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Minutes of Consultation

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Diary after Consultation 23d December 1857.

No. 114 Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated Fort St. George 26th November 1857, No. 4233.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation under date 29th October 1857, No. 1102, R. D. para. 8, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform the Government that in accordance with the instructions conveyed to them, they have consulted a professional printer already acquainted with the business of their office, as to the presses and types necessary for printing *all* their correspondence and proceedings. He has computed from the volumes, the average daily work, both as regards ordinary writing and tabular statements, and is confident that with the English press and type sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation 2d July 1857, No. 670, R. D. and a wooden press made up in the country, under sanction of para. 2 of the same Extract Minutes Consultation, the whole of the Board's letters *despatched* can be printed, and there are enough persons now employed in the office competent to work the above type.

Nos. 1 *and* 2. 2. He is also of opinion that with another English press, and with a 1,000 lbs. more small pica type with its usual material, as per estimates enclosed, the whole of the Board's Proceedings, including both *received* and *despatched* letters may be struck off. In this case the "collections" would be sent up to Government in a printed form.

3. The amount of small pica type sanctioned by Government, and expected shortly in the "Trafalgar," is 500 lbs; this with the extra 1,000 lbs., will set up about 54 pages of foolscap. The average day's work will be about 35 pages in print, so that provision for 54 pages will meet the demand for the day, besides allowing type for distribution.

4. In framing the above estimate, the Board have necessarily taken the *average* day's work, but Government will be aware that the fluctuations in amount are occasionally very great, and may, now and then, overpower the press for a short period, still, the Board do not consider themselves justified in proposing to purchase what would be sufficient for the *maximum*.

5. The Board intend to commence printing their letters *despatched* from the 1st January 1858, and after 2 or 3 months' experience they would be able to speak more positively as to the total quantity of material required to print letters received also. They believe however, that the estimate now submitted is as correct as can be made from present data, and by the time that the new press and type arrive, they will have a sufficient number of qualified printers on their establishment for the work, without putting the Government to any expense on that score.

6. With regard to para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation 29th October 1857, the Board wish to explain that a book is kept in their office in which every letter that is sent to the Government office is registered, and when a letter is returned the date of its return is placed against it. On the 18th September 1857 the number of letters unmarked was upwards of 2,000, not including the current year. The number of letters, &c., of 1857 not returned, at the date of these Proceedings, is 1,004. It is impossible to give a correct idea of the *contents* of these letters, and to furnish a list of 2,000 would be a work of time; the book however will be sent if required. Several letters have been returned since the date of the Board's last Proceedings.

7. The Board are prepared to reply to the various objections to the statements made in their Proceedings of the 14th of September, but consider that they should best consult the wishes of Government by confining their observations to the real point of importance; viz. their ability to print their own Proceedings.

No. 115 ORDER THEREON, No. 1359; dated 24th December 1857.

With their Secretary's letter above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit 2 estimates as called for in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 29th October 1857, No. 1112; one for types, &c., required from England amounting to £199-14-3, exclusive of freight, and the other for materials to be procured in the country, amounting to Rupees 360-5-4.

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2. The Board are of opinion that if these estimates, which have been computed from the Board's volumes, receive sanction they will be prepared to print all their correspondence and proceedings.

3. Under these circumstances, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the 2 estimates, amounting in round numbers to Rupees (2,350) two thousand three hundred and fifty. The Government observe that ℔s1,000 of small Pica Type are charged £75 exclusive of freight; the rate per ℔ is one and six pence, or 12 annas in Madras currency. Messrs. Binny and Co. state in their Circular lately sent round to all the presses, that they are prepared to deliver at Madras types of all sorts made of extra hard metal at certain specified prices free of all charges, and the price of Small Pica is stated at 13 annas and 4 pice, if ℔s120 and more are taken; the cost of the type required by the Board will, when sent out from England, vary little from Messrs. Binny and Co's. rates, as the estimate does not include freight and other charges; the Board will therefore be good enough to consider whether much time, if not expense also, will not be saved by purchasing the types at Madras.

4. The proposal of the Board to print their letters to Government is approved, and they will accordingly commence the change from 1st January 1858.

5. The book kept in the Board's office of the papers sent to the Government office but not yet returned has been examined. The greater part of the papers entered in the book have been returned, and several of those that stand still on the book are papers sent to other departments.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Estimate of Country Printing Materials required for the Revenue Board Press.

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		R	a	p
20	Pairs of Letter Cases	75	"	"
1	Imposing Stone with Stand, for 2 forms	35	"	"
12	Galleys with Brass bottoms	42	"	"
3	Galley Racks	6	"	"
1	Case do	25	"	"
1	Inking Table with Iron Surface	5	"	"
20	Benches	30	"	"
2	Mallets in Trincomalie wood	"	8	"
2	Planes in Rosewood	"	12	"
1	Small Table for the use of Pressmen	7	"	"
2	Tin Roller Preservers	1	4	"
400	Quoins	2	"	"
80	Head, foot and side Sticks	3	5	4
2	Damping Boards	3		
100	lbs Leads	50	"	"
18	Stands for Cases	72	"	"
20	Bodkins	2	8	"
		300	5	4

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Sy Secretary.

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Enclosure

To a letter from the Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Actg Secretary to Govt Revenue Departt. Dated 26th November 1857 No 4233

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Estimate of Country Printing Materials required for the Revenue Board Press.

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Estimate of English Printing Materials required for the Revenue Board Press exclusive of Freights &c.

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lbs		£	S.	D.
	1 Demy Columbian Press by Clymer	40	"	"
	2 Pairs Parchments for Do.	"	8	"
	2 Do. Demy fine Blankets for Do.	"	17	"
	20 Yards Girthing for Do.	"	8	4
	1 Iron Standing Press 2¾ inch Screw with Iron bars	20	"	"
	2 Foolscap Roller Irons	"	12	"
	2 Do. Stocks	"	16	"
1000	Small Pica, No. 11, exclusive of Italics but with a proper proportion of Quads and Spaces	75	"	"
150	Bourgeois Roman, Elzevir Series including Spaces but excluding Figures, Quads. and Dashes.			
10	Do. Italics, exclusive of Figures, Spaces, Dashes & Quadrates			
122	Do. Figures (12 lbs. of each Figure and 14 lbs of Cyphers)			
8	Do. Commas (3)			
12	Do. 1 in Dash			
12	Do. 2 in Do.	40	2	"
8	Do. 3 in Do.			
2	Do. ½ in Do.			
20	Do. 2 and 3 in Quadrates			
0	Do. 1 in Do.			
10	Do. ½ in Do.			
8	Do. Meddling Spaces.			
15	Do. Leaders.	2	10	"
100	Metal Furniture	1	10	"
12	Dozens 8 to Pica Brass Rules (spring)	3	"	"
1	" Rule case Do. Do. of sizes (cut up to ems)	3	12	"
12	9-inch Brass Composing Sticks	4	4	"
3	Gross Demy Glazed Boards	2	2	"
2	Pairs Demy Chases (Wrought Iron)	1	10	"
2	Do. Foolscap Do. (Do.)	"	14	3
2	Do. Do. Half sheet (Cast Iron)	"	"	8
1	Waxed Rule 4 to Pica	"	12	"
6	Two line great Primer No. 4.	"	10	"
5	Do. English No. 4.	"	8	"
2	Do. Pica No. 4.	"	6	"
3	Do. Bourgeois No. 3.	"	6	"
3	Do. Long Primer No. 5.			
	Total £	199	14	3.

I. D. Cane

Ag Secretary.

E. & O. E.

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Enclosure.

In a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Asst Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 26th November 1857. No. 4233.

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Estimate of English Printing Materials required for the Revenue Board Press exclusive of Freight &c.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
26th November 1857.

No. 4233

From

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Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

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Ag Secretary to Government
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Rev. Board Office,
Fort St. George,
26 November 1857.

I have the honorable,
Sir,
Your most obedient,

J. Sullivan
Ag. Secretary.

To,
H. Forbes Esqre
Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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From The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To The Ag. Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept.
Dated 20th November 1857.
Rec'd 28th & 2nd inst. No. 4233
Sc. No. 1357. 24th Dec.

Submitting the remarks of the Board of Revenue in regards the amount of Pay required for printing and stating the reasons why the Board are unable to print their own Proceedings.

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Read: 29th Dec. 1857 No 1357
" 4th Jany. " " 3 & 4
" 1st Feb. " " No. 145

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Ag. Secretary

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Extract from the Minute of Consultation
Under date the 24th December 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Acting
Secy to the Board of
Revenue.

(Received 26 Nov/57 No 23)

With their Secre-
tary's letter, above recorded
the Board of Revenue sub-
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for in Cy. Mins. Cons. of
29 October 1857 N° 1112. one
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to other departments.

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No. 1359.

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Dated 24th Dec.r 57
From Bd. 13th & 18th Janry 58
No 2 in 42 Vol.

From Do. — Do. 12th & 15th Novr 58
C No. 177 inc.

Approving of the Board's proposal to print their letters to Government, and directing them to commence the change accordingly, from 1st January 1859.

No 114 & 115.