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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 937 Press / Mis.

Dated 15th July 1859.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 9th to 15th July 1859.

No. 52. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inam Commissioner; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government; dated Madras, 30th June 1859, No. 59.

1. I have the honor to forward for the inspection and approval of Government specimens of paper which, after personal inquiry and examination in the Stationery and other offices, I have selected as best adapted for the title deeds to be given to the Inamdars, and for the forms of Register which I propose to have printed for the use of the Inam Commmission.

2. I think that Foolscap is, upon the whole, better suited than any other description of paper for the title deed, provided a whole sheet be allowed for each deed. It is strong and durable, and less liable than parchment or other prepared paper to the attacks of insects and vermine. The first page will contain the acknowledgment of the Inamdar's title, under the Seal and Signature of the Commissioner, and on the second and third pages, respectively, will be entered, under the Seal of Government, the alteration of the tenure agreed to by the Inamdar. If the paper be rolled up and kept according to native custom in a tin or bamboo case, the outer leaf will then afford sufficient protection to the whole contents of the deed.

3. The present price of Foolscap in the Stationery office is about 10 Rupees a Ream, and the probable cost of paper required for title deeds, according to the number to be issued, may be stated as follows.

				Rupees.
200	Reams or about	100,000	Title Deeds will cost.....	2,083
400	do.	200,000	do.	4,166
600	do.	300,000	do.	6,249
800	do.	400,000	do.	8,332
1,000	do.	500,000	do.	10,415

This cost would be covered over and over again by charging a stamp fee of 4 annas on every Title Deed: but I am not of opinion that any supposed additional value, which according to native ideas, the Stamp might impart to the Deed, would compensate for the risk of abuse and dissatisfaction which will attend the imposition of an extra charge.

4. I request sanction to indent from time to time for the quantity of Foolscap that may be required for Title Deeds: in the first instance fifty (50) Reams will probably suffice.

5. Of the two Sheets which I consider suitable for the village register No. 2 is the better paper and also the more expensive. This paper was brought to my notice by the Superintendent of the Government Press who informs me that it was sent out from England some time ago, and is of no use for the ordinary purposes of his office. Under these circumstances, and as the expenditure has already been incurred, it is perhaps desirable to make use of this paper in the first instance in preference to the Cartridge paper No. 1 which is procurable in the Stationery office. The quantity in the Government office is 300 Reams or 1,44,000 sheets and the cost at 17 Rupees the ream is about 5,400 Rupees. The price of the Cartridge paper (No. 1) is 13 Rupees the ream and the subjoined figures show the relative cost of the two papers for quantities ranging from one thousand to one hundred thousand.

Nos. of Sheets.	Amount of cost at 17 Rupees.	at 13 Rupees.
1,00	35	26
5,000	177	133
10,000	354	267
20,000	708	533
40,000	1,516	1,067
80,000	3,033	2,133
1,00,000	3,741	2,666

6. I also append a statement shewing the probable number of both English and Vernacular Registers that will be required for the several Districts of the Presidency, exclusive of Madras, Malabar and Canara, where the Inams are on a different footing. Allowing one fair Vernacular Register and two English Registers for each Village, the number amounts to 1,00,260, but as each Register will occupy on the average, say 3 Sheets, the required number of Sheets will be 3,00,780. To this number must be added 11,153 Sheets, upon each of which 3 copies of the Vernacular forms of heading will be struck off for the use of the Karnams in each Village; and 430 Sheets for the number of pattern Registers to be furnished one for each Talook.

The whole number of Sheets required will therefore amount, as shown in the Statement, to

3,00,780..... Printed forms of English and Vernacular Registers ruled throughout.
11,153..... Sheets containing each 3 forms of heading.
430..... Pattern Registers.

Sheets.....3,12,363

Probable number of forms of Register required for the several Districts.

Districts.	Number of villages and of Vernacular Registers one for each village.	Number of English Registers 2 for each village.	Number of Talooks and number of pattern Registers Vernacular and English one for each Talook.
Telugu.			
Ganjam...	1,460	2,920	5
Vizagapatam...	350	700	2
Rajahmundry...	860	1,720	14
Masulipatam...	920	1,840	12
Guntoor...	1,030	2,060	14
Nellore...	1,040	2,080	17
Cuddapah...	1,350	2,700	12
Bellary...	2,570	5,140	16
Kurnool...	1,290	2,580	12
North Arcot...	1,500	3,000	
	12,370		14
Tamil.			
North Arcot...	1,500	3,000	
Chingleput...	2,000	4,000	10
South Arcot...	3,250	6,500	13
Tanjore...	6,340	12,680	16
Trichinopoly...	1,400	2,800	9
Madura...	1,000	2,000	7
Tinnevelly...	1,300	2,600	13
Coimbatore	1,550	3,100	15
Salem...	2,710	5,420	14
	21,050		
	33,420	66,840	215
			2
Multiplied by number of sheets required for each Register.		1,00,260 3	430
		3,00,780	
Probable number of heading required for Kurnums' use 3 to a sheet.....		11,153	
Pattern Registers.....		430	
Total...		3,12,363	

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Inam Commissioner.

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7. I propose to have them printed off from time to time as they are required for each District, commencing with 10,000 English forms and a like number in Tamil and Telugu for the Districts of Rajahmundry, Masulipatam, Nellore and Tanjore. When the 300 Reams now in the Government Press office threaten to be exhausted application will be made for a supply of suitable paper from the Stationery office.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1859, No. 937.

The Government approve the use of Foolscap paper in the preparation of Title Deeds to be given to Inamdars, a whole sheet being used for each deed, and authorize the Inam Commissioner to indent from time to time on the Superintendent of Stationery for the quantity he may require for that purpose. They also authorize Mr. Taylor to make use of the three hundred reams of paper stated to be available in the Government Press office, for the village Registers, and afterwards to indent for the further quantity that may be required.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Copy in a letter to Engineer
26th March 1860 No 24

No 52 & 56.

25th July 1859

Revenue Department
Pro: of 1859 15th July
Inam Commissioner's Office

No 1226

From Genl. Taylor Esqr.
Inam Commr.

To J.S. Bourdillon Esqr
Secretary to Govt.

Dated 30th June 1859
Received 5th July 1859
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No 415 in Pro: 22nd March No 673

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Fort St. Geo.
14 July 1859

1 Copy

To Inam Commissioner - Dispd 15th
2 Supt. Govt Central Depy of Stationery
1 Superintendent of Govt Press -

No. I

Europe Cartridge

Rs. 12-15-6 p.r Rm.

For Village Registers

Paper for the
Government Press Office
17 Rs per Ream

No. 2

For Village Registers

No. 2

Paper for the Government Press Office
Rs 17 per Ream

For Village Register