
		Postage on Letters, &c.	35	49	10	3			
		Charges	78	801	2	5			
				10,347	12	3			
		To Discount and Commission	83	5	0	8			
		„ Amount written back	94	60	3	8	65	4	4
							46,008	1	0
		To Balance (Net Profit)	99	...	...	...	2,965	2	0
		Rupees...		...	...	...	48,973	3	0

Chandrasekhar Srinivasan
Assistant Superintendent, Accounts Department,
L. A. Press, Madras.

PRESS, OOTY BRANCH. ACCOUNT FOR 1890. (L. F. 98).

CR.

1890.			L. F.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Dec.	31	By PRESSES, JOB WORK	97	...	...	...	12,545	14	9
		Printing	40	12,166	10	4			
		Card Press	42	86	0	0			
		Die Press	34	57	12	0			
		Miscellaneous	32	235	8	5			
				12,545	14	9			
		By BINDING	43	...	...	...	2,366	1	3
		„ Stock	86	...	...	...	5,320	8	0
		Stationery, Printing	44	2,083	0	4			
		Do. Depository	46	3,202	11	11			
		Packing...	29	34	11	9			
				5,320	8	0			
		By Balance of stock on hand at this date	86	...	...	...	20,232	8	0
		Plant, &c., Dead Stock	...	22,390	2	9	28,740	5	0
		Stationery, (Printing and Depository)	...	6,350	2	3			
				28,740	5	0			
		By Petty Balance	75	...	...	...	0	6	0
		Rupees...		...	...	...	48,973	3	0

Chandrasekhar Srinivasan
Secretary,
L. A. Press, Madras.

No. 6750

No. 162, MOUNT ROAD,
8th December, 1891.

FROM

THE SECRETARY,

Lawrence Asylum Press.

TO

THE PAY EXAMINER,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

Adverting to your letter No. $\frac{8}{4654}$ of the 18th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that as the rates now being charged for Government forms supplied by the Press were fixed many years ago by the Superintendent of the Government Press, on the understanding that the Press supplied paper and took all risks of loss on obsolete forms, deterioration in store, revisions, authors' corrections, &c., without any guarantee as to the number of forms that would be required, it is impossible for me to fill in the blank form that accompanied your letter, nor, would it be of any practical use to you in comparing the rates, with the charges of the Contractor for Government forms Calcutta which are based on an assured supply of 50,000 forms, Government accepting all the risks above alluded to as borne by this Press, and supplying paper, binding materials, &c.

I have assumed that the information you have asked for, is required to enable you to compare the Press charges for forms with those of the Contractor for Government forms Calcutta, because the question is under discussion between the Government of India and the Press, as will be

No. 1191 of the 20th March 1891. seen from the accompanying letter from the Government Directors of

the Press to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, having reference to the forms hitherto printed by the Press but transferred to the Contractor under the mistaken impression that a saving would accrue to the State by having all forms printed at one central depot, by which the Press has already been deprived of an annual out-turn of nearly 50,000 Rs. and the Lawrence Asylum of the profits on the same, without Government reaping any corresponding advantage; you will therefore understand my anxiety to have the claims of the Press fully and carefully scrutinized, and I feel sure that if this is done it will be demonstrated beyond a doubt that it would be to the interests of Government to have the forms required by this Presidency printed locally. I may here remark, that, in my

*Put in 100/91
Transf. to the
Mild. Asylum
30/4/91.*

opinion, the scrutiny I refer to can only be efficiently made by an expert, as the slightest alteration in the conditions upon which an estimate is based materially affects the question of charges on the same, vide the Press letter to the Chief Secretary to Government alluded to above.

In the letter to Government quoted in Para. 2 preceding, I have shewn by the Contractor's own method of calculation that the Press, with its recent improvements, can print the forms cheaper than he can, and that, a further saving in forwarding charges would accrue, from having the forms distributed within the Presidencies requiring them, and I would now suggest that should Government require any further proof, it can be readily obtained by calling upon the Pay Examiner, Calcutta, to prepare a statement based on a certain number of forms, (say 20) taken at random, supplied to this Presidency during any 6 months during which the forms of the three Presidencies have been printed in Calcutta, with all charges paid by Government on the same shewn separately for each form; or if the numbers sent to each Presidency have not been kept separate the statement might shew the total number of the 20 forms supplied with charges; if, however, the charges for each Presidency could be shewn separately it would be preferable as it would be well to shew the effect of the forwarding charges on the cost of the forms. If this is carefully done, I do not anticipate any difficulty in showing that Government would be considerable gainers by having the forms printed here, and that a charity will benefit by the profits now finding their

way into a private pocket. The Press has the assurance of the Government of India that in the event of its being able to prove its case, the forms will be restored to it.

As the Government Directors of the Press are already in communication with Government on this subject, may I request that this letter and its enclosure be forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts for submission to Government, should that officer consider such a course expedient. To my mind, putting aside the interests of the Press, the question is one of considerable importance to Government.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Edw. J. South
Secretary.

Indy
Government of India, letter
to the Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of Madras, No. 2467B of
the 6th September 1890.

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From
The Secretary, L. A. Press,
Madras

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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From E. J. FIRTH, Esq., Secretary, Lawrence Asylum Press, Madras, to the
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