

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1868.

No. 347. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1868, No. 2,173.

Read the following letter from F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1868, No. 22 :—

1. The Board in their Proceedings of 23rd November 1866, No. 8,458, request to be informed what use has been made of a Cotton Press by the Collector.

2. It appears that Mr. Smith lent the Press about a year ago to Mr. Andree, who has been working it ever since in public, and that Mr. Smith was in the habit of going to the Press and explaining its working to the ryots, who came to watch it in large numbers.

3. Considering the very large business in cotton done by Mr. Andree here, on account of the house of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., I think the loan of the Cotton Press to him was as good a method as could have been taken of practically exhibiting its utility.

4. Though I have not myself seen the Press, I am given to understand that it is worked in an open place, where every one can see, and that no one is excluded from the compound in which it is.

1. The Cotton Press mentioned by the Acting Collector in the above letter was supplied by the Dharwar Factory under the Orders of the Madras Government, dated 24th October 1865, No. 2,604.

2. In a letter, dated 17th August 1866, No. 127, the Collector requested the orders of the Board as to the disposal of the Press, stating that it was utterly useless without an establishment to work it; and that as Mr. Barnett, a Railway Contractor, was erecting similar Presses at Cuddapah, the dealers in cotton and ryots would avail themselves of them.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 5th September 1866, No. 6,302.

3. The Board considered* that, as it was the intention of Government in procuring the Press, to afford the ryots of Cuddapah an opportunity of seeing it in actual operation, and of forming their opinion as to its utility, the Collector should arrange for exhibiting it in action in some suitable locality, any petty expenses incurred in the arrangement being charged in his contingent bill.

4. With a letter, dated 15th November 1866, No. 161, the Collector forwarded another from Mr. Andree who, on behalf of a native merchant, who was anxious to purchase the Press, desired to know what it cost, and whether the Collector was willing to dispose of it at cost price; but the Board before sanctioning the sale of the Press, directed the Collector to report what use had been made of it, and the letter above recorded is the reply.

5. As the Press has been worked in public, and the working explained to the ryots, who are reported to have come to see it in large numbers, there is no objection to its sale; but the Board are at a loss to determine its prime cost, because at paragraph 8 of the Circular of the Acting Superintendent of the Dharwar Factory, com-

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municated to them with Government Order dated 24th October 1865, No. 2,604, the price of these Presses was stated to be 400 Rupees each; while the Government were subsequently charged Rupees 3,256-2-5, (*vide* Government Order, dated 21st April 1866, No. 930,) for four Presses, of which that at Cuddapah is one, being the "expenses incurred in constructing and forwarding" them to their respective destinations, viz., two to Bellary for that district and Cuddapah, one to Beypore for Coimbatore, and one to Tuticorin for Tinnevely, the two latter having been ordered to be shipped from Carwar in the Coasting Steamer.

6. Under the above circumstances, the Board resolve to submit these Proceedings for the orders of Government, with the recommendation that the Acting Collector be directed to ascertain from the Superintendent of the Dharwar Factory what portion of the above sum of Rupees 3,256 is chargeable on account of the Press forwarded to Cuddapah, and in what proportions as to cost of construction and cost of carriage.

7. The Acting Collector should also state whether any and what expenses were incurred in the conveyance of the Press from Bellary to Cuddapah.

8. On its being thus ascertained what the Press actually cost Government, the Board would offer it at that price to the native merchant through Mr. Andree, less a liberal discount on account of the wear and tear of the machine during the period (one year) it has been worked.

No. 348.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,006.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board are authorized to carry out their proposal.

2. As the Press appears to be at Cuddapah, the Government assume that Mr. Molony has frequently inspected its working since the date of his letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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