

Public (1895) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

GOVERNMENT PRESS.

Recording letter from the Commissioner of Police forwarding a list showing the bazaar prices prevailing in Madras for certain commodities required for use in the---

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CS.
 It strikes me that it would be as
 well if some examⁿ were made of
 the sundry expenditures in the fort. Refs.
 looked at the about put ^{forward} for it.
 How can it be possible that 160 lbs
 of candles are required per annum
 besides a large quantity of lamp
 oil & coconut oil? Some
 of the oil may be required for other
 than illuminating purposes. But,
 as far as it is required for illumi-
 nating purposes, the question arises
 why does the Press continue to use
 such oils, instead of Kerosene
 oil, which is far cheaper, more
 clearly & more efficient, as we
 all know from personal experience?

BS
 2/3/95

I may be added that the system of printing
 orders for a quantity of miscellaneous
 articles, such as stationery, that no one
 tradesman could undertake to supply by

Chief Secretariat
Fort St. George. 8. 8. 93.
Office Note No. 5th.

From

The Chief Secretary
To The Superintendent
Government Press.

The attention of the
Superintendent is invited to his
advertisement on page 177 of the
Gazette of the 12th ultimo, and
he is requested to explain
why so large an amount as 100
lbs of candles is required every
month and why the expenditure
of lamp oil and cocoanut oil is
so heavy. as far as illuminating
purposes are concerned it is
understood that Kerosine oil
is both better and cheaper.

The system of inviting
tenders for a quantity of mis-
cellaneous articles of such
a nature that no one tradesman
can supply them all has
already been condemned by
Government in the Jail and
Medical Departments. A
copy of G.O. dated 13th May

1892, N^o 330 is furnished
for the Superintendent.
information. He is requested
to submit proposals for
obtaining supplies in future.

(Sd) J. J. Price.
Chief Secretary.

Enclosure to office note No ²⁰⁸
174-95

Statement A

Articles	Average per month for						
	first half of 1892-93		first half of 1893-94		first half of 1894-95		
	1892-93		1893-94		1894-95		
	1892-93	1892-93	1893-94	1893-94	1894-95	1894-95	
Bundles	lbs	75	133	100	125	79	234
Coconut oil	viss	72	95	101	117	107	138
Lamp oil	"	163	249	325	325	284	373
Kerosine oil	lins	5	7	7	8	7	9

Statement B

		1892-93		1893-94		1894-95		1895-96	
		No. of tenders received 17		No. of tenders received 7		No. of tenders received 10		No. of tenders received 14	
Articles		Accepted rate		Accepted rate		Accepted rate		Accepted rate	
		Rs	As P	Rs	As P	Rs	As P	Rs	As P
1	Bundles	per the	5 -	5 3	6 1	6 9			
2	Coconut oil	" viss	7 -	8 6	8 -	8 6			
3	Lamp oil	" "	7 3	7 -	6 -	6 3			
4	Kerosine oil 150°	" lin	2 13 -	2 12 -	2 12 -	3 2 -			
5	Charcoal in bags to weigh 80 lbs each	per bag	14 -	13 6	13 -	12 6			
6	Flour 1 st sort	per maund	2 2 -	2 -	2 3	2 3			
7	Country soap	" maund	1 -	1 -	14 -	14 -			
8	do Potash	" "	1 -	14 -	14 -	12 -			
9	Blue stone	" viss	6 -	2 -	2 -	2 -			
10	Ropes for packing 9 yds long	" 100	4 -	4 -	4 -	4 -			
11	Lamp thread	" viss	12 -	4 -	4 -	4 -			
12	Brooms	each	1 -	1 -	1 -	1 -			
13	Potatoes	per maund			12 -	8 -			
14	Bengal lime, soft, for binding purpose	the			15 -	14 -			
15	Cotton waste or waste cloth	per viss				9 -			
16	Indian soapnut	" "				1 -			
17	Wire nails, 1 1/4 inches	" "				2 -			
18	do 1 1/2 "	" "				2 -			
19	do 2 "	" "				2 -			
20	do 2 1/2 "	" "				2 -			

* This oil is not being purchased owing to the increased price demanded. The oil of 125° at Rs. 1-13-6 per lin is being used, it is the best oil of its class that can be obtained.

Statement B - continued

Articles

1892-93 1893-94 1894-95 1895-96
 No. of bundles received 19 No. of bundles received 7 No. of bundles received 10 No. of bundles received 14
 Accepted rates Accepted rates Accepted rates Accepted rates

Articles	1892-93	1893-94	1894-95	1895-96
Teakwood scantlings 2" x 1/2" per 100 Feet	1	-	-	12
do 2" x 3/4" - 100	1	8	-	1
do 2" x 1" - 100	1	8	-	1
do 2" x 1 1/2" - 100	3	-	-	2
do 2" x 2" - 100	4	-	-	3
do 3" x 3/4" - 100	3	-	-	3
do 3" x 1" - 100	3	8	-	3
do 3" x 1 1/2" - 100	5	8	-	5
do 3" x 2" - 100	6	12	-	6
do 4" x 1" - 100	5	-	-	3
do 1 1/4" x 1" - 100	51	4	-	18
Trincomallee wood 16" x 1" - 100	25	-	-	2
Canvas, white, 27 inches wide per yard	-	64	-	66

Statement C

Articles

Total quantity used during 1894-95

Articles	Total quantity used during 1894-95
Teakwood scantlings 2" x 1/2" feet	300
do 2" x 3/4"	200
do 2" x 1"	150
do 2" x 1 1/2"	-
do 2" x 2"	-
do 3" x 3/4"	368
do 3" x 1"	150
do 3" x 1 1/2"	-
do 3" x 2"	-
do 4" x 1"	-
do 1 1/4" x 1"	18
Trincomallee wood 16" x 1"	275

Statement D

1892-93 1893-94 1894-95 1895-96
 No. of bundles received 5 No. of bundles received 7 No. of bundles received 3 No. of bundles received 6

Accepted rate Accepted rate Accepted rate Accepted rate

Firewood tons

6 5 5 7 4 - 9 3 11 9 3 -

Average per month for the first half of 1894-95
 Average per month for the second half of 1894-95
 Average per month for the first half of 1895-96
 Average per month for the second half of 1895-96

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Government Press,
 Madras 17th April 1895

R. Hill
 Superintendent.

OFFICE NOTE.

The Superintendent, Government Press, submits in reply to office note, No. 51 dated 8th March 1895, that the average consumption of candles for the second half of 1894-95 has been greater than in any former years (see statement A appended) owing to the larger employment of compositors on urgent work necessitating working late when first setting up the types, and when the same are under frequent corrections. The Legislative Department has caused a great increase of urgent work, and all the departments of the Secretariat have had more urgent work than usual this second half year which has been turned out within the required time requested on each occasion. Extra lighting is always required when it rains heavily during the day from October to December.

2. Lamp oil is chiefly used for presswork ^{crescent oil} and candles for proof reading. Kerosine oil for machine work and for imposition work, but it has to be supplemented with the other oils and candles as required.

This year the monsoon was unusually light & there was practically no rain at all in December! BN

3. There is no form of lighting in Madras so convenient for the compositors as candles; they can be placed conveniently for reading manuscripts and seeing the types, also when correcting proofs the light can be placed close to the types to make the corrections accurately. In some of the Composing departments of the Press kerosine oil lamps are in use, but for correcting the small types oil lamps and candles are also provided for the men to do their corrections more quickly. The disadvantage in use of kerosine lamps in a printing office is, that they cannot be readily moved about without incurring the risk of accidents by explosion.

4. The Superintendent submits that the Press has experienced no disadvantage by calling in one tender for the articles given in Statement B, and he has never had to pay an excess for one article to compensate for another one at a lower rate. It is only during last year that he added the purchase of teakwood to the tender for other articles as he could not purchase the wood at a cheap rate when sending for it in small quantities. Several wood merchants informed him that the Press requirements were so small that it was not worth tendering for.

Ansere
JMS

Why does he invite tenders instead of simply buying as he requires?
* See Statement C
JMS

+ See Statement B

* The Supt. informs me that he cannot supply them at my rates.

17/4/95

5. Tenders for firewood for the steam engine are called for separately.

6. The Superintendent has made enquiries from the Superintendent of Penitentiary if he can be supplied with Coconut oil and lamp oil at the rates received for last tender, and has been informed that the oil cannot be supplied at those rates. Enquiries have been made regarding the supply of ropes for packing but the reply has not been received.*

7. About two years ago the Superintendent considered the question of lighting the Press with oil gas, and experiments were made. It was found that the initial cost for iron pipes, apparatus, &c. was so great, and the saving so small, that the idea was given up.

R. Hill
Superintendent.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
GOVERNMENT PRESS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Madras.

Dated 17th }
Received 19 } April 1895.
H.P. 20 }

ENCLOSURE. /



No 208

Subject.

Submitting explanation for the large consumption of candles in the Press Dept., and informs that no disadvantage has been experienced by inviting one tender for all the miscellaneous articles.

H.M.

Submitted with ref. to the
this note of the 2nd March last
In presses at home
movable hand gas jets are
employed so that they can
be placed at the exact spot
where light is required. It wd.
be dangerous to have small
kerosine oil lamps in the
place of the candles at present
used by the compositors.

J.D.B.
21.4.95.

I don't know that kerosine lamps
would be ^{hazardous} dangerous but candles
and oil lamps are safer as
if knocked down there is not
the risk of a stream of liquid
fire all over the place.
What the Sup^{ts} says about
this work is true. The legislation
transfers this cold weather has
been a terrible strain on all
concerned and the Press has
had its full share of this

J.D.
24/4/95.

His explanation as to
the rising weather is absurd.
I should like to have Mr. Hill's
price sentinized by some one who
knows the bazaar prices in
Madras. So far as I can judge
they are higher in many cases
than they should be

J.D.
26/4/95

**FROM CIRCULATION.
WITH REMARKS.**

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anxious to
be on the
the hospital
the hospital
to spirit in the
of Police
perhaps to

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Put up ^{but by} ~~was not~~ ^{to 5 A} ~~to 5 A~~

Show that recent
go. re. Muniswami
Sale, W & C. Hoopl
Contractor. There
was a list in
it. We buy candles
in small quan-
tities. What do
you pay? 750

The price at Madras is 1 shilling
On 1-3-6 or On 1-4-4 ~~per packet~~
of 3 pounds, but here they charge
~~more~~ 6 or 7 more. ^{per} ~~15~~

Sub 102
NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The indent obtained
from the S.G. do not assist
in a comparison. The
H.C. wants to know
the bazaar prices in
Madras. Please see
draft memo: to the
Commr. of Police put up.

9513.
22/11/95.

Public dept

om. N^o 1134

27-5-95

The Commr. of Police
is requested to be so
good as to report ~~on~~
the prevailing bazaar
prices ~~in~~ in Madras
for the following com-
modities:-

Candles — per lb -

Cocoanut oil — per vi

See see 17 24/5/95
(copy first column of
Statement B with
C. 1264 - & show fair
copy to C.A. before dep.

J.B.
22/1/95.

Submitted to C.A.

Right - same
J.B.
27/1/95

To

The Commr. of Police, Madras

Dep.
27/5/95

The bazaar prices prevailing in Madras for the following
Commodities are :-

Candles	per #	"	6	"
Cocam oil	per dies	"	9	"
Lamp oil	per dies	"	5	3
Kerosene oil 150°	per tin	3	2	"
Charcoal in bags to weigh 80# each	per bag	1	4	"
Flour 1 st Sort	per measure	"	2	"
Country Soap	per strand	1	15	"
Country Pollack	per strand	1	6	"
Blue stone	per dies	"	8	9
Ropes for packing 9 yards long	100	4	8	"
Lamp thread	per dies	1	2	"
Brooms	each	"	"	3
Potatoes	per strand	1	2	"
Bengal Twine, soft for binding purposes	per #	"	2	3
Cotton muslin or muslin cloth	per dies	"	7	"
Indian Soap nut	per dies	"	3	6
Wire nails 1 1/2 inches	per dies	"	6	"
Wire nails 1 1/2 inches	per dies	"	4	3
Wire nails 2 inches	per dies	"	4	3
Wire nails 2 1/2 inches	per dies	"	4	3
Teakwood scantlings 2" x 1/2"	per 100 feet	1	4	10
Do 2" x 3/4"	do	2	1	4
Do 2" x 1"	do	2	1	4
Do 2" x 1 1/2"	do	3	10	4
Do 2" x 2"	do	5	3	4
Do 3" x 3/4"	do	3	10	4
Do 3" x 1"	do	3	10	4
Do 3" x 1 1/2"	do	8	1	4

Leakwood Scamplings	3" x 2"	per 100 feet	4	13
do	4" x 1"	do	5	3
do	1 1/2" x 1"	do	31	4
Princemallie wood	1" x 1"	do	37	8
Canvas white. 27 inches wide		per yard	1	7



Respectfully
Commissioner of Police

Ally

G. 1,360-24-7-94.

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No. 49.

City Police Office.

Madras. 5th June 1895

From *Colonel H. M. Fox*
 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
 MADRAS.

To *The Chief Secretary to Government*
with the Governor
Stonehouse File

Sir
 With reference to your Memorandum
 No. 1134 dated 27th May 1895, Public, I have
 the honour to forward a list showing the
 bazaar prices prevailing in Madras for
 the Commodities therein stated.

I have the honour to be
 Sir
 Your most Obedient Servant

Respectfully
Colonel
Commissioner of Police

Ally

18/2

From
The Commissioner of Police
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Madras

Dated 5 June 1895
Received
Sd/-

No. 47
Enclosure - 2

Commodities

Forwarding a list showing
bazaar prices prevailing in
Madras City for —

1264 - 1812

Order d/25th June 1895 N° 525

Recorded.

22/6/95. from orders

95B.
19/6/95.

To the Supt Govt Press

quote

done
M.S.

On the whole the Press
prices seem to be low,
which is satisfactory —
The Supt's explanation
(C. N° 1264) may be
referred

BS
19/6/95

Public Enquiry

Note for H.M.

In his note of
26th April last in Circular
No 1264 ^{the Supt.} expressed a desire
to have certain prices of
commodities for use in
Govt. Press, which were
quoted by Mr. Hill,
compared with the bazaar
prices in Madras. A
statement has been ob-
tained from the Commis-
sioner of Police and the figures
given by him have been
entered in blue check
over Mr. Hill's figures
in his statement. Mr.
Hill's prices aggregated
Rs 84 as against the
-3000 quotations of the
Supt. Out of 33 items the highest
rates are higher in the
cases; Mr. Hill's in
and for one item (oil)
the prices quoted are
the same.

It will be seen
for items 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17,
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28,
30, 31, and 32 Mr. Hill's

The rates are very much less. This is particularly noticeable in items 9, 11, 31, and 32. The only case in which the figure is considerably higher than the bazaar rate is item 14 (Bengal twine). He has accepted a tender of 10 p. per lb, whereas the bazaar rate is stated to have been 2s. 3 p. for cotton waste, and he is paying more than the bazaar rates. These rates are however insignificant when compared with the saving effected on other items.

The rates given by the Coe are in some cases so high as to raise doubt as to their correctness.

The difference in Bengal
 has probably some-
 thing to do with quality
 Col. Coe has formerly mistaken
 the article 12
 13/6.

Hon. H. W. Bliss C.T.E.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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