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30th April 1861.*

No. 492. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd March 1861, No. 1,186 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to lay before Government the usual Annual Report on the operations of the District Presses during the official year 1859-60, accompanied by two Statements prepared according to the forms prescribed by Government in their Order of the 20th September 1859, No. 1,269.

2. During the year under report Presses have been established in all the Districts except Vizagapatam and North Canara. In the former a Press has been set up in the current official year, and a District Gazette also issued on 15th September 1860. In consequence of the division of Canara into two Collectorates an additional Press became necessary for North Canara, and the purchase of Canarese type was sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 24th December 1860. In Kurnool the Press was established in August 1859, but a Gazette has not yet been issued. The Collector has been requested to adopt early measures for its publication.

3. The Board regret to observe that notwithstanding the clear instructions contained in their Circular, dated 25th April 1860, the returns rendered by some of the Collectors were inaccurate. In some cases revised returns have been obtained, and in others correction have been made by the Board. Statement No. 1, which has been prepared in exact accordance with the form prescribed by Government, shows the operations of the Presses during the past year. The number of papers printed and their value is shown in the following abstract :—

	No. of Papers.	Value in Rupees.
Office work..	3,973	23,545
District Gazette.....	844	22,104
Selections from Records.....	4	384
Judicial Department.....	513	2,137
Other Public Offices.....	627	2,912
Private work.....	481	2,179
Total...	6,442	53,261

4. The value of work done for Government appears generally to have been calculated with reference to the new Table of rates proposed by the Board and approved by Government in their Order, dated 28th March 1860, No. 473, and that of work done for private individuals with reference to the paper of instructions furnished by the Superintendent of the Gazette Press. The latter description of work could not be valued by the Superintendent's scale, as it had been already charged according to the old rates.

5. The only point which requires special notice is in regard to the District Gazettes. The number supplied free appears to be very large, particularly in the four Districts of Ganjam, the Godavery, the Kistna, and Nellore. This appears to be owing to the practice which formerly obtained in some Districts, of supplying the paper gratuitously to a large number of public servants and village officers. This mode of issue has since been restricted under the orders of Government, and a list of the Officers to whom the Gazettes should be supplied gratis, has been furnished to the Collectors for future observance. The sums set down in the Collectors' returns of the Gazettes appear to represent (except in the Godavery District) the actual value of the work calculated by the Table of rates instead of the amount of subscription for the number of copies issued, as directed by Government; the Board regret that this error was not discovered in time to admit of their obtaining revised returns from the Collectors. The value as given in the Collectors' returns is entered in the Board's Statement; and amounts to

Rupees 22,104. If the calculation had been made in all the Districts with reference to the rates of subscription, the amount would probably not have exceeded 10,000 Rupees.

6. In paragraph 11 of their Proceedings, dated 16th January 1860, No. 212, the Board pointed out to Government that the column "value" under the head "District Gazette" should show as in other cases the *actual cost* of printing the Gazettes calculated according to the Table of rates, and not the value according to the amount of subscription, which has been fixed low to encourage free circulation of these useful publications; but from paragraph 7 of the Government Order, dated 28th March 1860, No. 473, the object of the Board appears to have been somewhat misapprehended. The Government there observe that the Gazettes as well as all other work done, should be charged to Government in the same manner as to private individuals. What the Board intended was that the real cost of printing the Gazettes should be exhibited in the Statement, as this is intended to show the operations of the Press. In the case of work done for private individuals, the real cost of the work calculated by the Table of rates is charged and realized; but in the case of the Gazettes, if the rate of subscription is to form the basis of calculation intended by Government, the actual value will not be represented. For instance, the cost of printing the Gazette for a month may be 100 Rupees, but the amount of subscription for the month, supposing there are 200 subscribers, will not be more than Rupees 31-4. Under these circumstances, the Board submit that the proper course is to show the actual value only (as is done in the Statement now submitted); and they beg to bring the matter again under the consideration of Government.

7. The number of copies of the District Gazette supplied free and on payment, as entered in some of the Collector's returns appears very small, but the Board have no means at present of testing the correctness of these Statements. With their future Statements the Collectors will submit a short abstract showing the number of persons to whom Gazettes are supplied in each month, so that the figures in the Statement may be verified in the Board's Office.

Ganjam.—50 copies of Messrs. Cherry's and Browne's reports, containing 22 and 20 pages.
Kistna.—50 copies of correspondence regarding the Storming and Capture of the Masulipatam Fort, containing 4 pages.
Malabar.—11 copies of Statistics, containing 11 pages.

8. The Board regret to notice that very little has been done during the past year in the way of printing selections from the records. In Ganjam, the Kistna, and Malabar, the papers noted in the margin were printed; in some of the other Districts, lists of papers to be printed have been prepared and approved by the Board, but the subject has not received from Collectors the attention it deserves. The Board see no excuse for remissness in this respect, as the duty is one which may be easily conducted by the Treasury Deputy Collectors. The attention of the Collectors will be particularly drawn to the subject by the Board.

9. The Board also observe from the Statement that the work turned out for the Judicial Department is very small, except in Malabar. The matter was fully noticed by Government in paragraph 11 of their Order, dated 20th September 1859, No. 1,269, and the Sudder Court have, it is presumed, taken measures to call the attention of the Judges to the subject.

10. The Statement No. 2 shows the receipts and charges of the several Presses. The Board have found it necessary to deviate a little from the form prescribed by Government and to open an additional column in order to bring forward the cash balance at the end of the previous year. If this is included in the demand, it will be necessary to include also the sums realized in the current year's collections, and thus the actual collections of each year will not be known. The balance at the beginning of the year 1859-60 at the credit of the Press was Rupees 10,174-5-5. The collections of the year amounted to Rupees 10,543-0-7, and the reduction in the public Establishment to Rupees 16,000-9-7, the aggregate total of the whole being Rupees 36,717-15-7. The charges for Establishment and contingencies including purchase of Stock amounted to Rupees 25,609-9-5 so that there remained at the end of the year a balance of Rupees 11,108-6-2 in favor of the Presses. In other words the income of the year exceeded its own charge by Rupees 934; the balance of the previous year (Rupees 10,174) remaining untouched; and no credit being taken for any of the work done for Government.

11. District Gazettes are now issued in every Province except Kurnool and North Canara.

	RS.	A.	P.	
1. Ganjam.....	50	0	0	
2. Godavery.....	125	2	0	
3. Kistna.....	680	13	6	
4. Nellore.....	3	0	0	
5. Cuddaph.....	24	3	0	
6. Bellary.....	264	12	0	
7. Kurnool.....	0	0	0	
8. Madras.....	255	4	0	
9. North Arcot.....	11	15	0	
10. South Arcot.....	261	13	6	
11. Tanjore.....	97	9	0	
12. Trichinopoly.....	4	12	0	
13. Madura.....	223	14	8	
14. Tinnevely.....	56	1	0	
15. Coimbatore.....	83	0	0	
16. Salem.....	135	1	6	
17. South Canara.....	0	0	0	
18. Malabar.....	449	0	1	
Total..	2,731	5	3	

The sum realized from subscriptions amounted to Rupees 2,731; but, as the marginal abstract shows, the receipts in some Districts are very small, owing probably to the practice which (as already noticed) formerly existed of supplying large numbers of Gazettes free of charge. The recent restriction of this privilege will, the Board hope, lead to a considerable increase in the number of subscribers. The whole demand of the year on this account was collected in all the Districts except those noted in the margin. The balances in the three last of these Districts seem unduly large, and greater regularity of payment should be enforced. The outstanding balance on account of work performed for public Officers (other than Collectors) and for private individuals amounted at the end of the year to Rupees 3,133-15-7. Some of the Collectors, however, state that a large portion of these outstandings were subsequently recovered, and they will be instructed not to allow such large sums to remain unpaid hereafter.

12. The reduction in the public Establishment as entered in the Statement No. 2, shows only the amount actually made use of for Printing Establishments and contingencies, and not the whole amount of reduction, because any surplus unused goes to the credit of Government, and is not considered as part of the available cash balance. The column "Purchase of Stock" shows only the cost of materials purchased out of the earnings of the Presses, and not the value of those supplied by Government out of the public revenues. The Presses and Stock wherewith

	RS.	A.	P.	
Madura.....	53	13	0	
Tinnevely.....	699	8	0	
South Canara.....	419	9	8	
Malabar.....	697	8	3	

to commence operations were thus supplied by Government of necessity. The sums thus excluded from the Statement now submitted are shown in the margin. The Collectors have now been provided generally with the necessary supply of Stock from the public funds, and the Board think that except under very special circumstances, the Presses should now be left to their own resources. Renewal of the Presses will of course be necessary hereafter, but against this there will be the set off of value of work done for, but not charged to Government, and the saving in Establishments which but for these useful appendages to the Collectorate Offices would certainly have to be augmented; so greatly has public business increased of late years. If properly managed the Board believe that the Presses, once fairly established will be able to meet all their ordinary expenditure, and with a Deputy Collector permanently, resident at the Head-quarters of each District, there is no excuse for mismanagement.

13. The Board would suggest some slight alterations in the form of Statement No. 2. They are of opinion that the column "Reduction in the public Establishment" should altogether be omitted in future Statements, as all the Districts have been provided with permanent Establishments for their Presses on an uniform scale fixed by Mr. Pelly. The charges in columns 8 and 9 should be only those incurred out of Press funds, column 8 showing those for *Extra* Establishment and contingencies; and column 9 those for repair of Press articles and purchase of Stock; but in order that the *whole* charges may be exhibited well two columns should be added at the end of the Statement, one to show the permanent Establishment, and the other the value of Stock (if any) supplied hereafter for Government out of the general revenue. If Government approve of these changes, future Statements will be prepared accordingly.

14. The Board trust that the operations of the District Presses during the year under report will be deemed satisfactory by Government. They regard the Establishment of these Presses as one of the most useful administrative improvements of late years, and at once advantageous to the public and profitable to the State. In the year under report the whole charge for Establishment and contingencies amounted to Rupees 22,63, while the value of work performed was no less than Rupees 53,261.

15. The Board regret the delay which has unavoidably occurred in the submission of this report owing to the constant pressure of other business of importance, more especially in connection with the Income Tax and Stamp Acts.

No. 493. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1861, No. 969.

1. In this letter the Board of Revenue report on the working of the Collectorate Presses during the official year 1859-60; and submit two figured Statements, in the forms prescribed in paragraph 13 of the Order of Government, dated 20th September 1859, No. 1,269.

2. Statement 1 is a valuation of all the work done during the year, computed according to a standard furnished for the purpose by the Board. The entire value thus computed was Rupees 53,261; while the entire charge incurred was only Rupees 25,609, and this included above 3,000 Rupees for stock. This is so far satisfactory; but it must not be forgotten that this document is only an estimate.

3. Statement 2 shows the cash receipts and charges of the Presses. Taking those of the year under report only, it is seen that the receipts (columns 4 and 6) amounted to Rupees 26,543; while the current charges were only Rupees 22,263 (column 8). There seems reason to believe too (paragraph 11 of Board's Proceedings) that the receipts from the Gazette in some Districts are less than they ought to be, from the practice which prevailed during part of the year, of issuing very large numbers gratis. This excess of receipts over charges is very satisfactory; though even were the balance the other way, the Government would still agree with the Board (paragraph 14) in considering the Establishment of the Presses to be a very important administrative improvement.

4. Statement 2 was designed to give the actual receipts and charges of the year. The Board have now introduced a column to show the cash balance of the previous year, and this is approved; the previous and current demands, which are mixed up together in column 3, should be shown in separate columns. Thus the Statement will show the whole actual position of the Presses as to cash transactions.

5. Adverting to paragraph 13, the Government observe that the reason of introducing into the Statement the saving made in the Public Establishments, was that that saving is a set off against the cost of the actual Press Establishments which is shown among the charges. The Board's present proposal on this point appears to be to exclude the Establishments from both sides, viz., both from the receipts and from the charges; the actual cost of the permanent Establishments being shown separately at the end of the Statement. To this the Government will not object; but care should be taken that the fact that reductions of Establishment were made to meet the cost of the Press Establishment shall not altogether fall out of remembrance.

6. The other changes proposed in this paragraph (13) are approved.

7. The outstanding balances shown in column 5 are very large, especially in the Districts noted in the margin. The actual amount is largest in Malabar; but those in Salem and Nellore are by far the largest in comparison with the demand. The attention of all the Collectors should be called to these balances; no reason appears why there should in fact be any balances at all. So far as they consist of Gazette subscriptions they might be prevented by requiring payment of each quarter's subscription in advance; and the rate of subscription being so low this might very fairly be done. So far as they consist of the value of other work, done

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Malabar.....	954	8	0
South Canara	368	14	0
Salem	427	9	0
Nellore.....	395	10	0

by the Presses for private persons, they would be prevented by a rule, which ought to be insisted on, that all such work should be paid for before delivery.

8. The total of column 6 of this Statement is erroneously printed as Rupees 6,000-9-7, instead of Rupees 16,000-9-7, such mistakes are very apt to mislead and cause confusion. The Government regret that the work of the Government Press is by no means as correct as it ought to be. But they must call the attention of the Board of Revenue to an observation which they

had occasion to record in 1859; * viz., that the Government have a right to expect that the Board will take special means to ensure the correctness of figured Statements laid before Government.

9. In paragraph 6 the Board suggest that the value assigned to the District Gazettes in Statement 1 should be, as in the case of other work, their computed value according to the table adverted to above in paragraph 2, instead of the amount of the subscription. The Statement being an estimate the course thus suggested is correct, and should be followed in future years.

10. The Government note striking differences in the quantity of work done by the Presses of the several Districts. Thus of Office papers, which is the main and primary use of the Presses, there were the following discrepancies:—

Districts.	No. of Office papers.	Districts.	No. of Office papers.
Ganjam.....	97	Kistna.....	382
Kurnool.....	87	North Arcot.....	476
Tinnevely.....	92	Tanjore.....	348
Coimbatore.....	100	Salem.....	356
Total.....	376	Total.....	1,562

In the Districts on the left hand the quantity of work was less than a fourth of that in those on the right hand. It cannot be supposed that the quantity of work to be done differed in the same proportion; and the inference seems to follow that there was less disposition to turn the Presses to account in this way in the one set of Districts than in the other.

11. The amount of work done in printing Selections from the Records of Government was in general very small, the whole number of papers printed was only four; of which two were in Ganjam, one in the Kistna, and one in Malabar. The Board dwell on this omission (paragraph 8), and the Government agree with them that this use of the Press would, under judicious management, be beneficial. But they consider it much more important that the primary object of the Presses adverted to in the preceding paragraph should receive full development, viz., the saving of manual labor in copying Circulars, and the dissemination not to the Taluq officials only, but throughout the villages, of rules, orders, or information affecting the actual business and comfort of large classes.

12. Paragraph 9 will be communicated to the Court of Sudder Adalat, with the request that they will report what measures they have adopted for extending the use of printing in the Judicial Department.

13. The other paragraphs of the Board's letter do not require special notice.

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

STATEMENT shewing the operations of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency during 1859-60.

No. 1.

Districts.	Revenue Department.										Judicial Department.		Other public Total of Govt. work.				Private work.		Total.			
	Office work.		District Gazettes.								Selections from the Records.	Department.		Offices.		work.						
	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Total number of issues.	Number of Copies.				Total.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.		Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.						
				Full subscription.	Reduced subscrip- tion.	On payment.	Total.															
1 Ganjam.....	97	607	56	1,155			1,155	10,651	1,603	2	341	2,551	7	17	18	65	180	2,633	7	36	187	2,669
2 Godavery District.....	199	1,331	56	4,662			4,662	21,479	1,019	...	...	2,350	30	93	40	189	325	2,632	53	142	378	2,774
3 Kistnah District.....	382	964	60	20,403			24,097	44,500	2,965	1	15	3,944	11	73	69	288	523	4,305	97	127	620	4,432
4 Nellore.....	168	1,149	53	449			449	14,616	1,115	...	...	2,264	23	66	38	113	287	2,443	28	137	315	2,580
5 Cuddapah.....	219	1,354	52	481			481	4,230	881	...	...	2,235	27	59	37	48	335	2,342	2	7	337	2,349
6 Bellary.....	169	938	51	4,889			2,484	7,372	1,403	...	...	2,366	48	126	100	275	368	2,767	35	86	403	2,853
7 Kurnool.....	87	689										689	41	161	61	153	189	1,003	3	159	192	1,162
8 Madras.....	254	1,421	52	5,461			5,461	9,225	936	...	...	2,357	12	98	5	44	323	2,499	2	11	325	2,510
9 North Arcot.....	476	1,577	52	107			107	3,351	978	...	...	2,555	42	109	6	9	576	2,673	2	2	578	2,675
10 South Arcot.....	151	1,616	52	1,895			2,085	3,942	1,834	...	...	3,450	57	384	49	164	309	3,998	4	30	313	4,028
11 Tanjore.....	248	2,412	61	3,940			3,940	12,230	1,486	...	...	3,898	1	24	21	125	431	4,017	3	6	434	4,053
12 Trichinopoly.....	136	1,018	31	217			217	2,086	484	...	...	1,502	18	41	21	40	206	1,586	9	9	215	1,595
13 Madura.....	255	1,058	51	1,318			1,318	5,843	930	...	...	1,988	33	57	2	5	341	2,050	23	22	364	2,072
14 Tinnevely.....	92	746	24	1,104			1,104	4,013	675	...	...	1,421	60	194	2	5	178	1,620	3	22	181	1,642
15 Coimbatore.....	100	1,697	51	1,171			1,171	7,122	981	...	...	2,678	29	156	8	7	188	2,841	12	37	200	2,878
16 Salem.....	356	1,806	50	613			621	2,196	1,216	...	...	3,022	32	53	13	133	451	3,208	12	12	463	3,220
17 North Canara.....	221	1,989	51	278			278	6,061	2,538	...	...	4,527	16	60	57	225	345	4,812	2	28	347	4,840
18 Malabar.....	263	1,148	30	2,639			2,639	6,883	1,060	1	28	2,236	26	363	80	1,024	406	3,623	184	1,306	590	4,929
Total.....	3,973	23,515	841	52,269	5,424	1,65,811	22,104	4	384	46,033	513	2,137	627	2,912	5,961	51,082	481	2,179	6,442	53,261		

No. 2.
STATEMENT showing the Receipts and Charges of the several Collectorate Presides in the Madras Presidency in 1859-60.

Districts.	Demand, Collection, and Balance of the current year.			Total Receipts.		Charges.			Balance of Cash in hand.	Percentage of columns 8 to 7.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Cash balance at the end of last year brought forward.	Demand inclusive of the last year's outstanding balance.	Collection.	Outstanding balance.	Reduction in the Public Establishment.	Columns 2, 4 and 6.	Establishment and Contingencies.	Purchase of Stock.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1 Ganjam.....	188 2 0	320 8 4	256 2 8	64 5 8	996 0 0	1,440 4 8	1,122 8 2	31 2 0	1,153 10 2	286 10 6
2 Godavery District.....	195 12 10	1,339 12 6	1,134 0 6	205 12 0	830 5 2	2,160 2 6	1,444 1 9	...	1,444 1 9	716 0 9
3 Kistna District.....	1,033 4 5	1,586 10 0	1,393 6 0	193 4 0	1,521 4 1	3,947 14 6	2,207 9 4	138 3 4	2,345 12 8	1,602 1 10
4 Nellore.....	70 14 0	455 6 3	59 12 0	395 10 3	1,015 0 0	1,145 10 0	1,030 13 2	9 4 0	1,040 1 2	105 8 10
5 Cuddapah.....	...	284 11 11	261 1 11	23 10 0	1,156 0 9	1,417 2 8	1,156 0 9	...	1,040 0 2	261 1 11
6 Bellary.....	1,306 8 9	700 0 1	688 8 1	11 8 0	868 8 3	2,863 9 1	1,040 0 2	...	1,040 0 2	1,823 8 11
7 Kurnool.....	...	308 13 10	308 13 10	...	674 2 8	983 0 6	730 15 3	227 11 0	958 10 3	24 6 3
8 Madras.....	201 3 1	464 11 0	443 15 0	20 12 0	889 9 8	1,534 11 9	889 9 8	463 3 6	1,852 13 2	181 14 7
9 North Arcot.....	212 8 9	219 10 4	219 10 4	...	1,092 0 0	1,524 3 1	1,172 4 8	193 2 3	1,365 6 11	158 12 2
10 South Arcot.....	607 10 9	462 1 4	355 7 10	106 9 6	1,104 0 0	2,067 2 7	1,744 11 0	100 0 0	1,844 11 0	222 7 7
11 Tanjore.....	111 2 8	1,065 15 7	815 6 8	250 8 11	1,020 0 0	1,946 9 5	1,536 5 3	...	1,536 5 3	410 4 2
12 Trichinopoly.....	344 1 6	179 12 5	145 8 3	34 4 2	610 9 2	1,100 2 11	770 3 10	...	770 3 10	329 15 1
13 Madura.....	505 9 4	527 14 2	511 10 2	16 4 0	918 1 3	1,935 4 9	999 11 8	502 8 0	1,502 3 3	483 1 6
14 Tinnevely.....	742 8 7	83 1 0	79 15 0	3 2 0	763 4 0	1,585 11 7	763 4 0	50 8 0	813 12 0	771 15 7
15 Coimbatore.....	779 6 5	312 2 9	254 12 9	57 6 0	617 9 2	1,651 12 4	867 4 10	173 4 5	1,040 9 3	611 3 1
16 Salem.....	1,480 3 4	563 2 11	140 9 10	427 9 1	960 0 0	2,580 13 2	1,597 6 4	11 13 11	1,609 4 3	971 8 11
17 South Canara.....	397 7 10	1,608 14 0	1,240 13 10	368 14 0	550 3 5	2,188 9 1	1,507 13 7	404 0 0	1,911 13 7	276 11 6
18 Malabar.....	1,997 13 1	3,187 13 11	2,233 5 11	954 8 0	414 0 0	4,645 3 0	1,682 8 11	1,041 9 1	2,724 2 3	1,921 1 0
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posed in this para (13)
are approved.

4. — The outstanding
balances shown in column 5
are very large, especially in
the Districts noted in the
margin. The actual amount
is largest in Malabar; but
those in Salem and Bellary
are by far the largest in
comparison with the entire
district. The attention of
all the Collectors should
be called to these balances;
no reason appears why
there should in fact be any
balances

Malabar —	954-8
S. Canara —	368-14
Salem —	427-9
Bellary —	395-10

balances at all. So far as
they consist of Gazette
subscriptions they might
be prevented by requiring
payment of each Quarter's
subscription in advance,
and the rate of subscription
being so low this might
very fairly be done. So
far as they consist of the
value of other work done
by the Press for private
persons, they would be
prevented by a rule, which
ought to be insisted on,
that all such work
should be paid for before
delivery.

8. The total of Col 6
of this statement is erroneous,
— by printed as Rs 6000-9-7
instead of Rs 16000-9-7
such

Such mistakes are very apt
to mislead and cause con-
fusion. The Govt. regrets
that the work of the Govt.
Press is by no means as cor-
rect as it ought to be. But
they must call the attention
of the Board of Revenue
to an observation which
they had occasion to record
in 1859,
last year, viz. that the
Govt. have a right to expect
that the Board will take
special means to ensure
the correctness of figured
statements laid before
Government.

9. In Para 6 the
Board suggest that the
value assigned to the Dis-
trict Gazette in Statement 1
should

Order of 26th Sept. 1861,
Para 25.

9
should be, as in the case
of other work, their com-
puted value according
to the Table adverted to
above in Para 2, instead
of the amount of the
subscription. The statement
being an estimate the
course thus suggested is
correct, and should be
followed in future
years.

10. — The Government
note striking differences
in the quantity of work
done by the Presses of the
several Districts. Thus
of office papers, which is
the main primary use
of the Presses there were
the

the following discrepancies.

Districts	No. of Office papers.	Districts	No. of Office papers.
Gangam ———	97	Kistna ———	382
Kurnool ———	87	North Arcot ———	476
Tinnevely ———	92	Tanjore ———	318
Coimbatore ———	100	Salem ———	356
<u>Total</u>	<u>376</u>		<u>1562</u>

In the Districts on the left hand the quantity of work was less than a fourth of that in those on the right hand. It cannot be supposed that the quantity of work to be done differed in the same proportion; and the inference seems to follow that there was

was less disposition to ^{to} turn the Presses to account in this way in the one set of Districts than in the other.

11. — The amount of work done in printing selections from the Records of Government was in general very small. The whole number of papers printed was only four, of which two were in Gangam, one in the Kistna, and one in Malabar. The Board dwell on this omission (Para 8) and the Government agree with them that this use of the Press would, under judicious management, be

be beneficial. But they consider it much more important that the primary object of the Presses adverted to in the preceding paragraph should receive full development; viz. the saving of manual labor in copying circulars, and the dissemination not to the Taluk Officials only but throughout the villages, of rules, orders, or information affecting the actual business and comfort of large classes.

12. — Para 9 will be communicated to the Court of Sudder Adalat, with the request that they will report what

measures

measures they have adopted for extending the use of printing in the Judicial Department.

11 — The other paras of the B^d's letter do not require special notice.

13. Copies. Board of Revenue. Dist^o 20
" " Sudder Adalat from the
" " forw^d of the Board's Pro^o 17th

Copy in a Letter to E
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21-10-59

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31-3-60

410-411

24-12-60

Working of the District
Preps during 1859/60

Revenue 1861 Departt.
Pro: of Govt for April

No 969.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
of 30th April 1861.

From the Govt of India of 24 July/61
On 12th Aug 1861

Review and analyze
the Report of the B^r of
Revenue on the operations
of the Collectorate Preps
during the Official Year
1859-60.

No 492 & 493.