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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Mr. W.
Jones. Capt. & Mr.
Major of Mysore Jail
that no in-
terment can be
offered him under
this post.

Copies of Testimonials.

EXTRACT FROM THE "HINDOO PATRIOT."

7th April 1873.

"The *Englishman* states that the selection of a successor to Mr. Cutter, Superintendent of Government Printing, is engaging the attention of Government and that Mr. W. Jones, Superintendent of the Alipore Jail Press, and brother of the late energetic Assistant Secretary to the Bengal Government, is spoken of as likely to obtain the appointment. From what is known of Mr. Jones there is no doubt that he will be the right man in the right place. He has been long in sole charge of the largest printing establishment on this side of India, and was the first to introduce the art of Stereotyping in this country. He is besides a thorough adept in the business of Printing in all its branches."

Letter No. 319, from H. H. Locke, Esq., *Honorary Secretary to the Bengal Committee for the London International Exhibition of 1872*, to W. L. Heely, Esquire, *Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.*

SIR,—With reference to your communication noted in the margin,* giving cover to a letter No. 313 J., dated the 9th February last from Mr. William Jones, Printer and Manager of the Alipore Jail Press, I am directed to solicit the favour of your conveying to Mr. Jones the thanks of this Committee for the assistance which he has rendered them by his descriptive Memorandum upon the specimens forwarded from the Alipore Jail Press. The articles enumerated in his letter to you were safely received and have been despatched to England.

I have &c &c.,

H. H. LOCKE,

Hon. Sec., Bengal Committee for the London International Exhibition of 1872

Letter No. 13,548, dated Ajmere, 22nd October 1883, from the Manager, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, to the Superintendent Government Printing, Calcutta.

SIR,—Mr. W. Jones, late at the Alipore Jail Press, having applied for the post of Press Superintendent of this Railway, I have the honor to enquire if Mr. Jones is known to you, and if in your opinion he would be a suitable man for the vacant appointment? I make this enquiry as it would appear from Mr. Jones' papers that his connection with the Alipore Jail Press ceased six years ago owing to its abolition.

Letter No. 56 Adm., dated Calcutta, 25th October 1883, from the Superintendent of Government Printing, India, to the Officiating Manager, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, Ajmere.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 12557, dated the 22nd instant, I have the honor to state that the only person known to me possessing the qualifications mentioned in the advertisement is Mr. W. Jones, formerly Superintendent of the Alipore Jail Press, who I find has forwarded an application for the post.

I have &c. &c.,

EDWARD J. DEAN,

Superintendent of Government Printing, India.

Letter No. 55 Adm., dated Calcutta, 25th October 1883, from the Superintendent of Government Printing, India, to the Officiating Manager, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, Ajmere.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 13548, I beg to say that I consider Mr. W. Jones fully competent to take charge of your Press. I believe he is a thorough practical Printer and conversant with the branches of the Printing business enumerated in your advertisement.

He was lately in business for himself but failed for want of capital.

I have &c. &c.,

EDWARD J. DEAN,

Superintendent of Government Printing, India.

Letter marked "Urgent," dated Alipore, 24th November 1870, to the Secretary Government of Bengal, J. D.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit for the information and orders of Government the accompanying letters from the Printer and Superintendent of the Alipore Jail, recommending Mr. W. Jones for an increase of salary for the reasons stated.

In the accuracy and cogency of those reasons I fully concur. Mr. Jones is a highly skilled Printer and very valuable Officer and is deserving of every consideration. All that he states regarding his duties and responsibilities is strictly correct, and I have only to add my strong and hearty recommendation to that of his immediate Superior.

I have &c. &c.,

F. J. MOUAT, M. D., F. R. C. S.,

Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Letter No. 691, dated Ajmere, 20th April 1885, from the Press Superintendent, B. B. & C. I. and R.-M. Railway, to the Joint Auditor and Examiner, B. B. & C. I. and R.-M. Railway, Ajmere.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 578, dated 10th instant, promising to undertake the printing and despatch of the Analysis of Working of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway within one week. I have the honor to hand you herewith 125 copies of the same complete, and beg you will be so good as to bring to the favorable notice of the Deputy Agent that this heavy and intricate work has been performed in less than a week by this Press, notwithstanding that the Department has been overburdened with all the usual statistical Printing for our own and other Railways in the Revenue Accounts, Capital Budget Estimates, Revenue Statistics and Analysis for the Rajputana-Malwa Railway, Rewari-Ferozepore and Holkar State Railways in addition to unusually great demands for the Traffic and other Departments.

I have &c. &c.,

WILLIAM JONES,
Press Superintendent.

No. M/12178, dated 21st April 1885, to Deputy Agent.

For perusal and return.

The promptness with which this work has been executed for the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway is very creditable to our Press.

J. W. FORDHAM,
Joint Auditor.

No. 1319F., dated 23rd April 1885.—Please tell Press Superintendent that I think it is very creditable and the work is well got out also.

C. MOBERLY, COL.,
Deputy Agent.

No. M/12488, dated 24th April 1885.—Press Superintendent. Please note and return.

J. W. FORDHAM,
Joint Auditor.

DEAR SIR,—I send back a corrected proof with many thanks for the promptitude with which you sent it. I shall send the missing figures after office opens.

W. S. S. BISSET,
Agent, B. B. & C. I. and R.-M. Ry.

W. JONES, Esq.,

Extracts from Dr. Mouat's Jails' Annual Administration Report for the year 1886-87.

It is reported that the present manner of executing work at the Press is very creditable, it is performed with greater expedition and there have been very few complaints.

"On the whole the results of the Press Department may be considered to be satisfactory."

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"The Superintendent of the Jail recommends that the usual bonus be granted to the members of the Press Department, and he suggests that Rs. 2,000 may be awarded, to be divided rateably among Messrs. W. Jones, the Printer, Mr. Abro, the Lithographer, Mohesh Chunder, the Reader of proofs, Roop Chand, the General Assistant and Najemuddee, the Lithographic Pressman. Mr. Jones to receive the share that would fall to him by holding his salary at one-half in excess of what he is allowed, inasmuch as the larger outturn of the year and the superior style of the workmanship are mainly due to his special ability and energy, an evidence of which is the present report of this department. I concur in this recommendation."

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"This report has been printed at the Alipore Jail Press by convicts trained by Mr. William Jones, who is in charge of that establishment. I consider its execution to be extremely creditable and to afford strong proof of the excellent manner in which the greatest of the Prisons under my charge is managed. I doubt if there is another Prison in the whole world in which the work could have been accomplished in the same time and with like excellence."

Alipore,
The 15th June 1887.

FREDERICK JOHN MOUAT, M.D., F.R.C.S.,
Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

EXTRACT FROM THE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION ON THE ABOVE.

"The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to hear that there have not been many complaints regarding the manner in which the work is performed. He observes that the present report has been printed and issued from the Alipore Jail Press, and he agrees with the Inspector-General in considering its execution to be most creditable to those concerned. His Honor is pleased to confirm the Superintendent's recommendation, and authorizes the award of a bonus of Rs. 2,000 to the members of the Press Department, in the proportion proposed by him."

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

H. L. DAMPIER,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VISITORS' BOOK.

"The most interesting industrial Department is the Printing, which has to my knowledge often times been the subject of great complaint among the various Officials. Looking at the subject from the Jail side of view, I fully acknowledge that the difficulties to contend with are enormous. Mr. Jones, the new Supervisor of the Department, appears already to have introduced great improvement, and I hope that he will gradually perfect the Department which offers really a field for administrative genius."

R. B. CHAPMAN,

Officiating Commissioner, Presidency Division.

16th January 1887.

"Well satisfied with the general arrangements. It appears to be well managed and the Printing Department seems to work well."

LAWRENCE,
Viceroy of India.

19th January 1887.

"Finds no Department to which intelligent and trained attention was not directed. The Printing Department is developing admirably and Mr. Jones deserves great credit."

R. B. CHAPMAN,

Commissioner of Presidency Division

21st January 1887.

"The introduction of new machinery in the Printing Branch shows that no effort is spared to keep the Department adequate to the requirements of the market."

A. SMITH,

Magistrate and Collector, 24-Pergunnas.

21st January 1887.

"Quite satisfied."

W. GREY,
Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

25th January 1887.

"Well satisfied with all I saw."

LAWRENCE,
Governor-General and Viceroy of India.

11th April 1888.

"Found several improvements which have been carried on during the year. As a house of industry it is certainly a model."

W. GREY,
Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

November 1888.

"Quite satisfied with its management."

LAWRENCE,
Viceroy of India.

14th December 1888.

"Great improvements have been made since I last visited the Jail, especially in the introduction of machinery for Printing."

J. PEACOCK,
Chief Justice of Bengal.

14th December 1888.

"The introduction of improved Printing presses have been a most decided success."

F. B. PEACOCK,
Registrar, High Court.

14th December 1888.

"I visited the Alipore Jail this morning, and was quite astonished at the amount of industrial work carried on therein, and especially pleased with the excellence of their organization."

MAYO,
Viceroy of India.

20th January 1889.

"Was much pleased with the whole arrangement. The Printing presses are excellently managed and the outturn most satisfactory."

H. MAN, Col.,
Superintendent of Port Blair.

10th March 1889.

"I visited the Alipore Jail this morning with their Excellencies the Governors of Madras and Bombay. I was much pleased with the state of the progress of the Printing and other industrial work."

ALFRED,
(H. R. H. the DUKE OF EDINBURGH).

MAYO,
NAPIER,

SEYMOUR FITZGERALD.

11th December 1889.

EXTRACT FROM DR. MOUAT'S JAILS' ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1868-69.

"Never had the Press in any single year since its establishment returned so high a profit as that exhibited in the above table. It exceeds by nearly one-third the amount earned by the combined industry of all the Jails in manufactures, and is in excess of the profits of the preceding year by Rs. 1,12,541.

This result was obtained by the labor of 423 prisoners. The earning, therefore, of each prisoner amounted to Rs. 779-4-2 per annum, or Rs. 2-7-11-5 per diem, against Rs. 553-12-7 per annum or Rs. 1-12-4-7 per diem of the previous year.

Memorandum No. 3820, dated Alipore, the 26th April 1872, by W. L. Heely, Esq., C. S., Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Copy of the following with enclosures, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department, with reference to his letter No. 746, dated the 23rd February last. I can only endorse the observations of Dr. Lynch, indeed the tabular statements attached to this letter show distinctly that Mr. Jones' duties and responsibilities have so much increased of late from other causes that the recommendations of the Printing Committee have had no sensible effect in diminishing them, and recent arrangements will tend still further to increase them.

I beg, with due respect, to draw particular attention to one of the arguments used by the Financial Department against the recommendation for an increase of Mr. Jones' salary, which I think, on further consideration the Department would willingly abandon. I mean that the work is much simplified by the use of Stereotype. Now, as Mr. Jones himself, at the cost of much labor and mental exertions, introduced Stereotyping, not only into this Jail but I believe into India, and as he has by this measure produced a gain to the Government of many thousands of pounds, it will I think appear in the highest degree ungracious to refuse his claims for an increase of salary because of the slight (if any) simplification of his work, produced by a proceeding which is the result of his own energy, and which has done infinitely more for the Government than for himself.

No. 766J., dated Alipore, the 15th April 1872, from Dr. Lynch, Superintendent of the Alipore Jail, to the Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

In reply to your endorsement No. 1716, dated the 2nd ultimo, and *takced* No. 172, dated the 12th inst. calling for a statement of the amount of business and number of forms printed during each year from 1866 to 1871, I have the honor to submit herewith five comparative statements showing severally (1) the increase in the receipts and issues of letters, (2) the increase in the receipts and disposal of indents, (3) increase in the annual outturn, (4) the decrease in the list of the permanent establishment, and (5) the saving effected by the introduction of Stereotype in the Press.

It will be seen from the first three Statements that the increase of work in the correspondence, in the receipt of indents, and actual press work, has been regular and progressive during the past six years of Mr. William Jones' incumbency, the correspondence having risen from 1,449 letters received and 1,873 letters issued during 1866 (total 3372) to 2,688 letters received and 3,943 letters issued during the year 1871 (total 6,631), or very nearly double the amount of office work which devolved upon Mr. Jones when he first took charge of the Press. The press work in the actual number of copies printed has risen from 19,033,029 in 1866 to 49,145,349 copies printed in 1871, being an increase of 158 per cent. on the outturn of 1866.

It will be seen from Statement No. 2 that this immense increase in the work of the Press has taken place on indents, which have increased in number from 930 in 1866 to 3,929 in 1871, or more than four times the demand at the period when Mr. Jones was appointed.

A reference to statement No. 4 will show that not only have Mr. Jones' duties and responsibilities been more than doubled by the increase of work, but every endeavour has been made to keep down the expenditure of the permanent establishment, the cost of which having been greatly reduced, through Mr. Jones' undertaking to discharge the duties, in addition to his own work of a Lithographic Printer on Rs. 150 and an Assistant Typographic Printer on Rs. 300 who were formerly entertained; but not only has Mr. Jones most willingly performed his onerous duties as Printer and Manager of the Press, but in March 1870, he undertook the re-organization and management of the Forms Store Department on its transfer from the Superintendent of Stationery, which was a most onerous and responsible undertaking, and the manner in which it was carried out can be ascertained from my letter No. 3369 J., dated the 16th December 1871, in which I have acknowledged the completeness and economy of Mr. Jones' arrangements.

In addition to the foregoing improvements and introduction and development of Steam Printing in the Alipore Jail Press by Mr. William Jones, I beg to bring prominently to the notice of Government that Mr. Jones, has effected a great saving to Government by the introduction of the art of Stereotyping in this Press. A reference to the Press report, published in the Jails' report of 1870, and statement No. 5 accompanying, shows that the number of Stereotype plates cast up to December last was 2,106 weighing 18,066 lbs. which at 6 annas per lb. amount to Rs. 6,774-12-0. The same number of moveable forms weigh 94,000 lbs. which at Rs. 1-1-4 per lb. amount to Rs. 1,018,424 and show a saving in the use of material of Rs. 95,067-4-0 since the introduction of the Stereotyping, not to mention the advantages that this Press has gained through Mr. Jones' exertions, which by the combined aid of Stereotyping and Steam machinery is now in a position to print off, if necessary, vernacular school books by the million at a cost within the reach of the humblest.

I beg to add that Mr. Jones has introduced Printing and Bookbinding in the Presidency and Russa Jails, and that for some years past he has exercised a supervision over those departments in addition to his own duties in this Press, and that he has done so without any extra emoluments. Both the male and female compositors and binders in those Jails have attained considerable skill and efficiency; and for the past three years in the Presidency Jail, and four years in the Russa Female Jail the earnings of the prisoners have averaged annually Rs. 2,415-12-0 and Rs. 2,394-0-11 respectively, and are likely to be very much more when we get work for other Departments, which have hitherto had their forms supplied to them unbound. I do not consider that Mr. Jones' duties have been at all reduced by the recommendation of the late Printing Committee, as only a portion of the book printing has been transferred to the Bengal Secretariat Press, while the Jails' Annual Report, which is by for the

most intricate work, is still done in this press, besides an amount of Book work in the Presidency and Mussa Jail branches. There are moreover a great number of new forms being daily introduced into each departmental code, which considerably increase Mr. Jones' work and responsibilities. This is evident from the fact that in paragraph No. — of the Printing Committee's report for 1869 only 1053 forms are counted as authorized samples, whereas at the present time they exceed 3,400, besides a host of unauthorized forms which are not kept in stock in the Press, and the last Committee in paragraph 26 of their report acknowledged this increase of work by stating.—“We therefore advocate the proposal made by the Inspector-General to increase the salary of the Printer, whose duties have undoubtedly increased of late.”

In conclusion, I beg to add that the only Establishment in Calcutta which can be brought into contact with the Alipore Jail Press is the Government Central Press. In none of the other Presses are the duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent so great, owing to the complicated character and extent of the Press business itself. The only Presses in India approaching to the extent of the Alipore Jail Press are the Allahabad Government Press, the Byculla Press at Bombay and the Government Press at Madras. The respective salaries of Superintendent are shewn in the margin.

Government Central Press.	... Rs. 1,000
Superintendent	... " 600
Deputy Superintendent	... " 400
Allahabad Press.	... Rs. 1,350
Superintendent	... " 400
Deputy Superintendent	... " 400
Assistant to Superintendent	... " 400
Byculla Press.	
Superintendent*	
Deputy Superintendent	... Rs. 800
Government Press Madras.	... Rs. 1,200 for Superintendent and Rs. 800 for Deputy Superintendent.

* Not ascertained but believed to be about Rs. 1,200 for Superintendent and Rs. 800 for Deputy Superintendent.

The business of the Alipore Jail Press is much of the same character as that executed at these several Establishments, the chief difference being that the outturn is very considerably greater, and in the contemplated transfer of the Form Printing of the Government of India the outturn of this Press within one year is likely to be even more than doubled.

No. 1:

Comparative Statement shewing the Increase in the Receipts and Issues of letters on the Alipore Jail Press in the year 1871 as compared with the year 1866:—

	1866.	1871.
Receipts	1,499	2,688
Issues	1,873	3,943
Increase in the receipts	...	1,189 or 79.32 per cent.
Increase in the issues	...	2,070 or 110.51 "

Remarks:—Shows an increase in the receipts of 79.32 per cent. and in the issues of 110.51 per cent.

S. LYNCH,
Superintendent.

No. 2.

Comparative Statement shewing the number of Indents received from 1866 to 1871.

	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1,162 or 25 per cent. over 1866.	1,538 or 65.30 "	1,979 or 112.8 "	2,950 or 217.22 "	3,929 or 322.48 "	...

S. LYNCH,
Superintendent.

No. 3.

Abstract Statement shewing the amount of yearly work by the number of "Pulls" and Copies printed since the calendar year 1865 to 1871.

MACHINES.			
Years.	Forms.	Impressions.	Copies.
1865	636	2,027,030	6,716,987
1866	762	2,257,375	8,864,975
1867	1,268	5,865,365	14,934,482
1868	1,709	8,153,326	17,983,075
1869	2,392	10,203,886	20,630,255
1870	2,697	11,684,838	21,718,715
1871	2,738	16,480,603	25,228,869
	or 330.06 per cent. over 1865.	or 713 per cent. over 1865.	or 275.6 per cent. over 1865.
HAND PRESSES.			
Years.	Forms.	Pulls.	Copies.
1865	6,054	8,564,861	12,316,042
1866	7,189	8,913,308	12,624,109
1867	7,288	9,820,745	14,448,718
1868	7,064	9,916,369	11,969,901
1869	7,987	19,812,838	15,672,659
1870	8,958	11,858,195	18,317,790
1871	8,969	18,367,715	23,916,480
	or 48.15 per cent. over 1865.	or 114.1 per cent. over 1865.	or 94.18 per cent. over 1865.
GRAND TOTAL.			
Years.	Forms.	Pulls.	Copies.
1865	6,690	10,591,891	19,033,029
1866	7,951	12,170,683	21,479,084
1867	8,536	15,686,110	29,383,200
1868	8,773	18,069,695	29,942,976
1869	10,379	21,616,724	36,302,914
1870	11,565	23,554,033	40,034,595
1871	11,701	34,818,318	49,146,349
	or 75 per cent. over 1865.	or 228.72 per cent. over 1865.	or 158.21 per cent. over 1865.

S. LYNCH,
Superintendent.

No 4.

Statement shewing the decrease of Permanent Establishment during 1866 to 1871.

William Jones, Typographic Department	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
W. D'Abro, Lithographic Department	...	...	...	...	...	400
Mohesh Chunder Dass, Reader	...	...	...	...	...	60
Anund Chunder, Cashier	...	...	...	...	...	45
Issur Chunder Sen, Lithographic Writer	...	...	...	...	...	40
2 Compositors	...	...	...	...	...	60
1 Pressman	...	...	...	...	...	12
4 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	30
Total	...	...	...	...	...	787

1867.
The same
1868.

William Jones, Printer and Manager	...	...	...	...	...	400
J. Saunders, Assistant Manager	...	...	...	...	...	300
William Angus	...	...	...	...	...	159
Mohesh Chunder Dass, Reader	...	...	...	...	...	60
Roopchand Paul	...	...	...	...	...	45
Issur Chunder Sen, Writer	...	...	...	...	...	40
2 Compositors	...	...	...	...	...	60
1 Pressman	...	...	...	...	...	12
4 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	20
Total	...	...	...	...	...	931

1869.

William Jones, Printer and Manager	...	...	...	...	...	400
J. Saunders	...	...	...	...	...	300
Mohesh Chunder Dass	...	...	...	...	...	80
Roopchand Paul	...	...	...	...	...	50
Issur Chunder Sen	...	...	...	...	...	40
2 Compositors	...	...	...	...	...	60
1 Pressman	...	...	...	...	...	12
4 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	20
Total	...	...	...	...	...	717

1870.

William Jones, Printer and Manager	...	...	...	...	...	400
Mohesh Chunder Dass, Reader	...	...	...	...	...	60
Roopchand Paul	...	...	...	...	...	50
Issur Chunder Sen	...	...	...	...	...	40
2 Compositors	...	...	...	...	...	60
1 Pressman	...	...	...	...	...	12
4 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	20
Total	...	...	...	...	...	642

1871.

William Jones, Printer and Manager	...	...	...	...	...	400
Mohesh Chunder Dass, Reader	...	...	...	...	...	80
Roopchand Paul	...	...	...	...	...	50
Issur Chunder Sen	...	...	...	...	...	40
1 Pressman	...	...	...	...	...	12
3 Peons	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	...	...	577

From the year 1869, the management of the Lithographic Department was made over to Mr. Jones by despatching with the services of the Lithographic Printer, who was formerly in charge of that Department.

This statement represents the actual sum drawn on account of the permanent establishment during the above years, the lowest amount being Rs. 577 only for 1871, while the sanctioned establishment was Rs. 877.

S. LYNCH,

Superintendent.

No. 5.

Statement showing savings effected by use of Stereotype introduced by Mr. William Jones.

Number of Plates Cast up to 31st December 1871—2,106, weight 18,086 lbs. at 6 annas per lb.—Total value Rs. 6,774-12-0. Moveable forms 2,106, would weigh 94,008 lbs. at Rs. 1-1-4 per lb.—Total value Rs. 1,01,842—This shows a saving in the use of materials of Rs. 95,067-4-0 since its introduction, and shows a saving of 93.84 per cent. in the use of Stereotype plates over the use of moveable type and materials.

S. LYNCH,

Superintendent.

Memo. No. 3320, dated the 26th April 1887, from the Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

With reference to Government order No. 746, dated 23rd February, forwards with remarks copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Alipore Jail submitting comparative statements showing the late increase of work in the Jail press, &c.

EXTRACT FROM THE VISITORS' BOOK OF RUSSA (FEMALE) JAIL.

"The Progress made in the new branch of Prison industry is extremely satisfactory, and it has already proved the suitability of Printing to the requirements of a Female Jail."

RUSSA JAIL,
The 14th January 1869.

THOMAS JONES,
Asst. Secy. to the Government Bengal.

"Having visited this Jail three years ago, I am on my return highly gratified by the improvements which have taken place."

27th December 1869.

NAPIER,
Governor of Madras.

"I was shown some of the Printing work done by the women and its style would have done no discredit to a regular Printing Establishment. The work appears peculiarly adapted to female prisoners, and it is certainly one in which those in this Jail have in a comparatively short time displayed great proficiency."

4th September 1870.

F. B. PEACOCK,
Registrar, High Court.

"I visited the Russa Jail on the 4th of November 1870. The extent to which industrial pursuits are now carried and the excellent order which prevails are all that can be desired and most creditable to every one connected with it."

4th November 1870.

F. J. MOUAT,
Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

To DR. F. J. MOUAT, Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Dated the 19th November 1870.

SIR,—In forwarding the enclosed application from Mr. Jones for an increase of salary, I have the honor to recommend it to your favorable consideration on the following grounds: his duties are more onerous and responsible than when he was first appointed, for the number of presses has been increased. There is much more work done now than formerly and the charge of the Stationery Office forms has been transferred to the Alipore Jail. Mr. Jones has held his appointment now for five years and naturally looks forward to some advancement, instead of this the bonus hitherto allowed has been withheld this year. His salary appears to be less than what is generally allowed to Master Printers holding important appointments in this country. On the whole I am well satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Jones has done his work during the five years in which he has been Printer in the Jail. He has worked with remarkable zeal and energy and has been steady and regular in his attendance. As a recognition of Mr. Jones' past services and as an encouragement for him to persevere, I would recommend an immediate increase to his salary of Rs. 100 a month and a further increase every three years.

I have &c., &c.,
J. FAWCUS,
Superintendent, Alipore Jail.

Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Alipore Jail, No. 20, dated the 20th February 1868, to the Inspector-General of Jails, L.P.

"The style in which the work has been performed is also superior to that of former years; there have been very few complaints and none which were not satisfactorily explained.

The flourishing state of the Press and the great improvements which have been effected induce me to hope the Government will sanction a proportionate increase of bonus to be distributed among the members of the establishment to whose exertions these improvements are chiefly due. As a reward for good services and as an encouragement to them to persevere I would suggest that Rs. 3,000 (three thousand) constitute the bonus this year and that this sum be distributed as follows:—

Mr. W. Jones...	...	...	2,181	8	9
" Abro ...	...	...	204	8	0
" Angus ...	...	...	204	8	0
" Mohesh Chander Dass	...	...	163	12	6
" Roop Chand Paul	...	...	163	12	6
" Najeemoodde	...	...	54	9	6
" Gohar	...	...	27	4	9

These sums are to a certain extent proportionate to the salaries, but in cases of special merit a fictitious salary somewhat higher than the actual one has been taken as the basis of calculation—to Mr. Jones, for instance, a double share has been allowed, as he takes the greatest interest in the success of the Press and is decidedly the most meritorious and important member of the establishment."

True Extract,
J. FAWCUS,
Superintendent, Alipore Jail.

EXTRACT FROM DR. MOUATS' JAILS' ADMINISTRATION REPORT.

"During 12 months in 1867 the profits amounted to Rs 2,17,086-1-6. From the table it will be seen that there was an increase in the profits Rs. 1,12,541-2-9. The reasons of this great increase are that more prisoners have been employed. A number of unusually large indents have been kept constantly at work, and the two new double cylinder presses have enabled the Department to execute heavy indents with great rapidity."

In submitting the foregoing facts the late Superintendent, Dr. Fawcus in his Annual Press Report for 1868 (*vide* his letter No. 57, dated the 27th February 1869 to the Inspector-General), wrote:—

"Mr. Jones deserves great credit for his energetic management of the Department. That he thoroughly understands his work is shown by the fact that he has succeeded in working a machine which other printers in Madras and Calcutta had failed to put up and which was in consequence sold at the price of old iron. Mr. Jones' services have been very valuable."

I have &c. &c.,

J. FAWCUS,

Superintendent of the Alipore Jail.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

In the month of March the transfer of the Forms Store Department from the Stationery Office to this Press was effected, when, although the demands on the Press were unusually heavy, owing to the new Income Tax, High Court Civil, and Accountant-General's forms, and many others of equal urgency and importance, forms were daily received before the racks could be erected for their reception, which caused the forms to be thrown into greater confusion than they were sent in. The object of the Superintendent of Stationery was to get rid of his responsibility before the end of March, as his Establishment would cease at that time, and, accordingly, almost all the forms were unavoidably sent in a most hurried and confused state, which necessitated the forms being sorted sheet by sheet to separate one serial number and section from another, before they could be finally arranged in the racks. In addition to these drawbacks there was a great scarcity of educated men, and uneducated convicts had to be trained to carry out the work, so that the difficulties of the Press appeared quite insuperable; but I am happy to say that the transfer of the Forms Store Department and its reorganization, a most onerous and responsible undertaking, was carried out so successfully that no serious complaints of any kind were received and none which were not satisfactorily explained.

This Department has been worked economically, and for further recommendation in favor of the great advantages and saving accruing to the State through having the Forms Store Department under the practical control of the Press, I beg to refer you to the proposals contained in paras. 1 to 17 of the Stationery Committee's Report of 1869, (a copy of which is herewith forwarded), all of which have been fully carried out.

SIDNEY LYNCH,

Superintendent, Alipore Jail.

Mr. William Jones has made very efficient arrangements regarding the storage and issue of forms, and has introduced Stereotyping, which is very creditable to him.

W. L. HEELY,

Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

In submitting his Annual Administration Report for 1868 to Government Dr. Mouat wrote:—

"Never had the Press in any single year since its establishment returned so high a profit as that exhibited in the above table. It exceeds by nearly one-third, the amount earned by all the Jails in manufactures and is in excess of the profits of the preceding year by Rs. 1,12,541."

"This result was obtained by the labor of 423 prisoners. The earning therefore, of each prisoner amounted to Rs. 779-4-2 per annum or Rs. 2-7-11-5 per diem, against Rs. 533-12-7 per annum or Rs. 1-12-4-1 per diem in the preceding year, shewing an increase of Rs. 225-7-7 per annum, or Rs. 11-8-8 per diem."

Extract from Dr. Lynch's Annual Report for 1872 published in the Jails' Administration Report for that year.

"The complaint of want of work has been urged by the Manager of the Press, Mr. William Jones, since 1870, during which year the advantages of Stereotyping, not only for economy, but for rapidity, became apparent, so that although there is a constant tendency for form printing to increase from year to year, the Press has always been able to overtake any demand for work yet made upon it."

The decreased expenditure of the year in printing materials is noteworthy. In 1871 a considerable reduction was effected, and in 1872 a still greater one was found possible. For the six years ending in December 1872, the figures under this head are as follows:—

For the two years 1867 and 1868, the expenditure was Rs. 68,043; for the next two years 1869 and 1870, it was Rs. 58,423; and for 1871 and 1872, only Rs. 15,106. By the restricted working of the Press, which since 1870 has been confined almost entirely to form work, the more expensive book work having been given up, and by the increasing use of Stereotyping, the above reduction has been in a great measure brought about. This result speaks well also for the attention paid by the Manager of the Press to the necessity for economy, and for his practical skill, which in connection with printing by machinery is probably unrivalled in India; and has led to the present efficiency of the Press in form work: equally his knowledge of Stereotyping has contributed to the enormous economy which the above figures shew to have been effected in the last two years. The special qualifications for his work which Mr. William Jones has shown that he possesses, are

ably less liberally remunerated than the Government is aware by comparison with what Printers receive in private establishments. An increase to Mr. Jones' salary was sanctioned by the Government of India in December 1871, but was afterwards refused by the Government of India; the time seems to come when a re-consideration of that decision may be solicited."

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ALIPORE JAIL.

"During the year, although a much larger outturn could have been effected, had the machines and presses been kept constantly employed, there was, nevertheless, a considerable increase in the amount of work executed, which exceeded forty-nine millions of forms printed in the Typographic Department alone, exclusive of the Lithographic Department, which is more than triple the outturn of the year 1865. This immense result is due to the large increase in the number of Indents, the same having amounted to 5,327 for all Departments during the past year, which is five times the number received during the year above named. These figures afford an idea of the amount of labor and responsibility incurred by the aid members of the Press, and I am glad to say that although there were very urgent and frequently unexpected demands for millions of Road Cess, Income Tax, and Census forms, they were all completed with expedition, and I have received no serious complaint of any kind, and not one which has not been satisfactorily explained.

This is due to the improved arrangements introduced by Mr. William Jones, the Printer and Manager, in the working of the Press, and more especially to the great advantages resulting from Stereotyping, which enables the Press to meet large and urgent demands with speed and facility and without which it would have not been possible to have complied with the enormous demands under the Census Department, Road Cess and Income Tax Acts during the past year. It is gratifying to notice that this important and economical branch continues to work satisfactorily and to be a complete success. It achieves all the saving that was expected of it and promised in previous Annual Reports, for during the past year a further amount of valuable materials has been set free that was formerly locked up in standing forms, and has thereby effected a great saving in the purchase of new type and materials that must otherwise have been incurred.

From a calculation previously made, and submitted to your office in my letter No. 766 J., dated 15th April last, I estimate that the saving effected by Stereotyping, in the use of materials, now amounts to over one lakh of rupees.

As regards Mr. William Jones, the Printer and Manager, special communications have been recently submitted, in which his zeal and energy in the development of the working powers of the Press have been fully brought to the notice of the Government. His services have been invaluable, and I doubt if there be any large Printing Establishment in India which has shewn anything like the progress of this Institution during the past six years of Mr. Jones' incumbency."

I have &c. &c.,
S. LYNCH,
Superintendent.

In submitting the above to Government W. L. Heely, Esquire, C. S., the Inspector-General, wrote:—

With regard to the Press, I print in full, at the close of this report, the report sent me by Dr. Lynch, which does ample credit to Mr. Jones' energy and sagacity. The outturn of the Press has been eminently satisfactory.

W. L. HEELY,
Inspector-General of Jails.

Letter No. 57 J., of 1875,—from S. Lynch, Esq., Superintendent of the Alipore Jail, to the Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

SIR,—With reference to your No. 1394, dated the 21st February last, I have the honor to submit the application from Mr. W. Jones, Manager of the Alipore Jail Press which was forwarded with my Memorandum No. Nil. of the 13th idem, with the report called for in your letter under reply.

Mr. Jones joined the Alipore Jail Press as Manager in August 1866, and found accommodation provided for him in the house on the western wall of the Jail which is now occupied by the Mill Engineers, this house having been previously the quarters of the Lithographic Printer. On the building of the Jute Mills in 1868, when a residence was required for the Engineers, Mr. Jones was obliged to vacate his quarters to make room for them, but was promised by the Inspector-General that in the new Press buildings which were then being planned he should have quarters provided. This design having been finally abandoned in 1871, Mr. Jones finds himself without a house and without compensation, although he has spent upwards of 10,080 Rupees owing to his being compelled to live in Calcutta and pay gharry hire.

Mr. Jones' salary on joining in August 1866, was Rs. 400 with a bonus averaging Rs. 158 per month for three years. In 1869 pending the enquiry of a Committee on Printing the bonus was discontinued and on the submission of the Committee's report was disallowed on the understanding that the salary of the Manager was to be increased, but the increase recommended left Mr. Jones in possession of less emolument than he possessed when he drew the bonus and the increase itself was rejected by the Government of India,

the grounds for this being that there had been a recent diminution in the work required of Mr. Jones by cessation of book printing in the Press. It was however overlooked at the time that a very heavy additional duty was imposed upon the Press by the transfer of the Forms Store Department to the Jail at the time when book printing ceased, and also that there is a yearly increase in the number of forms and indents under the Government of Bengal which have nearly doubled since the rejection of the increase of Mr. Jones' salary. Besides additional form printing for Bengal, Mr. Jones' arrangements have been so efficient that he has been able to offer to print the forms of the Government of India, a proposal which was accepted by a recent Committee on Printing. Mr. Jones has been zealous in reducing expenditure and much of the great saving shown in the present working of the Press, as compared with what it was up to the year 1870, is due to his exertions. Mr. Jones is a practical Printer of remarkable ability and energy, and the results he has attained in a Jail Press could have been accomplished by no perfunctory discharge of the duties by an ordinary Printer. Mr. Jones has not confined his improvements to the mere press work of the Jail, he has on every available opportunity for many years past, made suggestions to the Superintendent of Stationery, which, dictated by his great technical knowledge, have when acted upon led to important savings in the cost of paper used for printing purposes.

Mr. Jones, moreover, established branches of the Press in the Presidency and Russa Jails. In the former Jail, the adolescent and juvenile prisoners have for years been turning out a large quantity of valuable work in book binding. The female prisoners at Russa have also been trained as compositors and book binders and are now profitably employed in the latter kind of work.

To Mr. Jones also has been entrusted the responsible duty of printing stamp forms, which he has been turning out to the value of lakhs annually for many years without loss or injury.

The above facts, I would respectfully submit, entitle Mr. Jones to a reconsideration of the resolution by the Government of India which has kept his pay for nearly nine years at Rs. 400 and deprived him of bonus and house rent.

Letter No. 354, dated Alipore, the 19th January 1875, from W. L. Hooley, Esq., Inspector-General of Jails, L. P., to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department.

I have the honor to forward a copy of letter from the Superintendent, Alipore Jail, enclosing an application from Mr. William Jones, the Printer and Manager, of the Press for (1) an increase of salary, (2) compensation for the losses he has sustained in various ways since his appointment to the Press.

2. I do not think it necessary to add much in recommendation of Mr. Jones' claims to relief or possible to add to the arguments by which he has supported them. I can only earnestly recommend a careful perusal of the papers herewith forwarded. Of the correctness of Mr. Jones' statements there is unfortunately no doubt, and however it may have happened, I believe that few Officers in the service of Government have been so ill-requited for important and meritorious services as Mr. Jones has been.

3. I have no doubt that the Government of India will be prepared on further recommendation to grant a substantial relief to Mr. Jones, and it appears to me that the relief should take the following form :—

I.—Rs. 80 a month for house rent and back pay from 14th February.

II.—Increase of salary of Rs. 100 a month from April 1870, as recommended by the Committee of 1871 and the Government of Bengal and rejected by the Government of India.

III.—A further increase of salary which the Government of Bengal is now prepared to recommend, I would myself recommend another Rs. 100 from the present date, with a reconsideration possible after three years.

The amount, though in itself considerable, (involving a back pay of Rs. 6,840 on account of house rent and of Rs. 4,500 on account of increase of salary previously recommended, total lump payment Rs. 11,340 with an increase of Rs. 280 per month henceforward), is confidently recommended by me, because I believe that except for misapprehensions, each item of which it is composed would have been previously conceded and because it is less than what has been repeatedly asked for by my predecessors. I do not recommend the restoration of the bonus system or the compensation beyond increased salary for the loss of the bonuses, although Mr. Jones' claims to such a compensation are no doubt considerable, because it appears to me that a definite order of Government however hardly it presses on private individuals should be considered as final unless, it can be proved to the Authorities from whom it emanated that it was the result of misapprehension. The ruling of the Government of India against the increase to Mr. Jones' salary as avowedly based on the conception that his work has been diminished by the abolition of book work, and it is, I think satisfactorily shown in these papers, that this was not the case. The abolition of the bonus, however, rests upon no such ground, but was recommended and adopted as a measure of policy and I cannot therefore recommend the re-opening of the question.

5. I trust that it may not be forgotten that Mr. Jones' services to the State have been singularly valuable, and that by the introduction of Stereotyping alone he has saved an enormous sum to Government by his personal intelligence and energy. If, therefore, the Government without reversing any of its steps should think proper to make Mr. Jones a present, say of Rs. 12,000 in consideration of his services, together with an adequate increase of salary from the present date, so as to bring his salary into some proportion to that given to other Officers of similar functions under Government, I should regard that course as perhaps more suitable than the one which I have suggested above.

No. 556, dated Calcutta, the 6th February 1875, from J. Cranford, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, copy of a letter No. 354, dated the 19th ultimo, with its enclosures in original, from the Inspector-General of Jails, submitting with his remarks, an application from Mr. William Jones, Printer and Manager of the Alipore Jail Press, for increase of salary and compensation for losses sustained by him under the circumstances noted below.

2. Mr. Jones joined his present appointment in August 1866, on a salary of Rs. 400 per mensem and was provided with free quarters in the Jail premises. Besides this he was allowed in accordance with the practice that obtained at the time, a yearly bonus for three successive years, amounting in the average to Rs. 158 a month. The residence had to be given up by him early in 1868 to make room for the covenanted Engineers of the Jute Mill, and the payment of the bonus was stopped by this Government in 1869, pending the receipt of a report from a Committee that was appointed to enquire into the question of printing charges of the Alipore Jail Press.

3. The Committee in their report expressed a strong opinion against the continuance of the bonus system which they considered was a direct incentive to an enhancement of the Press charges instead of holding out inducements to economy, and recommended in its place an increase to the salary of the Printer, whose duties they said had undoubtedly increased. In accordance with these views, this Government stopped further payments on account of bonus, and authorized the grant of an increase of Rs. 100 a month to Mr. Jones' pay, with effect from the beginning of the financial year 1871-72 subject to the sanction of the Government of India, which was applied for in this office letter, No. 4005, dated the 6th December 1871. The proposal was however rejected by the Government of India *vide* Financial Department, Resolution No. 621, dated 25th January 1872, on the ground that the introduction of Stereotyping had effected a diminution in the work of the Jail Press. A further recommendation was made by this Government in May 1872, showing by statistics, the actual increase in the outturn of work done at the Press. This application was also rejected *vide* orders of the Government of India No. 1297, dated the 19th July 1872.

4. In submitting Mr. Jones' application, Mr. Heely suggests, that some substantial relief may be allowed to this Officer in consideration of his useful services by granting him back arrears at the rate of Rs. 100 a month from April 1871, as sanctioned by this Government and referred to in the preceding paragraph, besides allowing him some compensation for the use of the quarters of which he was deprived under circumstances already mentioned, or that he may be allowed a lump sum of Rs. 12,000 for the past and an adequate increase to his salary for the future.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor does not desire to reopen questions that have already been raised and decided upon in the past, and which ought to have been accepted by the jail authorities as final, but His Honor would take this opportunity of urging upon the consideration of the Government of India, the fact that the work of the Alipore Jail Press, has very largely increased during the past four years, the transfer to it of the Forms Store Department alone from the control of the Superintendent of Stationery, having thrown much additional work on the Press, and added to Mr. Jones' labors and responsibilities. The introduction of Stereotyping has also effected considerable saving in expenditure while the Forms Store Department is more economically worked at the Press than when it formed a part of the Stationery Office. All this reflects credit on Mr. Jones, whose personal intelligence and activity are highly spoken of by his superiors. In consideration of these circumstances, the Lieutenant-Governor would ask permission to add Rs. 100 a month to Mr. Jones' salary, raising it to Rs. 500 per mensem, from the beginning of the next financial year 1875-76.

*Note on the Increase of Pay proposed in behalf of the Superintendent of the Alipore Jail Press,
by the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal.*

On the receipt of the Financial Department letter withholding sanction to the increase Rs. 100 per mensem granted to the Press Superintendent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor ordered the preparation of comparative statements showing the amount of work passing through the Press during the period of Mr. Jones' incumbency.

Five Statements are submitted showing :—

- (1) The progressive increase in the Correspondence of the Office, the number of Letters having risen from 3,271 in 1866 to 6,631 in 1871.
- (2) The Indents, which have increased from 930 in 1866 to 3,929 in 1871, or "more than four times the demand at the period when Mr. Jones was appointed."
- (3) The increase in the amount of work executed by the Press, the number of Copies of forms &c. printed have risen from 19,033,029 Copies in 1866 to 19,145,349 in 1871, showing an increase of 158 per cent.
- (4) Decrease in the cost of the Permanent Establishment, which was reduced within the interval from 1868 to 1871 from Rs. 862 to Rs. 577 per mensem "through Mr. Jones' undertaking to discharge the duties, in addition to his own work, of a Lithographic Printer on 150 and an Assistant Typographic Printer on Rs. 300 who were formerly entertained."
- (5) The savings effected by the introduction of Stereotype. Dr. Lynch writes "a reference to the Press Report published in the Jails' Report for 1870 shows that the number of Stereotype plates cast up to December last was 2,106 weighing 18,066 lbs, which at 6 annas per lb amount to Rs. 6,774-12-0. The same number of moveable type forms would weigh 94,000 lbs. which at 1-1-4 per lb. amount to Rs. 1,018,424 and shews a saving in the use of Materials of 95,067."

Dr. Lynch adds—"But not only has Mr. Jones most willingly performed his onerous duties as Printer and Manager of the Press, but in 1870 he undertook the re-organization and management of the Forms Store Department, on its transfer from the Superintendent of Stationery, a most arduous and responsible undertaking, and the manner in which it was carried out can be ascertained from my letter No. 3369 dated 16th December 1871, in which I have acknowledged the completeness and economy of Mr. Jones' arrangements." The transfer of the Forms Store to the Alipore Jail, was attended with a very large saving in the Office of Superintendent of Stationery.

* Rs. 205 Permanent Establishment.
Rs. 268 Temporary Establishment.
Rs. 418 Hire of Godowns.

Rs. 921 Per mensem. (*Vide* Committee's Report Stamp Progs. No. 9/10 for July 1868.)

16th December 1871, in which I have acknowledged the completeness and economy of Mr. Jones' arrangements." The transfer of the Forms Store to the Alipore Jail, was attended with a very large saving in the Office of Superintendent of Stationery.

"Further, Mr. Jones has introduced Printing and Book binding into the Presidency and Russa Jails and for some years he has exercised a supervision over those Departments in addition to his own duties, without any extra emoluments. The earnings of the prisoners in these branches have averaged annually Rs. 4809."

On the second point referred to the Inspector-General for enquiry, Dr. Lynch "does not consider that Mr. Jones' duties have been at all reduced by the recommendations of the late Printing Committee. There are moreover a great number of new forms being daily introduced into each departmental code which considerably increase Mr. Jones' work and responsibility."

The Inspector-General "can only endorse the observations of Dr. Lynch, indeed the tabular statements attached to his letter show distinctly that Mr. Jones' duties and responsibilities have so much increased of late from other causes that the recommendations of the Printing Committee have had no sensible effect in diminishing them, and recent arrangements will tend still further to increase them."

He then refers to the argument used by the Financial Department against the recommendation for an increase of Mr. Jones' salary, *viz.*—"That the form work is much simplified by the use of Stereotype," and adds. "Now as Mr. Jones himself, at the cost of much labour and mental exertions, introduced Stereotyping not only into this Jail, but, I believe, into India, and as he has by this measure produced a gain to the Government of many thousands of pounds, it will, I think, appear in the highest degree ungracious to refuse his claims to an increase of salary because of the slight (if any) simplification of his work produced by a proceeding which is the result of his own energy, and which has done infinitely more for the Government than for himself."

I will only venture to observe that the successful introduction of Stereotyping into the Alipore Jail, is the greatest practical reform in the whole history of Printing in India. In reporting on this measure in 1869 the Inspector-General, wrote:—"The credit of it is entirely due to Mr. W. Jones, who has thus been the first person in India to add so valuable an instrument to the productive resources of the Press." Dr. Mouat then recommended the grant of a bonus, which has never been sanctioned "to Mr. Jones for the perseverance and ingenuity he has exhibited, in learning the art of Stereotyping himself and in teaching it to the prisoners, &c."

In addition to the foregoing improvements the success which has attended his efforts in raising the working power of the Press in every Department is simply unprecedented. As I wrote in my Memo. on which the late Secretary suggested the reference which has been made to the Inspector-General, "The working standard has been raised by him nearly 100 per cent. For example, in 1864 the average labour of prisoners in the Press Department was 500 impressions daily; in 1865 I obtained a 'hard-labour' standard of 1,500 impressions; this has since been raised to 2,500 and 3,000 impressions, accordingly to size of form."

From the Superintendent of Alipore Jail, to the Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Dated, Alipore, the 13th February 1874.

The annexed letter from the Manager of the Press is forwarded in original to the Inspector-General of Jails, for his consideration.

Mr. Jones joined his appointment on the understanding that his pay was to be made up to a certain amount by bonus, the system of granting bonus having been condemned. Mr. Jones finds himself on the bare salary of his appointment which has been rendered of less than its original value by his having had to give up a house which was found for his predecessors and himself, but which was transferred to the Engineers of the Jute Mills when these were established. Mr. Jones thus finds himself at the end of eight years' service in receipt of a far smaller emolument than when he first joined, whilst the work he is doing is nearly four times greater.

Mr. Jones appears to be almost the lowest paid Officer in his line now in the employment of Government whilst the work and responsibility of the Jail Press are so much greater than they are in most other Government Presses.

S. LYNCH,

Superintendent.

No. 4003, from A. Mackenzie, Esq., Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Fort William, the 6th December 1871.

Judicial Department, (Jails).

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 8808 of the 24th ultimo, and in reply to state that under the circumstances represented in your previous communication No. 7205 of the 24th November 1870, and in compliance with the recommendation of the Committee on printing charges, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, to authorize the salary of Mr. W. Jones, Printer of the Alipore Jail Press, being raised from Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 per mensem from the beginning of the present financial year; the bonuses hitherto granted to the officers of the Press establishment being discontinued.

2. With reference to your proposal for the erection of Press Offices at the Alipore Jail Press, I am to state that the Lieutenant-Governor has already said that this building is not to be undertaken till some much more necessary works are carried out.

I have &c. &c.,

A. MACKENZIE,

Junior Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal

No. 9506. Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of the Alipore Jail, for information and communication to Mr. W. Jones.

ALIPORE,
The 18th December 1871. }

W. L. HEELY,

Offg. Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Calcutta, the 2nd May 1872.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have this day visited the Alipore Jail Press, and Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of the Press, kindly introduced me to the various departments in which I was much interested with his excellent arrangements, particularly with the Steam Printing machines, and the Stereotyping which are evidently worked with great perfection, for which I consider Mr. Jones deserves great credit, and trust that his valuable services may be substantially recognized.

VIZIANUGGAR,

His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

Tirol Gardens, 28th March 1873.

My dear Mr. Jones,—I have seen the Testimonials you have sent for perusal and in returning them it gives me much pleasure to find that amongst many of these Testimonials, I find there is one which bears the signature of no less a personage than His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

In haste, Yours Sincerely,

VIZIANUGGAR,

H. H. the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

No. 493. Government of India, Financial Department.

Simla, the 30th April 1875.

Read again the following papers, declining to sanction an increase of Rs. 100 a month to the pay of Mr. Jones, the Printer of the Alipore Jail Press.

Financial Resolution, No. 21, dated, 25th January 1872, letter from the Secretary to Government in the Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department, No. 1297, dated, 19th July 1872.

Read, also, a letter from the Government of Bengal to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 556, dated, 6th February 1875 and enclosures, urging upon the consideration of Government the fact that the work of the Alipore Jail Press has very largely increased during the past four years; and recommending that Mr. Jones' salary be raised from 400 to 500 Rupees a month from the beginning of the Financial year 1875-76.

Resolution.—Sanctioned subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be sent to the Home Department and to the Accountant-General Bengal, and that the original papers received from that Department be returned, copies being kept for record.

J. A. BOURDILLON,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 713. Copy forwarded to the Government of Bengal with reference to their letter No. 556 dated the 6th February last.

By order,

T. J. CHICHELE PLOWDEN,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

HOME DEPT., JUDICIAL,
Simla, the 20th May 1875. }

No. 1840. Copy forwarded to the Officiating Inspector-General of Jails, with reference to his predecessor's letter No. 345, dated the 19th January last, for information, and communication to Mr. Jones.

By order of the Lieut.-Governor of Bengal,

J. CRAWFORD,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 28th May 1875. }

No. 4633. Forwarded to the Superintendent of the Alipore Jail for his information, communication to Mr. Jones and return.

G. M. BOWIE, MAJOR,

Offg. Inspector-General of Jails, L. P.

Alipore, the 31st May 1875,
Issued 3rd June 1875. }

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY,

INCLUDING

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE :

No. 9874 E. of 1891.

Bombay, 31st August 1891.

To

THE PRESS SUPERINTENDENT,

Ajmere.

SIR,

I am desired by the Agent to say that he has received your letter of the 20th August, and that on seeing Mr. Fordham on the 28th instant, he gave his assent to your request by telegram that you should be settled up with at once in order that you might be free to accept the offer of the Superintendentship of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Press.

In reply to your application for a certificate as to your work as Superintendent of the Rajputana-Malwa Railway Press, I am to say that the quality of the work done and the quantity accomplished has always been satisfactory, and that the Agent has frequently had to acknowledge the promptitude with which you have produced accurate proofs of urgent papers.

While he has not at all times been able to accept the comparisons made by you of the prices of the Press out-turn and of economies in the working which you have claimed, he has a good opinion of your abilities, and has to admit that in the Railway Press at Ajmere, you have had the great disadvantage of a Building altogether ill adapted to the purpose.

As soon as a Printing tender is accepted, which is now before Government for approval, the work of the Railway Press at Ajmere will be transferred to a Printing Establishment in Bombay, and it is owing to the expected economy and convenience of having the whole of the Company's Printing work done in the immediate vicinity of the head office that the Agent proposes to abolish the Railway Press at Ajmere.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. STEUART,

Acting Secretary.

To
CURRENT NO. 1075
The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras

GOVERNMENT OF
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
16 APR 1902

SIR,

As I find it necessary to seek other employment owing to the proposed transfer of the bulk of our Railway Printing to the Government Contractor, Calcutta, consequent on the limited machinery and plant of this Press, I respectfully beg to tender you my services for the Superintendship of your Press if a permanent successor to the late Superintendent has not yet been appointed.

I would urge that I am a London-trained Printer, and, as my testimonials show, have not only made myself thoroughly acquainted with Press and Case work, but with every description of English, French, and American Steam Printing and Binding Machinery, the arts of Stereotyping, and Electrotyping &c.; while, it will be seen from my papers, that in respect of Steam Printing Machinery and the important aid of Stereotyping &c., I have rendered much valuable service to Government, and during my first efforts for twelve years as the Superintendent of the Government Jail Presses in Bengal, was the first person to introduce these inestimable aids to "THE ART PRESERVATIVE OF ALL ARTS" into India.

For the past eight to nine years I have held the posts of Superintendent of the Rajputana-Malwa Railway Press at Ajmere and Manager of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Press at Nagpur, and from the numerous marks of approbation I have gained from the Railway Authorities, I believe I have afforded very general satisfaction.

It will be seen, moreover, from the few of my many testimonials, herewith sent and cited in the margin, that I have by my own innovations, improvements and recommendations effected savings of many lakhs of rupees to the State; and as I gather from information received by me that your Press affords wide scope for technical and administrative savings and reform, I am confident that I shall be able to carry out similar valuable economies and improvements therein, should you be pleased to appoint me as its Superintendent.

Should the Superintendship, however, have been permanently filled up, I would gladly take the post of Deputy Superintendent should that be vacant; while in the event of both appointments being filled up I earnestly solicit that you will be pleased to appoint me to any other post in the Secretariat, Port Commissioner's, Forest, Customs, Salt or some other Department under your control.

I am turned 40, a family man, but in the prime of life, strong and active and of strictly sober habits.

Soliciting the favor of an early reply.

Old Masonic Hall,

Nagpur, C. P. 1902

I have the honor,
to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

TESTIMONIALS FROM—

The Public Press.

Superintendent, Government of India,
Printing Department.

Honorary Secretary, Bengal Committee for the London International Exhibition, 1872.

Note by the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Sir William Grey, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Sir Barnes Peacock, Chief Justice of Bengal.

His Excellency Lord Mayo.

His Excellency Lord Napier.

Sir Seymour Fitzgerald.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

His Highness the Maharaja of Vizianagram.

His Excellency Lord John Lawrence, K. C. S. I.

R. B. Chapman, Esq., Commissioner.

R. B. Chapman, Esq., Commissioner, Presidency Division.

A. Smith, Esq., Magistrate, 24 Pergunnahs.

Dr. F. J. Mount, F. R. S., Inspector-General of Jails, Bengal.

Dr. J. Fawcett, Superintendent, Alipour Jail.

Dr. S. S. Lynch, Superintendent, Alipour Jail.

W. H. Healy, Esq., C. S., Inspector-General of Jails, Bengal, and several others from the above Officers, as well as the Government Extracts from the Administration Reports and Government Resolutions thereon.

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Nagpur

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