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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th August 1862.*

No. 416. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1862, No. 4,659 :—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Tenkasy, 27th June 1862, No. 254.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 12th instant, No. 3,795, I have the honor to report as follows.

1. In paragraph 4 of my report* on the operations of the Printing Press
* 7th June 1860. in this District for the official year 1859-60, I stated that an Iron hand press was very much needed for printing sundry papers.

2. In paragraph 3 of my report, for the subsequent year 1860-61, I
30th May 1861. observed that the supply of types received in January 1861 was deficient in certain articles, and in paragraph 4 I stated that an Iron hand press also was very much needed. The Board forwarded copies of the above,

Board's Proceedings, 14th August 1861. paragraphs to the Superintendent of the Government Press
No. 4,422. with a request that he will attend to my requisition without delay.

3. The Superintendent, in his Memorandum dated 26th August 1861, requested me to state whether by the Iron hand press required, a Galley proof roller press was intended to be supplied, and in my reply, dated 9th September 1861, I informed him that an Iron hand press was needed, and not a Galley proof roller press as the present wooden one is sufficient for the proof sheets.

4. The Superintendent, in his letter dated 16th October 1861, stated that an Iron press not being procurable at Madras instructions were transmitted to England for one which would be forwarded to Tinnevely immediately on arrival.

5. On the 13th January 1862, he forwarded a Bill of Lading of the shipment by the "Warren Hastings" on the 28th November 1861, of a Columbian press ordered for this District, with a Memorandum requesting that the cost of the same might be forwarded to him, to be remitted to the manufacturers in England in accordance with his arrangements with them, and again in his Memorandum of the 17th February 1862, he drew my attention to his former letter and requested an early remittance of the amount to enable him to give effect to his arrangements with the manufacturers.

6. In my reply, dated 14th March, I informed him that the cost of the Columbian press is included in the amount entered in the Budget Estimate for 1862-63, on account of the requirements of my Printing Office, and that on the Budget being sanctioned by the Government of India the value of this Columbian press would be remitted to him, and further if he desired it the sum of Rupees 370, being the surplus earnings of the Press, would be remitted to him.

7. The Superintendent, in his letter of the 20th March, requested me to remit to him the above sum of Rupees 370 in part payment of the cost of the Press. Believing that the Press was purchased by the Superintendent under the orders of the

Vide their Proceedings of 14th August 1861, No. 4,422. Board, I remitted the sum in question by a Transfer Receipt on the 2nd April 1862. It was debited in the accounts

under the head of deposit to be adjusted after the Budget Estimate has been sanctioned by the Government of India.

8. The Proceedings of the Board observing that another Iron press was unnecessary was only received by me on the 19th April 1862, or 17 days after the amount had been remitted to the Superintendent.

9. The Wooden press already supplied is old, and is not so useful as the Columbian Iron one now at work, the former being available for taking proof sheets alone. Consequently a Columbian Iron Press is really necessary in consideration of the augmentation of work in the Press.

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10. Under the explanation above given, the Board will perceive that the press was not purchased by the Superintendent at the request of the Collector as observed by them; and under the circumstances of the case, I request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the entire sum of Rupees 598-3-4, being the cost of the press.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the cost of the Iron Press purchased for his District being Rupees 598-3-4 be sanctioned. A sum of Rupees 800 has been provided in the Budget for 1862-63 for the purchase of Press, Plant, &c.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 417. Memorandum from H. SMITH, Esq., Superintendent Government Press, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 8th August 1862.

The Superintendent Government Printing Establishment, in reply to the Chief Secretary's Memorandum of yesterday, begs to state that the Columbian Press therein referred to (which was ordered by the Collector of Tinnevely) arrived by the "Warren Hastings" some months back, and was despatched to that Officer in June. Of the cost of the press (Rupees 598-3-4) as per Invoice furnished by the manufacturers Messrs. Wood & Co. of London, Rupees 370 have been remitted by the Collector, and the balance Rupees 260-7-7 (inclusive of charges) still remains unpaid, although repeated applications have been made on the subject of the great delay in remitting the cost to England and the difficulty that might result from it in obtaining future supplies from there.

No. 418.

ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1862, No. 1,847.

1. In the first of these papers the Board of Revenue request sanction for the cost, viz., Rupees 598-3-4, of an Iron Press purchased for the Tinnevely District.

2. It appears from the Collector's letter submitted by the Board and the correspondence therein quoted, that the Collector first applied for an Iron *Hand* Press; and the Board, in Proceedings 14th August 1861, desired the Superintendent of the Government Press to attend to the requisition without delay. A Columbian Iron Press having been included in an Estimate for Types, &c., subsequently submitted by the Collector, the Board, in Proceedings 9th April 1862, observed that an Iron Press valued at Rupees 500 had already been supplied to Tinnevely, and that a second Press of the same kind was unnecessary. The Collector, however, intimated in reply that the Superintendent, acting under the Board's Proceedings of 14th August 1861, had already ordered a Columbian Iron Press from England.

3. The Board's order in Proceedings 14th August 1861, directing the Superintendent to attend to the Collector's requisition for an Iron *Hand* Press, it is explained, was issued by them under the impression that the Press was a part of the sanctioned supply. The Board should have satisfied themselves on the point before issuing the order. The Superintendent of the Government Press was also wrong in ordering an expensive Columbian Press, while the Board's order referred merely to a *Hand* Press. If the Superintendent had any doubt as to the kind of Press to be supplied, he should have referred to the Board for instructions.

4. Under the circumstances, the Government have no alternative but to sanction the cost of the Press, which it is observed, is given in the Superintendent's Memorandum above recorded as Rupees 630-7-7, inclusive of charges. This amount will be met out of the sum of Rupees 800 provided in the current year's Budget for the purchase of Press, Plant, &c.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Revenue Department

N^o 1847-

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 30th Aug^r. 1862

Read the following papers

Proceedings of the B^d of Revenue

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, with the Board's recommendation that the cost of the Iron Press purchased for his district be sanctioned.

(Here enter 18th July 1862 N^o 4659)

From the Supt. of the Gov^t. Press

With reference to Off^r Memo. N^o 1444 of 7th August 1862 reports that the Columbian Press for the Tinnevely Collectorate arrived here some months back and was despatched to the Coll^r of that District in June last.

(Here enter 8th August 1862)

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1st Board of Revenue Secy

2nd Accountant General

3rd Civil Paymaster

4th Supt. Govt. Press

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Pro. No. 492-493
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- 390-391
26-6-62
- 40-41
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Iron Press for Tinnevely
district -

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Pro: of Govt. for August -

No 1847.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D^d 30th August 1862.

Sanctioning Rs 630-
7-7. Cost of the Columbian
Press including charges,
for Tinnevely.

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