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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 59. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Department under date the 25th May 1857, No. 679.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 24th April 1857, No. 1790.

Read again the letter from this Department, No. 4579, dated 22nd November 1855, sanctioning experimentally an enlargement of the Fort Saint George Gazette Press Establishment.

Read an endorsement from the Home Department, No. 543, dated 7th Instant, forwarding for consideration and orders a report on the result of the experiment, with an application from the Government of Fort Saint George for sanction to continue the above Establishment as a permanent measure.

Resolution.— The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that in November 1855, this Government, with a view to the substitution of printing for manuscript in the public offices, sanctioned an augmentation of the Fort Saint George Gazette Press Establishment, at an additional charge of 1,550 Rupees per mensem for six months, after which period the Government of Fort Saint George was requested to submit a statement, shewing the charge and the profit of the Press, crediting it with all the manuscript work saved and with the cost at current rates of all that would have been necessarily printed at Private Presses, supposing there to have been no Government Press at all.

The Government of Fort Saint George, now report the result of the experiment, which has extended over a period of 13 months (without, however, any expense additional to the amount sanctioned for six months), of which four months having been chiefly occupied in providing Machinery, enlarging the Press buildings, and training compositors, 9 months from 1st May 1856 to 31st January 1857, have been taken as the basis of calculation.

It appears that, while the expenses of the Press for Establishment, contingencies, and depreciation of stock, during the period in question, amounted to Rupees 42,888, the printing and book-binding work executed, if it had been put out to the Town Presses, would have cost at least Rupees 1,18,758; and that of the abovementioned outlay Rupees 11,228 have been returned in subscriptions to the Government Gazette, and in charges for advertisements in the Gazette, &c., while Rupees 7,145 have been, saved by reductions in the Establishments of Government offices.

It is further stated that the additional charge sanctioned in November 1855 was not designed to cover the cost of printing the Proceedings of Government in the Civil Department, which was to be met by equivalent reductions in the expenditure on copyists of these Departments; the cost of printing in the Revenue and Public Works Departments is said to have been met in a considerable degree by reduction in Establishment, and a further saving of 40 Rupees a month is stated to have been effected since August last. In the Public and Judicial Departments printing appears to have been but recently introduced, and it is expected that it will soon be extended to the Political, Financial, Railway, Marine and Ecclesiastical Departments.

Under these circumstances, the Governor General in Council is pleased, in accordance with the proposal of the Government of Fort Saint George, to sanctiou the additional Establishment allowed experimentally in November 1855, as a permanent arrangement, and to authorize the further charge involved in printing the proceedings of Government in the Civil Departments under the Chief Secretary, after allowing for the reductions made in his Office Establishment in consequence of the introductions of printing, on the understanding that those reductions shall be continued and carried out as fast as the clearing off of existing arrears will admit.

ORDER.— Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department for information and for communication to the Government of Fort Saint George, and that the original papers be returned, copies being retained for record in this office.

(A true Extract,)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 630.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to Mr. Chief Secretary T. Pycroft's letter, No. 345, dated 24th March last.

Fort William,
Home Department,
the 6th May 1857.

(Signed R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department, and also to the Offices of Account and Audit, and to the Superintendent of the Government Press, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 22d January 1856, No. 63.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, No. 569; dated 9th June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded,

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Superintendent Government Press.

Exd. F. Cartledge.