

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 582	Press ~~Mis.~~
262-263	
Dated 15-3-1862	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th March 1862.*

No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1861, No. 7,111 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 19th November 1861, No. 216.

SIR,

1. Having been in correspondence with Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., London, I have the honor to enclose a copy of their reply together with the List of the Caxton Printing Machine therein alluded to, and to request

No. 3 to print 36 by 24 inches.

Balance in favor of the Press 31st

October 1861..... 3,835

Deduct amount to be paid for

types, &c., alluded to in letter

to Board, dated 6th instant,

No. 231..... say... 1,090

Balance Rupees .. 2,835

that the Board will be good enough to sanction the purchase of one of the Machines of the value of £140, or Rupees 1,400 which, as well as the charges of transport to India, can be met out of the earnings of the Press amounting, as per margin, to Rupees 3,835.

2. The advantages to be derived from the use of such a Machine are too obvious to need any observation from me. I may, however, state that from the two Presses now in my

Office from 2,000 to 2,500 impressions only can be struck off per day, and from the fact that no less than 3,00,000 forms of village accounts, Pattahs, and Revenue receipts for the Taluqs had to be printed lately, other works (especially job work which contributes largely to the resources of the Press) were necessarily stopped. With the Caxton Machine any amount of Office work could be turned out without detriment to the earnings of the Press.

3. I beg further that I may be permitted to procure from England, at the same time a supply of brass rules and few other articles enumerated in the accompanying list, the want of which greatly retards the working of the Press, which may cost above 225 Rupees.

4. In the event of the Board sanctioning the purchase of the Machine, the small Iron Press supplied to me in 1856 can be dispensed with, and transferred to any other District.

5. Soliciting the early orders of the Board.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposals be sanctioned, the cost being charged to the surplus earnings of the Press in deposit.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 263.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1862, No. 582.

Sanctioned, on the condition that the requisite funds are available.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

56, The Secretary
Revenue Dept.

Memorandum.

On the subject of the accompanying
reference I beg to submit that there is
always a loss of money involved in
obtaining articles of this description through
such Agency as Smith, Elder and Co. as
well as much inconvenience in the
event of mistakes arising - such as
portions of the Machinery being
defective or omitted to be sent.
The manufacturer's list the price is
£10 lower than that given in the
Collector's letter, and I would recommend
that the machine referred to if obtained
at all, should be obtained direct. It is
probable, however, that if the forms of
which such large editions are required
to be printed, were struck off at once
and forwarded to the Collector, no
additional machinery would be
required at all.

J. B. Smith,

For Secy,
16th Jan, 1862.

Superintendent.

The Secretary
Revenue Dept.

No. 7,111.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th December 1861.

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* Dated 20th September 1861.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of a letter from Smith, Elder and Co. London, with regard to "Caxton" and "Main" Printing Press.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List of articles required for the use of the Government Printing Press in the District of Malabar.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposals be sanctioned, the cost being charged to the surplus earnings of the Press in deposit.

(A true Copy and Extract.)



Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.; with original enclosures.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Ed. J. Wright.

