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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 672

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
20th April 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 315. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1864, No. 1,841.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 5th March 1864, No. 50 :—

1. In a letter dated 7th April 1863, No. 48, Mr. Hodgson proposed to spend the sum of Rupees 833, out of the earnings of the Press for the purchase of a second Press and other printing materials, and this proposal having been sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings\* dated

9th June 1863, No. 3,353, a requisition was made to the Superintendent of the Government Press at Madras on the 24th July 1863, to procure an Iron Hagar Press with apparatus complete, as well as English type, &c., a Memorandum of the probable price of each article being at the same time forwarded to him.

2. Previous to ordering the Press, I inquired its probable cost from the German Missionaries in this Town, and had no reason whatever to suppose from what they told me, that I should not have ample funds to meet all probable demands; indeed if such had not been the case, I should never have thought of ordering it; but from the enclosed letter from the Superintendent of the Government Press at Madras (copy of which is herewith forwarded), the Board will perceive that I have to remit to him the sum of Rupees 1,938-12-0 instead of some Rupees 700 and odd.

3. I need hardly say how much I regret that Mr. Hodgson's estimate should have been so much exceeded, and must express my astonishment that the Superintendent of the Government Press did not think fit to write and inform me that a Hagar Press was a much dearer article than I supposed.

4. As the Press has however been already ordered, and I am requested to remit the above-mentioned sum as early as practicable, and I am at a loss to know how the excess is to be met without making use of the savings from some other provisions in the Budget amount of the year, I beg to propose the following arrangement :—

|                                                                                      |     |     |            |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------|-------|
| Fund held in deposit                                                                 | ... | ... | ...        | RS.   |
| Actually paid out for benches, desks, &c.                                            | ... | ... | ...        | 833   |
|                                                                                      |     |     |            | 48    |
|                                                                                      |     |     | Balance... | 785   |
| Add expected unexpended balance of the allotment of 1,000 Rupees, Government Order   |     |     |            |       |
| 23rd September 1862, No. 2,067...                                                    |     |     |            | 800   |
| Saving in the Budget of 1863-64, under "IV Miscellaneous" minor head "Pearl Fishery" |     |     |            | 500   |
|                                                                                      |     |     |            | 2,085 |
| Invoice cost of the expected Hagar Press, complete.                                  |     |     |            | 1,939 |
|                                                                                      |     |     | Balance... | 146   |

5. The amount actually available from the sum of Rupees 833 is Rupees 785. To this I propose to add the unexpended portion of the allowance of the 1,000 Rupees provided in the Budget for printing materials, &c., as well as another saving in the Budget of Rupees 500 under the head "IV Miscellaneous" as shown in the margin. This appears to me to be the only way by which the present requirement may be met, and I trust that the Board will be pleased

to obtain for me the sanction of Government for the same.

6. The necessity of a second press is unquestionable, and the one now procured seems to be altogether well suited for the purpose required. I have already stated in my letter of the 22nd ultimo the present inefficient state of my Printing Department, and I beg now to add that only yesterday I was compelled to return to the Superintendent of Police several forms required by that Officer, as the Gazette itself occupies the existing Press for nearly four days out of six in the week, and the remaining two days are scarcely sufficient to meet the ordinary wants of my own Departments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

*Memorandum.*

The Superintendent Government Printing Establishment has the pleasure to state that intimation has been just received with Invoice Bill of Lading, &c., of the shipment by the "Scoresby," on the 18th January, of the Hagar Press ordered for the Collectorate of South Canara, and to

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request that the proportion of cost of the same (inclusive of English charges, &c.), as per annexed Memorandum, and calculated at the current rate of exchange, may be forwarded as early as practicable, in order that he may be enabled to remit to the Manufacturers in England, in accordance with his arrangements with them on the subject. The Press has been shipped complete with inking apparatus, spare hooks and eyes, &c., and all its parts are clearly marked so as to obviate any difficulty in setting it up.

24th February 1864.

(Signed) H. SMITH,  
Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment.

MEMORANDUM.

|                                                        | £.   | s.  | d. |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|----|-------------------|
| 1 Iron Hagar Press, 2 feet 9½ inches × 2 feet 2 inches | 125  | 0   | 0  |                   |
| Extra set Roller Stocks for ditto                      | 5    | 0   | 0  |                   |
| Set Roller Moulds                                      | 20   | 0   | 0  |                   |
| Extra Girth Band                                       | 0    | 15  | 0  |                   |
| 3 Extra sets Hooks and eyes                            | 0    | 12  | 0  |                   |
| 2 Blankets                                             | 2    | 2   | 0  |                   |
| Composition Roller Melting Pot...                      | 0    | 12  | 6  |                   |
| 56 lbs. Roller composition...                          | 3    | 10  | 0  |                   |
| 2 28 lbs. Tin cases for ditto.                         | 0    | 7   | 0  |                   |
| 2 Double crown work Chases                             | 1    | 17  | 0  |                   |
| Packing charges                                        | 12   | 11  | 11 |                   |
| Freight, &c., charges                                  | 12   | 8   | 5  |                   |
| Commission at 5 per cent...                            |      |     |    | 184 12 10         |
|                                                        |      |     |    | 9 4 8             |
|                                                        | £... | 193 | 17 | 6                 |
| Exchange at 2s. per Rupee                              |      |     |    | Rupees 1,938 12 0 |

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. L. MORRIS,  
Acting Collector.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with copy of the previous correspondence quoted by Mr. Morris, and with the Board's recommendation that he be permitted to provide the balance cost of the Press from the savings under "IV Miscellaneous Other items" for which Rupees 500 were provided. There is no provision for a Pearl Fishery in South Canara.

2. The Superintendent of the Government Press ought to have informed the late Acting Collector that his estimate was under the probable cost, or else have limited his order to the sum estimated by Mr. Hodgson. The Board presume that the transaction was one of those which the Government permitted Mr. Smith to undertake on commission, but they also presume that it was intended that his professional knowledge of the matter should be used for the advantage of Government, and to save them from larger expenditure than was contemplated, which result has not been attained on the present occasion.

No. 316. Memorandum from the Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 5th April 1864.

1. On the subject of the accompanying reference,\* I have to submit that, until the receipt of the requisition from the Acting Collector of South Canara, I had never heard of a "Hagar Press;" but, from the wording of the Invoice lately received with advice of its shipment, I conclude it to be a newly invented (probably German) printing machine, of very different construction to the ordinary hand Presses hitherto supplied to the District Presses.

2. The cost of the Columbian Hand Presses hitherto usually supplied has been about 500 Rupees each, and I have always considered them to be the most suitable, as being easy and

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efficient in their working, not liable to get out of order, and the most durable Presses that could be used.

3. I was unable to inform the Collector of the expensive character of the Press he ordered for the reason stated above; I had never heard of its existence. I concluded also that the Collector was fully informed upon the subject, for, while he gave no instructions limiting its cost, he stated what its cost would be, and I had no data on which to check his estimate, and no reason to doubt its correctness. I had doubts, however, of the advisability of introducing a description of Printing Press into the Collectorate Offices, of the construction of which I was wholly ignorant, and respecting which not only frequent repairs but also much troublesome instruction might afterwards be required of me, and I suspended the execution of the order until I had communicated with the Collector, further, on the subject, and advised him not to make the change.

4. Annexed are extracts from my letter and the Collector's reply on this subject.

*Extract from the letter to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 11th August 1863.*

"The Hagar Press is no where to be had in Madras, but may be procurable from England. On an urgent requisition being sent to the manufacturer (who is not known here) it would probably be landed here in about five months. It will be obtained on receipt of your instructions to that effect. Columbian Presses, however, are most used in this country, and, from their simplicity of construction, are very suitable to Native workmen."

*Extract from the Collector's reply, dated 18th August 1863.*

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, I have the honor to inform you that as I prefer the Hagar Press, I shall be obliged by your procuring me one from England at your earliest convenience."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) H. SMITH, Superintendent.

P. S.—I beg to add in excuse of my ignorance on the subject of the "Hagar Press," that I have been in Government employ at Madras for more than sixteen years and nearly twenty years away from England; and that, to the best of my belief, the invention is a recent and foreign one, and not such as I could expect to obtain early information respecting from England, without some occasion arising for special inquiry. I consulted the catalogues and made every possible inquiry here upon the subject at the time, but was unable to obtain any information. Mr. Morgan, even, who had not been seven years out, declared that he had never heard of such a Press.

(Signed) H. SMITH,

6th April 1864.

Superintendent, Government Printing Establishment.

No. 317.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1864, No. 672.

1. The Government have no alternative but to sanction the charge. The Board will instruct Collectors not to purchase articles of other than the descriptions in general use without special permission, which should only be accorded after receipt of full information.

2. The explanation of the Superintendent of the Government Press exonerates him from blame in the matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Accountant General.

„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th June 1863.

Read the following letters:—

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1863, No. 209.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Miscellaneous Circular No. 17, Board's No. 1,524, dated the 14th March last, on the working of District Presses.
2. The following statement shows the receipts and disbursements of the Press of this District from 30th April 1862 to the end of March last, and the balance remaining at my disposal at the latter date.

## Receipts.

|                                                                    |     |     |     |     |     |       |    |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|---|
| Balance on hand on 1st May 1862...                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 499   | 14 | 9 |
| Subscriptions on account of Gazettes, value of private work, &c... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 117   | 13 | 8 |
| Sale proceeds of rules of practice, &c., published at the Press... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 453   | 8  | 0 |
|                                                                    |     |     |     |     |     | 1,071 | 4  | 5 |

## Disbursements.

|                                                 |     |     |     |            |     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|---|---|
| Contingent expences incurred up to end of March | ... | ... | ... | ...        | 369 | 0 | 0 |
|                                                 |     |     |     |            |     |   |   |
|                                                 |     |     |     | Balance... | 702 | 4 | 5 |

3. I beg to forward two lists of type, &c. (with a Memorandum of prices) absolutely necessary to maintain our Press in working order.

4. The balance on hand to the end of last month as shown above, is Rupees 702-4-5, the estimated value of the type, &c., required, is Rupees 837-0-6 or Rupees 134-12-1 more than remains at my disposal, and which I trust the Board will be able to transfer from some other District as suggested by them in paragraph 1 of their Proceedings.

5. The Board approved in their Proceedings of 30th May last, the entertainment of apprentices on the suggestion of my Treasury Deputy Collector. One apprentice was accordingly entertained from 25th July last at 7 Rupees a month.

6. The apprentice has worked fast and well, in so much as the work done by him up to the end of March last has realized upwards of Rupees 400.

7. I, therefore, strongly support the recommendation of my Treasury Deputy to keep on the apprentice, and beg to submit the usual tabular form for sanction.

## ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT—Tabular Statement showing the present and proposed establishment required, on account of Press Department work in Vizagapatam District.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 6th April 1863, No. 74.

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,524, I have the honor to annex an Account-current of the Press Funds closed up to the end of March 1863.

2. It will be seen that Rupees 781-2-1 are now at my disposal, but there are demands against it to the amount of about Rupees 500. I expect very soon an Albion Press, capable of striking off four Foolscap sheets with English type, &c., ordered from England under the authority of the Board's Proceedings dated 20th September 1862, No. 6,307. I have also ordered from Madras a Galley Proof Press of a kind which I saw being used with much advantage in the

Government Press Establishment at Madras, as well as a further supply of Telugu type I do not exactly know what the cost of the articles altogether will be, but I have up to date remitted Rupees 1,400, and hope to hear exact particulars of cost very shortly.

3. A transfer of Rupees 300 from this to any other District appears to me under the circumstances quite feasible, and if the Board think it proper, they may obtain a transfer of the sum of Rupees 303-0-2 credited to XV Miscellaneous in the public accounts for May, June and July 1862, and allot it to other Districts.

4. I would strongly advocate the addition of two apprentices to the permanent Establishment on a pay of Rupees 6 each. Great inconvenience is experienced from the difficulty of finding trained hands to fill up vacancies permanently or temporarily. The difficulty is greater in a District like this too far from the Presidency Town for competent hands trained at Madras to come for employment. The value of work done in the Press is on the increase. Important official papers from the records have been and are being printed. On the above-mentioned grounds, I recommend that this addition to the Establishment be sanctioned. A tabular report in the prescribed form is enclosed.

Dr. Account Current of Press Funds of the Godavery District from May 1862 to March 1863. Co.

|                                                                                                                                                                                | RS.   | A. | P. |                                                                                                                                                                                            | RS.   | A. | P. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| To Balance on the 1st May 1862...                                                                                                                                              | 1,681 | 2  | 8  | By amount of salaries paid to extra Establishments, and other                                                                                                                              | 454   | 3  | 7  |
| To amount received from May 1862 to March 1863.....                                                                                                                            | 1,257 | 3  | 2  | Contingent charges.....                                                                                                                                                                    |       |    |    |
| Deduct collections for May, June and July 1862, carried to the credit of XV Miscellaneous, under the circumstances mentioned in my letter dated 30th August 1862, No. 155..... | 302   | 0  | 2  | By amount remitted by Bills for the purchase of an Albion Press and English type, a Galley Press and Telugu type under the sanction of the Board dated 20th September 1862, No. 6,307..... | 1,100 | 0  | 0  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | 954   | 3  | 0  | By Balance on the 31st March 1863.....                                                                                                                                                     | 1,854 | 3  | 7  |
| Total Rupees.....                                                                                                                                                              | 2,635 | 5  | 8  |                                                                                                                                                                                            | 781   | 2  | 1  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |       |    |    | Total Rupees.....                                                                                                                                                                          | 2,635 | 5  | 8  |

(Signed) A. PURVIS, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Tabular report.

From E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 24th April 1863, No. 84.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,524, dated 14th March last, communicating the Order of Government dated 27th January, No. 160. I have the honor to submit a Memorandum of the press earnings now at my disposal.

2. The Board will observe therefrom that the funds in hand amount to Rupees 3,914-13 0, including the past year's earnings. Of this a large sum will be required for purchasing the articles entered in the accompanying Memorandum B.

3. After providing for the requirements of this District, I think a sum of Rupees 2,000 may be transferred to other Districts.

4. There is only one apprentice in the Press Establishment of this District. I beg to state that his services are absolutely necessary, and a tabular Statement in the prescribed form, explaining the grounds on which the addition is required, is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—The description and prices of the undermentioned articles are taken from H. W. Caslon and Co., new specimen Book of Modern Founts.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Tabular Statement of an application for the entertainment of an apprentice in the Collectorate Press of the Kistna District.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Venadu, 9th April 1863, No. 95.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular Proceedings No. XVIII, under date the 14th ultimo, and submit as required a Memorandum, showing the probable Receipts and Charges on account of the Collectorate Press at Nellore, showing an expected balance of Rupees 67-12-11 in favor of the Press at the close of the current official year; and as this balance is so small it is hard to say whether any of the earnings of the Nellore Press can at all be spared for transfer to another District.

2. In regard to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings under acknowledgment, I have the honor to forward a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form for the entertainment of three apprentices on a salary of Rupees 7 each per mensem. The Treasury Deputy Collector in charge of the Press, at whose recommendation this application is made, is of opinion that the employment of apprentices will be of great advantage both in assisting in the work required to be turned out, which is at all times heavy, as well as training for vacancies in the regular Establishment qualified hands, whom it would be otherwise difficult to obtain at Nellore. But in my own opinion it would be better were Collectors allowed to entertain these hands with reference to extra work, and the earnings of the Press from this source.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum of the probable Receipts and Charges on account of the Nellore Collectorate Press for the year 1862-63.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of Charges proposed to be incurred on account of additional Establishment in the official year 1863-64.

Read the following letter from G. H. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muddenpully, 14th April 1863, No. 55:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings\* of the Board of Revenue dated 14th March 1863, No. 1,524, I have the honor to forward copy of an Official Memorandum from my Head Assistant in charge of the Treasury, and Press Departments, dated 8th April 1863, No. 116, stating that the surplus amount† of the Press earnings now on hand will be required for the purchase of Press materials, &c., therein specified which I consider desirable.

2. A statement in the prescribed form is submitted shewing the addition‡ which is urgently necessary to be made to the present permanent Establishment of the Press, and for the reasons shewn by Mr. McQuhae, in his Memorandum above adverted to, I beg to recommend that sanction be obtained for the same, which amounts to Rupees 28 per mensem or Rupees 336 per annum.

|                       | Salary per mensem. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| † 1 Apprentice ... .. | 10                 |
| 1 do. ... ..          | 8                  |
| 1 do. ... ..          | 6                  |
| 1 do. ... ..          | 4                  |
|                       | 28                 |

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Tabular Statement.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Official Memorandum.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vonkaram, 11th April 1863, No. 53.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings No. 1,524, dated 14th March, I have the honor to state that the amount of Press earnings now at our disposal amounts to Rupees 401-10-4.
2. I beg to forward a Statement, detailing the articles which are stated by the Head Compositor to be required to place the Press on a thoroughly efficient footing. The price of these articles is not known in Kurnool, and I beg that the list may be submitted to the Superintendent of the Fort Saint George Press, and that as much new Telugu type, and Small Pica be supplied as the amount available for this press will purchase.
3. Additional Telugu type is particularly required, and is the first essential that should be supplied.
4. The efficiency of the Kurnool Press is very poor, and the work turned out by it worse than that of most of the Collectorate Presses. With the exception of the Head Compositor, none of the Pressmen are skilful workmen, and set up type so slowly that the Press is just able to carry out the current work of the Collectorate, and would be quite unable to print voluminous papers, such as the late proposed Revenue Code.
5. In the difficulty experienced in obtaining skilful workmen at a station so distant from the Presidency as Kurnool, the proposed system of apprentices appears the only available resource, and the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury has recommended the employment of four apprentices, on a pay of Rupees 7; I entirely concur in the necessity of the measure, but consider that two apprentices will be sufficient, on the pay proposed, who will not only be trained up to learn their business as printers, but will from the first be able to assist the present workmen.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum showing the articles required to place the Press of the Kurnool Collectorate on an efficient footing.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Tabular Statement showing the changes contemplated in the Printing Establishment of the Kurnool District.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 10th April 1863, No. 43.

1. I have the honor with reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,524, to state that the balance of Press earnings in hand amounts to Rupees 529-15-0. No part of this sum can be spared for other Districts as good types and other Press materials are much required here to replace the worn out articles now in use. I have in paragraph 7 of my letter of the 23rd August last, No. 178, reported on the present bad quality of the types in use in this District. Arrangements have been made for the purchase of a fount of new Telugu type for printing proclamations, notices, and such like documents which should be in large clear letters. This will absorb the funds in hand or nearly so. To meet the value of the rest of the types required, I request that the Board will be pleased to transfer to this District a sum of Rupees 500 if available out of the surplus of other Districts.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings I beg to state that at this moment I am not prepared to state whether the service of apprentices are absolutely required or not. After three months careful scrutiny of the working of the present establishment, which hitherto has not been so closely looked after as it should have been, I shall report finally on the matter.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1863, No. 120.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding a Memorandum showing the Press earnings and the amount expected to be on hand on the 30th proximo.

From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1863, No. 58.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings No. 1,524, as conveyed in the Miscellaneous Circular No. XVIII, dated the 14th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that there is a balance of Rupees 500 in favor of the press. Of this sum, wooden articles amounting in value to Rupees 90 have been ordered, and the work is in progress; the net amount of balance is therefore 410 Rupees.

2. The Press Department of this Collectorate has a very limited supply of English types. The whole quantity in use would hardly suffice to compose five pages Foolscap size. If the Board could spare 200 Rupees from the surplus funds of other Districts, I would employ it, together with the balance on hand, in purchasing English type. This would, in a great measure, obviate the difficulty experienced on occasions of heavy work being required to be printed.

3. The usually heavy demand and the difficulty we are occasionally thrown into to provide substitutes for Compositors falling sick, or otherwise absenting themselves, render the services of apprentices highly desirable. The Judicial, Public Works, Military, and other Departments, of service in this District, some of which, I presume, have hitherto partly availed themselves of private presses in the country, will, in consequence of their having to pay no charge from the ensuing year for work done for them, engage the District Press to the fullest extent; and any work sent up by them would be speedily\* executed. I would, under these circumstances, strongly advocate the appointment of two apprentices on a salary of 3½ Rupees each. A tabular Statement in the prescribed form is herein enclosed. No provision was made in the Budget for this charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Tabular Statement showing the present and proposed establishment in the Trichinopoly Collectorate.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th April 1863, No. 65.

1. I have the honor with reference to Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. XVIII of the 14th March and in reply to paragraph 1 to enclose a Memorandum of the Press Funds now at my disposal. They amount to Rupees 466-12-11, but of this amount, about Rupees 240 is already taken up for the cost of type ordered from the Superintendent of the Government Press the amount of whose bill is not yet known.

2. The Press of this District is very much in want of material, in proof of which I may mention that it has happened on many occasions that all work on hand has had to be thrown out of type in order to provide the necessary material for the Gazette.

3. Since I took charge of the District, I have made every exertion to remedy this defect, but I have been very much impeded by want of funds.

4. The entire office has been re-modelled, and I trust, ere long, that I shall establish a much higher efficiency than can at present be boasted.

5. I could with ease expend Rupees 500 to Rupees 700 in material in addition to the amount now in hand, and no part of the material so obtained, would be other than most valuable, I may say essential.

6. I, therefore, beg that the Board will, if able to do so, direct the transfer of Rupees 500 at least to the credit of my Press Fund.

7. Paragraph 2 of the Circular under reply shall have my earliest attention, and shall be noticed as soon as the necessary inquiries have been completed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum showing the amount of Press Funds.

From A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 7th April 1863, No. 43.

1. In reply to Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, No. XVIII of 1863, I have the honor to inform you, that at the end of March there was a sum of Rupees 1,123-3-2 in hand. For April the receipts will amount to about 50 Rupees, making a total sum of Rupees 1,173-3-2, from which if 40 Rupees, the probable expenditure during April be deducted, the balance of Rupees 1,133-3-2 will be available for expenditure.

2. It will be necessary to print 29,000 copies of manifests and other Sea Customs forms for the use of merchants during the next trading season, to whom they are furnished at certain fixed rates. This is done every year, and for the purpose Rupees 300 of the amount in hand should be set apart, as a great portion of it is an accumulation of the sale proceeds of these forms.

3. In future, the annual profit derived from the sale of the forms should not, in my opinion, be credited to press earnings, but to the general deposit account.

4. The number of forms required annually, the cost of printing them and other particulars are exhibited in the margin.

5. After allotting the sum of 300 Rupees for the purpose mentioned, there will be a balance of about Rs. 833-3-2 at the end of April.

6. There are two presses, one small lithographic and a Columbian Printing Press. The number of copies of Gazettes printed weekly during last year was 92. This has now risen to 250. Printing these takes up three whole days in the week. Consequently other necessary work is delayed, and great inconvenience is the result.

7. If there was another Press, work would be much expedited, but the addition of two apprentices to the present Establishment would be required. The prescribed tabular Statement is kept pending the Board's instructions.

8. The estimated cost of a new Press is Rupees 500, and of the type and materials of which there is present need Rupees 333, making a total of Rupees 833 as per enclosed list. To meet this proposed expenditure there will be a sufficient sum in hand. If a new Press is not purchased, there will be a sum of 500 Rupees available for transfer to another District, but I am of opinion that this opportunity should not be lost to provide one, as it is required to meet the increasing work.

The Teulgu types weighing 167 lbs., received from North Canara, are not required. The 66½ lbs. of worn out Canarese type. The instructions of the Board are solicited in their disposal.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the cost of materials required for the Government Press in South

From A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Lakadie, 9th April 1863, No. 64.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. 18, dated 14th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the balance of Press earnings at my disposal on the 1st March 1863, amounted to Rupees 3,765; of this amount a sum of nearly Rupees 1,500 has been absorbed in purchasing a small quantity of additional type and other materials which have been ordered out of England; this will leave an available balance of Rupees 2,300. If the Board think proper to be aware of no objection to this sum, or say 2,000 Rupees, being transferred to other Districts funds are required.

2. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings in regard to the services of apprentices, I beg to observe that were it not for the assistance derived from the employment of extra

hands, it would have been utterly impossible with the fixed Establishment\* sanctioned by Government at a cost of Rupees 1,500 per annum to have turned out in the year 1861-62, work to the value of Rupees 10,849. In the current official year the number of copies of the District Gazette struck off has increased from 435 in May 1862, to 815 in February 1863.

|                            | Monthly salary. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Head Compositor .. .. .    | Rupees 35       |
| Compositor .. .. .         | " 25            |
| Do. @ 15 Rupees each .. .. | " 30            |
| Pressman .. .. .           | " 12            |
| Do. .. .. .                | " 8             |
| Ballman .. .. .            | " 7             |
| Do. .. .. .                | " 7             |
| Total .. .. .              | 125             |

3. Under the new rule that "no charge be made for work done for Public Departments" apprehend there will be a considerable increase in the amount of matter required to be thus undertaken, as the present system of such charges having to be estimated for and sanctioned, proved I believe to a certain extent a restriction as to the amount of printing charges thus incurred.

This check removed, we shall be inundated I fear with miscellaneous work, much of which would otherwise have been saved us.

4. Under the above circumstances, I beg as required to submit a tabular Statement in the prescribed form of the addition to the present permanent Establishment, which I consider will be required to enable me to keep pace with the amount of work likely to be entailed on the Establishment.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of proposed alteration in the Press Department recommended for the sanction of Government of India.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1862, No. 130.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the amount of the Press earnings at the disposal of the Collector, and requesting to obtain and forward English and Tamil types as per accompanying list for the use of the Printing Press.

1. The foregoing are all the replies received to the Board's Circular dated 14th March 1866, No. 1,524, desiring Collectors to furnish a Memorandum of the Press earnings now at their disposal, and to state how much they could spare for other Districts after providing for their own needs. The Collectors of those Districts in which the funds might be small were also desired to state what amount they would require to provide themselves with what is wanted.

Ganjam.  
Bellary.  
Madras.

South Arcot.  
Salem.  
Madura.

2. The Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin have not sent in their replies. From the above letters, the Board learn that certain amounts can be spared from three Districts after providing for their own wants. The following abstract exhibits the amounts available, and required in the Districts named:—

| Districts.          | Funds which can be spared to other Districts. | Fund required from other Districts. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vizagapatam         | Rupees.                                       | Rupees.                             |
| Godavery ... ..     | ...                                           | 135                                 |
| Kistna ... ..       | 500                                           | ...                                 |
| North Arcot ... ..  | 2,000                                         | ...                                 |
| Trichinopoly ... .. | ...                                           | 500                                 |
| Coimbatore ... ..   | ...                                           | 200                                 |
| Malabar ... ..      | 2,000                                         | 500                                 |
|                     | 4,500                                         | 1,335                               |

3. The Board request that the Collector of the Godavery District will remit a sum of Rupees 135 to the Collector of Vizagapatam by a transfer receipt, and that the Collector of the Kistna District will in like manner remit the sums required by the remaining three Districts, amounting altogether to Rupees 1,200. They will also purchase from the surplus such types and materials as are required by them, and will carry any balance that may remain to the credit of the General Revenues in the accounts of the current month. The Collector of Malabar will carry the whole of the surplus balance to the credit of Government.

4. The Collectors who have not replied to the Board's call on the subject, have lost the opportunity afforded by the existence of a surplus in other Districts to supply the needs of their own.

5. The several Collectors will carry to the credit of Government in the accounts of the current month any surplus of Press earnings remaining on the 30th of April last, after setting aside the sums necessary to render their Presses efficient, and will treat all earnings in future in the same manner. Whatever amount is intended to be appropriated for the purchase of printing materials, should be entered as a charge in the accounts to be submitted with the Press report for 1862-63. If this report should have been despatched before the receipt of these Proceedings, a Memorandum of alterations to be made in the Statement of receipts and charges should be forwarded. When any necessity arises hereafter for such expenditure, an estimate of the cost of the articles required will be submitted to the Board for sanction with full explanation of the necessity, and such expenditure will be met from the Budget provision of 1,000 Rupees granted for each District. After receipt of the Board's sanction, the Collectors will themselves send the lists to the Superintendent of the Gazette Press for supply, and will make the payment out of the amount sanctioned, the Superintendent's bill being sent to the Board in support of the charge which will be included in the Contingent Bill.

6. The subject of the Apprentices noticed by the Collectors has been separately disposed of by an application to Government to sanction the entertainment of two Apprentices in each District, on a monthly salary of 7 Rupees each, to be included in the permanent list of Establishments.

7. KURNPOOL.—The Statement of articles required to place his Press in an efficient footing, forwarded by the Collector of Kurnool, will be sent to the Superintendent of the Government Press, with instructions to supply the Collector with them as soon as possible at a cost not exceeding 400 Rupees.

8. SOUTH CANARA.—Mr. Hodgson proposes to allot a sum of Rupees 300 for the purpose of printing Manifests and other Sea Customs forms, and to credit that sum to the General Deposit Account, instead of to the Press Fund. The Board consider this objectionable, and request the Collector to treat the printing of Sea Customs forms in the same way as other Government work, and to carry to the credit of Government the receipts obtained by their sale.

9. The Collector estimates the cost of Press and materials required by him at Rupees 833, being the amount of balance available. The Board sanction the purchase.

10. In the concluding paragraph of his letter the Acting Collector requests instructions for the disposal of the Telooogo types received from North Canara which are not wanted, and of the worn out Canarese types. The Board would request that these types may be despatched to Madras by sea to Beypoor or Calicut, and from thence by rail.

11. TINNEVELLY.—The Collector of Tinnevely has a balance of Rupees 691-12-11, and forwards a list of English and Tamil types required by him. The indent has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Government Press, with instructions to supply the articles as early as possible.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. SCHARLIEB,  
First Assistant.

To All Collectors.

Ed. J. Wright.

# Memorandum.

On the subject of the accompanying reference<sup>+</sup> I have to submit that, until the receipt of the requisition from the Acting Collector of South Canara, I had never heard of a "Hagar Press;" but, from the wording of the Invoice lately received with advice of its shipment, I conclude it to be a newly invented (probably German) printing machine, of very different construction to the ordinary Hand Presses hitherto supplied to the District Presses.

The cost of the Columbian Hand Presses hitherto usually supplied has been about 500 Rs. each, and I have always considered them to be the most suitable, as being easy and efficient in their working, not liable to get out of order, and the most durable Presses that could be used.

I was unable to inform the Collector of the expensive character

<sup>+</sup> Memo. from Secy. to Govt. Rev. Secy. dated 5 April 1864. with enclosures.

Received the Memo of the Secy. to Govt. dated 5 April 1864.

1863. Department.

No. 8145/64.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th June 1863.

Despatched

Received

No. 3353.

Issuing instructions respecting the Press earnings now at the disposal of Collectors.

Character of the Press - he ordered  
for the reason stated above; - I  
had never heard of its existence.  
I concluded also that the  
Collector was fully informed  
upon the subject, for, while he  
gave no instructions limiting  
its cost, he stated what its  
cost would be - and I had  
no data on which to check  
his estimate, and no reason to  
doubt its correctness. I had  
doubts, however, of the advisa-  
bility of introducing a description  
of Printing Press into the Collec-  
torate Offices, of the construction  
of which I was wholly ignorant,  
and respecting which not only  
frequent repairs but also much  
troublesome instruction might  
afterwards be required of  
me, and I suspended the  
Execution of the order until I  
had communicated with the  
Collector, further, on the subject,  
and advised him not to  
make the change.

Enclosed are extracts from  
my letter and the Collector's  
reply on this subject.

H. B. Smith,

Superintendent Govt.  
Printing Establishment.

64 S. 1000  
5. April 1863.

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Extract from the letter to the Acting  
Collector of South America dated  
11<sup>th</sup> August 1863.

"The Hagar press is no where  
to be had in Chabras, but, may be  
procurable from England. On  
an urgent requisition being  
sent to the manufacturer (who  
is not known here) it would  
probably be landed here, in about  
five months. It will be obtained  
on receipt of your instructions to  
that effect. Columbian Presses,  
however, are most used in this  
Country, and, from their simplicity  
of construction, are very suitable  
to native workmen."

Extract from the Collector's reply dated  
18<sup>th</sup> August 1863.

"With reference to your letter  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have the honor  
to inform you that as I prefer  
the Hagar press, I shall be  
obliged by your procuring  
me one from England at your  
earliest convenience."

(True Extracts.)

H. B. Smith,  
Superintendent.

P.S. I beg to add in excuse of my ignorance  
on the subject of the "Hagar Press"  
that

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that I have been in Government employ  
at Madras for more than 16 years  
and nearly 20 years away from  
England, and, that, to the best  
of my belief, the invention is a  
recent and foreign one, and not  
such as I could expect to obtain  
early information respecting,  
from England, without some  
occasion arising for special  
inquiry. I consulted the  
Catalogues and made every  
possible inquiry, here, upon the  
subject at the time, but was  
unable to obtain any information.  
Mr. Morgan, even, who had not  
been seven years out, declared  
that he had never heard of  
such a press.

J. B. N.

6<sup>th</sup> April  
1864.

Dec. 1864. Clifton.  
W. of Bond for 2 years.  
894.  
Green.

From the Capt.  
of Genl. Sear-

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861.  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 1861.

S. D. D. 693-20 April

Preparation of

"Hesperian Prof's introduction  
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to the Delaware and Potomac

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No. 845-

*Dated 30th March 1864.*

Prof. C. F. Smith  
Beckman, Okla.  
1914

No. 1,841.

Submitting with remarks letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara requesting permission to meet the charge of Rupees 500 for the purchase of an Iron Press from the savings under "IV Miscellaneous other items."

21. Opus to the R<sup>d</sup> of Rail Sept. 20 44.  
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3-u Civil Engineer  
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Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1892  
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18672. The Govt have in  
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the change. The Board will  
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purchase articles of other  
than the description in  
general use without a  
special permission, which  
should only be accorded  
after receipt of full infor-  
mation. The explanation  
of the Superintendent of the Govt  
Goods are ordered again from  
France in the matter.