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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 448. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1869, No. 6,014 :—

Read the following letters from the Collectors, reporting upon the operation of the District Presses during the year 1868-69.

From Collector of	Ganjam,	1st May 1869,	No.	291.
,, ,,	Vizagapatam,	4th ,, ,,	,,	218.
,, ,,	Godavery,	20th April ,,	,,	74.
,, ,,	Kistna,	8th May ,,	,,	131.
,, ,,	Nellore,	22nd ,, ,,	,,	996.
,, ,,	Cuddapah,	29th April ,,	,,	53.
,, ,,	Bellary,	7th May ,,	,,	91.
,, ,,	Kurnool,	10th ,, ,,	,,	154.
,, ,,	Madras,	7th June ,,	,,	168.
,, ,,	North Arcot,	20th May ,,	,,	142.
,, ,,	South Arcot,	13th ,, ,,	,,	100.
,, ,,	Tanjore,	22nd April ,,	,,	66.
,, ,,	Trichinopoly,	29th ,, ,,	,,	86.
,, ,,	Madura,	6th May ,,	,,	165.
,, ,,	Tinnevelly,	24th April ,,	,,	169.
,, ,,	Coimbatore,	3rd May ,,	,,	82.
,, ,,	Salem,	18th ,, ,,	,,	91.
,, ,,	South Canara,	19th June ,,	,,	651.
,, ,,	Malabar,	27th May ,,	,,	135A.

The Board of Revenue resolve to submit to Government their Annual Report on the working of the District Presses during the official year 1868-69, with the usual general statements and a file of the Collectors' reports.

	Rs.
1857-58	28,186
1858-59	42,298
1859-60	53,262
1860-61	64,166
1861-62	81,284
1862-63	92,034
1863-64	1,10,704
1864-65	1,32,414
1865-66	1,48,604
1866-67	1,56,260
1867-68	1,89,126
1868-69	2,33,461

2. The value of the work turned out in the several District Presses during the year was no less than Rs. 2,33,461, showing an increase of Rupees 44,335 as compared with the results of the previous year. It will be gratifying to observe that the value of work turned out from the several presses has been steadily progressive year after year as shown in the margin.

3. The following abstract of Statement No. 1 shows the number of papers printed under each head, and the value of the work done in comparison with the preceding year:—

Items.	1867-68.		1868-69.		Increase or decrease in the value of work.
	Number of papers.	Value of work.	Number of papers.	Value of work.	
		RS.		RS.	RS.
Office work	9,667	60,875	8,900	86,307	+ 25,432
District Gazettes	1,328	1,06,329	1,196	1,26,834	+ 20,505
Selection from Records... ...	25	440	342	714	+ 274
Judicial Department	1,784	6,510	1,892	6,078	— 432
Other Public Offices	2,447	10,632	2,267	9,733	— 899
Private work	1,311	4,340	1,182	3,795	— 545
Total...	16,562	1,89,126	15,779	2,33,461	+ 44,335

Office-work
District Gazettes.
Selection from Records.

4. It will be observed that, in the first three items, there has been an increase in the value of the work turned out during the past year.

5. The increase in the first item is chiefly attributable to the fact that the forms for use in the talooks, prescribed by the Board some time ago, and Puttahs and Receipt books were printed in many districts this year, but not in 1867-68.

6. The number of subscribers to the District Gazettes, both on full and reduced subscription, was 13,573 against 11,231, showing in the former case an increase of 31, and in the latter, 2,311 subscribers. The following comparative abstract shows the number of subscribers in each district:—

Districts.	1867-68.			1868-69.		
	On full subscription.	Reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	Reduced subscription.	Total.
Ganjam	70	102	172	76	92	168
Vizagapatam	16	13	29	20	15	35
Godavery	114	808	922	131	862	993
Kistna	32	593	625	29	771	800
Nellore	27	226	253	48	591	639
Cuddapah	19	1,077	1,096	20	1,082	1,102
Bellary	44	1,003	1,047	39	731	770
Kurnool	26	447	473	25	762	787
Madras	39	416	455	35	408	443
North Arcot...	35	315	350	12	256	268
South Arcot...	31	750	781	32	793	825
Tanjore	70	946	1,016	89	2,417	2,506
Trichinopoly	13	660	673	16	723	739
Madura	63	245	308	66	275	341
Tinnevelly	104	472	576	100	587	687
Coimbatore	34	561	595	40	580	620
Salem	41	356	397	39	366	405
South Canara	100	624	724	112	624	736
Malabar	77	662	739	57	652	709
Total...	955	10,276	11,231	986	12,587	13,573

	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.
Kistna	593 —	771 =	178
Nellore	226 —	591 =	365
Kurnool	447 —	762 =	315
Tanjore	946 —	2,417 =	1,471
Tinnevelly ...	472 —	587 =	115

7. In the five districts noted in the margin, specially in Tanjore, the number of subscribers on reduced rates has greatly increased, because a large number of village-officers have become subscribers to the Gazette during the year under notice. In Bellary, however, a large decrease of 272 is observable in the number of subscribers on reduced rates, and the Collector states that the attention of the Tahsildars has been drawn to this falling off. In North Arcot the Gazette has been improved by publishing it in both vernaculars (Tamil and Telugu), and yet the average number of subscribers during the past year has not increased, but it is observed that in the latter part of the year there was a gradual increase.

8. The Collectors of Cuddapah and South Canara observe that the Gazettes are very little used by the village-officers, although they pay their subscriptions for them regularly, and they offer certain suggestions for simplifying these periodicals, and for rendering them more interesting to the people and village-officers. The Board will consider these suggestions when disposing of the replies from the several Collectors on the general question of the best method to be adopted for obtaining a wider circulation for the Gazettes.

9. The Collector of Trichinopoly reports that "the late change in the Talook "tappal arrangements has imperilled the circulation of his District Gazette; and "that owing to the non-delivery of these periodicals under the new postal system, "the subscribers are naturally disgusted, and say they will have nothing more to "do with a publication they rarely receive."

10. The Board have received a separate report from the Collector complaining of the inconveniences resulting from the change, and advocating strongly the re-transfer of the District Post to the Revenue Department. The subject is now under the Board's consideration, in connection with the proposed extension of the system to some of the other districts.

11. In the way of printing selections from records more has been done in the past than in the preceding year. The number of papers printed was 342 in nine districts against twenty-five in eight districts in 1867-68. The papers printed are noted below:—

Vizagapatam ...	Report of the Committee of Kassim Cottah.
Godavery	Report on the state of the office of Curnum.
Kistna	Report of the Committee of Circuit.
Nellore	A portion of the correspondence between the Board and the Collector about the settlement of rent in the year 1814.
North Arcot ...	Statement which accompanied the Report on the Tirupathy Pagoda and certain other documents.
South Arcot ...	Report of the Commissioner Mr. Dent on South Arcot, and their Order of Government thereon, dated 11th November 1841, No. 1,402.
Tanjore	Correspondence on the subject of Revenue Settlement.

Salem ... ... Captain Read's letter to Assistant Collector of Salem, regarding the system of revenue in the district.
South Canara ... Mr. Robinson's Report on the Laccadive Islands.
Malabar ... ... Report on the Chevayur Amshom.

12. The other Collectors generally promise to show better results next year in the printing of these selections. But the Board regret to observe that similar promises were made last year, and that these have not been redeemed during the period under review.

13. The decrease in the work executed for the other departments is inconsiderable. The work done for private individuals was also less. This is due in some measure to the presses having been fully engaged in public work, so that less time was left for this kind of business.

14. The Board will now proceed to notice the financial results of the several presses. The Demand, Collection, and Balance, of the several items of receipts are given in Statement No. 2, and the charges under the several heads in enclosure A. to No. 1. The following is an abstract of the Statement of Receipts:—

Items.	Balance.	Deduct remission.	Remainder.	Demand.	Total.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Work done for private individuals	351	57	294	3,760	4,054	3,775	279
2. Subscription to District Gazettes	1,709	16	1,693	21,660	23,353	21,041	2,312
3. Sundry items	65	33	32	1,815	1,847	1,827	20
Total...	2,125	106	2,019	27,235	29,254	26,643	2,611

15. The current demand of the year on account of all the items amounted to Rupees 27,235, which, together with the outstanding balance at the beginning of the year, after deducting the sums ordered to be written off, amounted to Rupees 29,254; of this Rupees 26,643 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,611 at the end of the year. The collections of the past compared with those of the previous year show an increase of nearly 2,400 Rupees.

16. Of the demand, inclusive of the arrears at the commencement of the year on account of the work done for private individuals, amounting to Rupees 4,054, Rupees 3,775 was collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 279; of this Rupees 238-11-5 appertain to five districts in the proportion noted in the margin. In Nellore, Tanjore, and Salem, it is reported that the greater portion of the balance has been since collected, and in South Canara the balance appears to consist chiefly of the charges for printing forms of Abkarry and Ferry Contractors' agreements, etc., upon stamped paper, which it is stated can only be recovered as the forms are sold. The Collector of Malabar does not explain the balance in his district, and he is requested to adopt measures for its speedy recovery.

	RS.	A.	P.
Nellore	41	5	2
Tanjore	50	8	10
Salem	25	4	0
South Canara	34	11	1
Malabar	86	15	4

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17. The current demand on account of subscription to the District Gazettes was Rupees 21,660, which, with the balance on account of previous arrears, amounted to Rupees 23,353; the collections amounted to Rupees 21,041, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,312, which occurs principally in the districts noted in the margin. The Collector of Madras suggests that every effort to collect the balance in the usual mode having hitherto proved unsuccessful, the provisions of Act II. of 1864 should be put in force, and requests the authority of Government for his doing so. The Collector's suggestion is inadmissible. The Act cannot be applied to the collection of arrears of this kind. The Board, moreover, consider that these large sums could not have accumulated, had the rule that subscriptions should be received quarterly *in advance* been strictly enforced. The balances in Kistna, Nellore, and South Arcot, are reported to have been since reduced by subsequent collections. In Cuddapah strict orders are stated to have been issued for the speedy realization of the balance.

	RS.	A.	P.
Madras	600	12	11
Kistna	600	2	6
Nellore	483	14	0
South Arcot	275	14	2
Cuddapah	121	14	0
Trichinopoly	124	1	0

18. The sundry receipts amounted to Rupees 1,827, and the small balance of Rupees 19-4-0 under this head, outstanding in the marginal districts, will be collected, with the exception of Rupees 1-14-0 in the Godavery District which is irrecoverable.

	RS.	A.	P.
Bellary	10	2	0
Kistna	7	4	0
Godavery	1	14	0
	19	4	0

19. The sums noted in the margin are reported to be irrecoverable, and the Collectors concerned request sanction for their being written off the accounts. The Board accordingly sanction the removal of these sums from the accounts of the current year.

	RS.	A.	P.
Godavery	2	13	0
North Arcot...	4	4	6
South Canara...	2	1	0

20. The total expenditure of the past year on account of the several presses amounted to Rupees 60,724, or 6,000 Rupees more than in 1867-68. The particulars are given below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fixed Establishment	43,692	1	1
Saderward	1,774	14	5
Extra Establishment	2,776	7	10
Repairs of press-materials	358	14	8
Purchase of Stock	11,318	9	6
Reward to Press Establishment in Ganjam ...	215	0	0
Charges incurred for printing Puttahs and Katchats in South Arcot	589	0	0
Total ..	60,724	15	6

21. It will be observed that there was an increase in all the items of expenditure, with the exception of Saderward. The largest increase, namely, 2,816 Rupees, was in the item "Purchase of Press-materials." In the cost of extra establishment

also, there was an increase of Rupees 1,591 in consequence of the necessity found in several districts to strengthen the Press Departments temporarily for meeting an unusual quantity of extra work to which the ordinary establishment was unequal.

22. In Ganjam a gratuity of one month's salary, namely, Rupees 215, was disbursed to the Press Department during the year, in consideration of much extra labour which devolved on them, and the difficulty of procuring Compositors to aid the regular establishment. A sum of Rupees 589 was expended in South Arcot for printing Puttahs and Katchats. These, the Collector states, had to be printed in such very large numbers and so expeditiously that the ordinary establishment was quite unequal to the task. The work was paid for at 10 Annas for 1,000 impressions, and this was found a more economical arrangement than that of employing extra hands on fixed salaries.

23. The total result of the financial transactions of all the Collectorate presses during the past year was a net profit to Government of Rs. 1,72,736 against Rupees 1,34,395 in 1867-68. The actual transactions stand as below, showing a profit of Rupees 27,195 in favour of Government:—

	Rs.
Total value of the work turned out...	2,33,461
Total charges	60,725
Total...	1,72,736

Amount taken to credit as savings in the Revenue	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment...	45,466	15	6
Actual collections...	26,642	6	1
Amount of work done for Judicial Department for which no cash was realized...	6,078	0	0
Amount of work done for other departments...	9,733	0	0
	87,920	5	7
Deduct charges...	60,724	15	6
	27,195	6	1

24. The Board observe that in all the districts other than those noted in the margin, the Collectors have made particular mention as required, that the registers of Press-transactions are properly kept in the prescribed forms. The Collectors of these three districts will now be requested to supply this omission.

Bellary.
Madras.
Salem.

25. It is satisfactory to observe that progress has been made in the year under review in all the districts, excepting Vizagapatam and Tanjore, in printing the forms of accounts, abstracts, etc., sent by the Board, with a view to facilitate and expedite work in the talooks, and that these printed forms are now in general use. The Collectors of Vizagapatam and Tanjore are requested to expedite the printing of these forms. This work should not have been so long delayed.

26. It is observed that the Collectors of a few districts notice in their reports the requirements of their Press Departments; but the Board have already observed on former occasions that such topics should not be noticed in annual reports, which are intended to describe only the results of the operations of the year. All requisitions should be made in separate communications from time to time as necessity arises.

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27. With reference to paragraph 3 of his report, the Collector of Kurnool is permitted to dispose of the galley-press and the other useless articles mentioned by him.

28. In paragraph 3 of his report the Collector of Godavery suggests that whenever the work in the Press Department is heavy, and that received from other offices in the district cannot be executed within a reasonable time, it would be advantageous for the services if those offices be permitted to transfer their work to private presses, where such exist, and pay regulated charges. The Board do not approve this proposal. District Press Offices, however, will in future be much relieved by the transfer of some portion of their private work to the Penitentiary Press at Madras under the arrangement recently suggested by Government.

No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1869, No. 2,683.

Miscellaneous.

THE report on the working of the District Presses in 1868-69 is highly satisfactory. The value of work done year after year by these presses shows a steady increase. It was Rupees 2,33,461 in the year under report against Rupees 53,839, the average of the first five years of the establishment of the presses, and Rupees 1,47,421, the average of the past five years. The actual result of the transactions connected with these establishments was a net gain of Rupees 27,195 to Government.

2. The total number of subscribers for the District Gazettes, viz., 13,573, against 10,276 in 1867-68, is encouraging. The large decrease in Bellary and North Arcot is on the contrary discouraging, and should be inquired into.

3. The progress made in printing Selections from the Records of Government is satisfactory. The Government have not received copies of these papers except from Malabar. The Board will draw the attention of the Collectors of the other districts, named in paragraph 11 of their Proceedings, to the Order of Government noted in the margin, and instruct them to forward copies to the Government Office without delay.

7th December 1858, No. 1,630.

4. The Board have properly rejected the suggestion of the Collector of Madras to enforce the provisions of Act II. of 1864 for collecting the arrears of subscription on account of the District Gazettes. The advance-system should certainly be enforced.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 1.—STATEMENT showing the operation of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1868-69.

Districts.	REVENUE DEPARTMENT.										
	Office work.		District Gazette.							Selections from Records.	
				Number of copies.							
	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Total number of issues.	Free.	On payment.			Total.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.
					Full subscription.	Reduced subscription.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Ganjam...	938	6,734	51	6,526	3,875	4,667	8,542	15,068	3,558	...	...
2. Vizagapatam	411	3,943	52	6,542	1,138	858	1,996	8,538	3,922	22	132
3. Godavery	229	3,258	59	9,036	7,735	50,731	58,466	67,502	6,285	1	142
4. Kistna	188	2,798	50	6,830	1,915	38,207	40,122	46,952	5,839	1	70
5. Nellore	540	4,273	157	20,206	7,708	90,015	97,723	1,17,929	8,791	...	30
6. Cuddapah...	236	2,813	49	5,744	959	53,000	53,959	59,703	7,463	...	...
7. Bellary	355	7,488	49	7,247	1,895	35,764	37,659	44,906	7,207	...	...
8. Kurnool	144	3,208	51	5,570	1,247	38,223	39,470	45,040	5,714	...	...
9. Madras	780	4,139	98	6,301	1,794	20,806	22,600	28,901	2,647	...	...
10. North Arcot	1,115	4,907	49	6,807	563	12,022	12,585	19,392	4,796	11	68
11. South Arcot	560	2,824	50	6,860	1,610	39,606	41,216	48,076	6,860	300	102
12. Tanjore...	400	2,249	61	8,977	3,395	1,38,691	1,42,086	1,51,063	11,966	4	20
13. Trichinopoly	297	3,781	107	10,303	1,644	77,370	79,014	89,317	9,702	...	...
14. Madura	456	4,994	49	6,653	3,214	13,273	16,487	23,140	4,799	...	...
15. Tinnevelly	239	2,963	65	9,877	6,469	38,057	44,526	54,403	4,640	...	...
16. Coimbatore	322	9,607	52	8,364	2,082	30,113	32,195	40,559	10,176	...	...
17. Salem	976	6,221	49	6,294	1,948	18,266	20,214	26,508	6,518	1	40
18. South Canara	234	4,516	49	6,484	5,497	30,569	36,066	42,550	8,951	1	60
19. Malabar	480	5,591	49	10,204	2,750	31,905	34,655	44,859	7,000	1	50
Total...	8,900	86,307	1,196	1,54,825	57,438	7,62,143	8,19,581	9,74,406	1,26,834	342	714

Statement showing the operation of the several Collectorate Presses, etc.—(*Concluded.*)

Districts.	Revenue Department.—(*Continued.*)	Judicial Department.		Other Public Offices.		Total Government work.		Private work.		Grand Total.	
	Total value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1. Ganjam...	10,292	171	507	162	697	1,322	11,496	142	460	1,464	11,956
2. Vizagapatam	7,997	8	28	34	112	527	8,137	15	34	542	8,171
3. Godavery	9,685	110	576	43	178	442	10,439	36	144	478	10,583
4. Kistna	8,707	112	305	115	418	466	9,430	9	38	475	9,468
5. Nellore	13,094	5	10	105	937	807	14,041	24	46	831	14,087
6. Cuddapah...	10,276	44	186	27	64	356	10,526	58	147	414	10,673
7. Bellary	14,695	14	31	22	56	440	14,782	10	36	450	14,818
8. Kurnool	8,922	57	325	78	426	330	9,673	43	130	373	9,803
9. Madras	6,786	48	211	58	298	984	7,295	2	17	986	7,312
10. North Arcot	9,771	188	352	211	482	1,574	10,605	65	272	1,639	10,877
11. South Arcot	9,786	130	281	113	772	1,153	10,839	40	132	1,193	10,971
12. Tanjore	14,235	231	720	241	788	937	15,743	113	483	1,050	16,226
13. Trichinopoly	13,483	65	117	198	843	667	14,443	29	70	696	14,513
14. Madura	9,793	68	363	208	627	781	10,783	121	517	902	11,300
15. Tinnevelly	7,603	112	394	91	392	507	8,389	72	257	579	8,646
16. Coimbatore	19,783	99	286	114	419	587	20,488	104	97	691	20,585
17. Salem	12,779	143	528	247	1,194	1,416	14,501	114	194	1,530	14,695
18. South Canara	13,527	15	84	73	538	372	14,149	42	184	414	14,333
19. Malabar	12,641	272	774	127	492	929	13,907	113	537	1,072	14,444
Total...	2,13,855	1,892	6,078	2,267	9,733	14,597	2,29,666	1,182	3,795	15,779	2,33,461

Enclosure A. to No. 1.

Statement showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses during the official year 1868-69.

Districts.	Fixed Establishment.	Saderward.	Contingencies.				Grand Total.
			Extra Establishment.	Repairs of Press materials.	Purchase of stock.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Ganjam...	2,495 10 10	78 9 4	26 10 8	6 8 0	1,727 15 0	1,761 1 8	4,335 5 10
2. Vizagapatam	2,255 10 10	85 14 0	121 12 4	... ...	1,276 3 3	1,397 15 7	3,739 8 5
3. Godavery	2,253 2 11	61 11 2	156 12 1	6 10 6	426 4 0	589 10 7	2,904 8 8
4. Kistna	2,302 8 0	44 11 6	... ...	15 7 6	529 0 0	544 7 6	2,891 11 0
5. Nellore	2,243 10 8	35 15 4	241 13 6	29 14 9	12 13 0	284 9 3	2,564 3 3
6. Cuddapah	2,247 1 0	42 7 10	144 0 0	5 8 0	212 14 0	362 6 0	2,651 14 10
7. Bellary...	2,218 11 3	64 6 4	600 0 0	46 13 0	610 14 0	1,257 11 0	3,540 12 7
8. Kurnool	2,248 0 3	105 6 3	239 5 8	2 0 2	839 5 0	1,080 10 10	3,434 1 4
9. Madras...	2,256 0 0	35 9 3	94 2 6	... ...	40 8 0	134 10 6	2,426 3 9
10. North Arcot...	2,565 8 9	174 8 2	191 3 6	... ...	1,612 6 9	1,803 10 3	4,543 11 2
11. South Arcot...	2,253 5 10	209 12 0	84 0 0	103 15 0	1,401 8 0	1,589 7 0	4,052 8 10
12. Tanjore...	2,241 1 1	29 6 11	308 6 4	10 0 9	620 3 6	*938 10 7	3,209 2 7
13. Trichinopoly	2,239 12 7	30 14 2	66 0 0	... ...	352 5 0	418 5 0	2,688 15 9
14. Madura...	2,255 0 6	58 12 1	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	2,313 12 7
15. Tinnevelly	2,250 3 5	67 10 9	... ...	... ...	614 8 0	614 8 0	2,932 6 2
16. Coimbatore	2,238 9 11	246 14 0	292 0 0	9 3 0	292 9 0	593 12 0	3,079 3 11
17. Salem	2,250 7 0	100 11 1	87 15 0	102 14 0	... ...	190 13 0	2,541 15 1
18. South Canara	2,248 8 6	215 8 3	36 7 9	... ...	601 9 0	638 0 9	3,102 1 6
19. Malabar	2,628 15 9	86 2 0	85 14 6	20 0 0	147 12 0	253 10 6	2,968 12 3
Total...	43,692 1 1	1,774 14 5	2,776 7 10	358 14 8	11,318 9 6	14,454 0 0	59,920 15 6
Amount paid as reward to the Press Establishment in Ganjam							215 0 0
Charges incurred for printing Puttahs and Kachuts							589 0 0
Grand Total.....							60,724 15 6

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the receipts of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency, during the year 1868-69.

Districts.	Outstanding Balance at the close of 1867-68.			Demand of the year.				Total of Columns 4 and 5.	Collection during the year.	Balance.
	Actual Balance.	Deduct amount of irrecoverable balances written off.	Remainder.	On account of private work.	Subscription to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	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	... ...	... ...	... ...	460 10 10	300 8 0	326 13 9	1,088 0 7	1,088 0 7	1,087 2 4	0 14 3
2. Vizagapatam	110 7 2	... ...	110 7 2	33 10 0	68 13 0	0 7 0	102 14 0	213 5 2	208 6 6	4 14 8
3. Godavery	243 4 0	1 6 0	241 14 0	143 9 9	1,315 11 0	111 11 9	1,571 0 6	1,812 14 6	1,772 13 6	40 1 0
4. Kistna	367 11 2	... ...	367 11 2	18 0 0	1,219 8 0	20 8 6	1,258 0 6	1,625 11 8	1,001 5 2	624 6 6
5. Nellore	33 1 0	... ...	33 1 0	48 12 8	994 8 0	39 10 11	1,082 15 7	1,116 0 7	590 13 5	525 3 2
6. Cuddapah	59 13 0	* 0 12 0	59 1 0	147 2 1	1,664 10 0	29 8 8	1,841 4 9	1,900 5 9	1,777 8 9	122 13 0
7. Bellary	33 3 10	... ...	33 3 10	35 6 7	1,115 2 0	19 12 0	1,170 4 7	1,203 8 5	1,190 14 5	12 10 0
8. Kurnool	42 12 11	4 2 6	38 10 5	129 14 4	1,162 5 0	9 11 8	1,301 15 0	1,340 9 5	1,325 2 4	15 7 1
9. Madras	467 15 6	... ...	467 15 6	16 13 2	690 14 0	1 0 0	708 11 2	1,176 10 8	575 13 9	600 12 11
10. North Arcot	51 9 0	1 11 0	49 14 0	272 7 7	410 1 0	12 1 0	694 9 7	744 7 7	744 7 7	... ...
11. South Arcot	248 0 10	88 10 3	159 6 7	129 9 0	1,354 3 5	... ...	1,483 12 5	1,643 3 0	1,367 4 10	275 14 2
12. Tanjore	13 0 10	... ...	13 0 10	483 9 1	4,469 10 6	3 9 0	4,955 12 7	4,968 13 5	4,918 4 7	50 8 10
13. Trichinopoly	138 2 8	... ...	138 2 8	69 12 4	1,128 7 0	33 4 6	1,231 7 10	1,369 10 6	1,240 13 6	128 13 0
14. Madura	13 15 0	... ...	13 15 0	503 7 6	715 7 0	248 15 8	1,467 14 2	1,481 13 2	1,481 13 2	... ...
15. Tinnevelly	... ...	... ...	... ...	255 9 9	1,170 0 0	126 1 6	1,551 11 3	1,551 11 3	1,551 11 3	... ...
16. Coimbatore	41 6 0	6 4 0	35 2 0	97 9 6	959 14 0	2 1 0	1,059 8 6	1,094 10 6	1,073 5 6	21 5 0
17. Salem	21 5 0	3 6 0	17 15 0	193 14 5	636 4 0	253 2 0	1,083 4 5	1,101 3 5	1,047 13 11	53 5 6
18. South Canara	23 15 0	... ...	23 15 0	184 2 8	1,179 7 0	484 0 2	1,847 9 10	1,871 8 10	1,824 1 9	47 7 1
19. Malabar	215 6 0	... ...	215 6 0	537 2 8	1,104 3 0	92 13 6	1,734 3 2	1,949 9 2	1,862 9 10	86 15 4
Total	2,125 0 11	106 8 9	2,018 13 2	3,760 3 11	21,659 7 11	1,815 4 7	27,235 0 5	29,253 13 7	26,642 6 1	2,611 7 6

ENCLOSURE A. to No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses during the official year 1868-69.

Districts.	Fixed Establishment.	Saderward.	Contingencies.			Total.	Grand Total.
			Extra Establishment.	Repairs of Press materials.	Purchase of stock.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Ganjam	2,495 10 10	78 9 4	26 10 8	6 8 0	1,727 15 0	1,761 1 8	4,335 5 10
2. Vizagapatam	2,255 10 10	85 14 0	121 12 4	... ...	1,276 3 3	1,397 15 7	3,739 8 5
3. Godavery	2,253 2 11	61 11 2	156 12 1	6 10 6	426 4 0	589 10 7	2,904 8 8
4 Kistna	2,302 8 0	44 11 6	... ...	15 7 6	529 0 0	544 7 6	2,891 11 0
5. Nellore	2,243 10 8	35 15 4	241 13 6	29 14 9	12 13 0	284 9 3	2,564 3 3
6. Cuddapah	2,247 1 0	42 7 10	144 0 0	5 8 0	212 14 0	362 6 0	2,651 14 10
7. Bellary	2,218 11 3	64 6 4	600 0 0	46 13 0	610 14 0	1,257 11 0	3,540 12 7
8. Kurnool	2,248 0 3	105 6 3	239 5 8	2 0 2	839 5 0	1,080 10 10	3,434 1 4
9. Madras	2,256 0 0	35 9 3	94 2 6	... ...	40 8 0	134 10 6	2,426 3 9
10. North Arcot	2,565 8 9	174 8 2	191 3 6	... ...	1,612 6 9	1,803 10 3	4,543 11 2
11. South Arcot	2,253 5 10	209 12 0	84 0 0	103 15 0	1,401 8 0	1,589 7 0	4,052 8 10
12. Tanjore	2,241 1 1	29 6 11	308 6 4	10 0 9	620 3 6	938 10 7	3,209 2 7
13. Trichinopoly	2,239 12 7	30 14 2	66 0 0	... ...	352 5 0	418 5 0	2,688 15 9
14. Madura	2,255 0 6	58 12 1	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	2,313 12 7
15. Tinnevelly	2,250 3 5	67 10 9	... ...	... ...	614 8 0	614 8 0	2,932 6 2
16. Coimbatore	2,238 9 11	246 14 0	292 0 0	9 3 0	292 9 0	593 12 0	3,079 3 11
17. Salem	2,250 7 0	100 11 1	87 15 0	102 14 0	... ...	190 13 0	2,541 15 1
18. South Canara	2,248 8 6	215 8 3	36 7 9	... ...	601 9 0	638 0 9	3,102 1 6
19. Malabar	2,628 15 9	86 2 0	85 14 6	20 0 0	147 12 0	253 10 6	2,968 12 3
Total	43,692 1 1	1,774 14 5	2,776 7 10	358 14 8	11,318 9 6	14,454 0 0	59,920 15 6
Amount paid as reward to the Press Establishment in Ganjam							215 0 0
Charges incurred for printing Puttahs and Kachuts							589 0 0
Grand Total							60,724 15 6

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the receipts of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency, during the year 1868-69.

Districts.	Outstanding Balance at the close of 1867-68.			Demand of the year.				Total of Columns 4 and 8.	Collection during the year.	Balance.
	Actual Balance.	Deduct amount of irrecoverable balances written off.	Remainder.	On account of private work.	Subscription to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	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	... ...	... ...	... ...	460 10 10	300 8 0	326 13 9	1,088 0 7	1,088 0 7	1,087 2 4	0 14 3
2. Vizagapatam	110 7 2	... ...	110 7 2	33 10 0	68 13 0	0 7 0	102 14 0	213 5 2	208 6 6	4 14 8
3. Godavery	243 4 0	1 6 0	241 14 0	143 9 9	1,315 11 0	111 11 9	1,571 0 6	1,812 14 6	1,772 13 6	40 1 0
4. Kistna	367 11 2	... ...	367 11 2	18 0 0	1,219 8 0	20 8 6	1,258 0 6	1,625 11 8	1,001 5 2	624 6 6
5. Nellore	33 1 0	... ...	33 1 0	48 12 8	994 8 0	89 10 11	1,083 15 7	1,116 0 7	590 13 5	525 3 2
6. Cuddapah	59 13 0	0 12 0	59 1 0	147 2 1	1,664 10 0	29 8 8	1,841 4 9	1,900 5 9	1,777 8 9	122 13 0
7. Bellary	33 3 10	... ...	33 3 10	85 6 7	1,115 2 0	19 12 0	1,170 4 7	1,203 8 5	1,190 14 5	12 10 0
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9. Madras	467 15 6	... ...	467 15 6	16 13 2	690 14 0	1 0 0	708 11 2	1,176 10 8	575 13 9	600 12 11
10. North Arcot	51 9 0	1 11 0	49 14 0	272 7 7	410 1 0	12 1 0	694 9 7	744 7 7	744 7 7	... ...
11. South Arcot	248 0 10	88 10 3	159 6 7	129 9 0	1,354 3 5	... ...	1,483 12 5	1,643 3 0	1,367 4 10	275 14 2
12. Tanjore	13 0 10	... ...	13 0 10	482 9 1	4,469 10 6	3 9 0	4,955 12 7	4,968 13 5	4,918 4 7	50 8 10
13. Trichinopoly	138 2 8	... ...	138 2 8	69 12 4	1,128 7 0	33 4 6	1,231 7 10	1,369 10 6	1,240 13 6	128 13 0
14. Madura	18 15 0	... ...	18 15 0	503 7 6	715 7 0	248 15 8	1,467 14 2	1,481 13 2	1,481 13 2	... ...
15. Tinnevelly	... ...	... ...	... ...	256 9 9	1,170 0 0	126 1 6	1,551 11 3	1,551 11 3	1,551 11 3	... ...
16. Coimbatore	41 6 0	6 4 0	35 2 0	97 9 6	959 14 0	2 1 0	1,059 8 6	1,094 10 6	1,073 5 6	21 5 0
17. Salem	21 5 0	3 6 0	17 15 0	193 14 5	636 4 0	253 2 0	1,083 4 5	1,101 3 5	1,047 13 11	53 5 6
18. South Canara	23 15 0	... ...	23 15 0	184 2 8	1,179 7 0	484 0 2	1,847 9 10	1,871 8 10	1,824 1 9	47 7 1
19. Malabar	215 6 0	... ...	215 6 0	537 2 8	1,104 3 0	92 13 6	1,734 3 2	1,949 9 2	1,862 9 10	86 15 4
Total	2,125 0 11	106 3 9	2,018 13 2	3,760 3 11	21,659 7 11	1,815 4 7	27,235 0 5	29,253 13 7	26,642 6 1	2,611 7 6

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 1.—STATEMENT showing the operation of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1868-69.

Districts.	Revenue Department.										
	Office work.		District Gazette.							Selections from Records.	
				Number of copies.							
					On payment.						
	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.	Total number of issues.	Free.	Full subscription.	Reduced subscription.	Total.	Total.	Value in Rupees.	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Ganjam	938	6,734	51	6,526	3,875	4,667	8,542	15,068	3,558	...	...
2. Vizagapatam	411	3,943	52	6,542	1,138	858	1,996	8,538	3,922	22	132
3. Godavery	229	3,258	59	9,036	7,735	50,731	58,466	67,502	6,285	1	142
4. Kistna	188	2,798	50	6,830	1,915	38,207	40,122	46,952	5,839	1	70
5. Nellore	540	4,273	157	20,206	7,708	90,015	97,723	1,17,929	8,791	...	30
6. Cuddapah	236	2,813	49	5,744	959	53,000	53,959	59,703	7,463	...	...
7. Bellary	355	7,488	49	7,247	1,895	35,764	37,659	44,906	7,207	...	...
8. Kurnool	144	3,208	51	5,570	1,247	38,223	39,470	45,040	5,714	...	...
9. Madras	780	4,139	98	6,301	1,794	20,806	22,600	28,901	2,647	...	...
10. North Arcot	1,115	4,907	49	6,807	563	12,022	12,585	19,392	4,796	11	68
11. South Arcot	560	2,824	50	6,860	1,610	39,606	41,216	48,076	6,860	300	102
12. Tanjore	400	2,249	61	8,977	3,395	1,38,691	1,42,086	1,51,063	11,966	4	20
13. Trichinopoly	297	3,781	107	10,303	1,644	77,370	79,014	89,317	9,702	...	...
14. Madura	456	4,994	49	6,653	3,214	13,273	16,487	23,140	4,799	...	...
15. Tinnevelly	239	2,963	65	9,877	6,469	38,057	44,526	54,403	4,640	...	...
16. Coimbatore	322	9,657	52	8,364	2,082	30,113	32,195	40,559	10,176	...	...
17. Salem	976	6,221	49	6,294	1,948	18,266	20,214	26,508	6,518	1	40
18. South Canara	234	4,516	49	6,484	5,497	30,569	36,066	42,550	8,951	1	60
19. Malabar	480	5,591	49	10,204	2,750	31,905	34,655	44,859	7,000	1	50
Total	8,900	86,307	1,196	1,54,825	57,438	7,62,143	8,19,581	9,74,406	1,26,834	342	714

Statement showing the operation of the several Collectorate Presses, etc.—(*Concluded.*)

Districts.	Revenue Department.—(*Continued.*) Total value in Rupees.	Judicial Department. Number of papers.	Judicial Department. Value in Rupees.	Other Public Offices. Number of papers.	Other Public Offices. Value in Rupees.	Total Government work. Number of papers.	Total Government work. Value in Rupees.	Private work. Number of papers.	Private work. Value in Rupees.	Grand Total. Number of papers.	Grand Total. Value in Rupees.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1. Ganjam	10,292	171	507	162	697	1,322	11,496	142	460	1,464	11,956
2. Vizagapatam	7,997	8	28	34	112	527	8,137	15	34	542	8,171
3. Godavery	9,685	110	576	43	178	442	10,439	36	144	478	10,583
4. Kistna	8,707	112	305	115	418	466	9,430	9	38	475	9,468
5. Nellore	13,094	5	10	105	937	807	14,041	24	46	831	14,087
6. Cuddapah	10,276	44	186	27	64	356	10,526	58	147	414	10,673
7. Bellary	14,695	14	31	22	56	440	14,782	10	36	450	14,818
8. Kurnool	8,922	57	325	78	426	330	9,673	43	130	373	9,803
9. Madras	6,786	48	211	58	298	984	7,295	2	17	986	7,312
10. North Arcot	9,771	188	352	211	482	1,574	10,605	65	272	1,639	10,877
11. South Arcot	9,786	130	281	113	772	1,153	10,839	40	132	1,193	10,971
12. Tanjore	14,235	231	720	241	788	937	15,743	113	483	1,050	16,226
13. Trichinopoly	13,483	65	117	198	843	667	14,443	29	70	696	14,513
14. Madura	9,793	68	363	208	627	781	10,783	121	517	902	11,300
15. Tinnevelly	7,603	112	394	91	392	507	8,389	72	257	579	8,616
16. Coimbatore	19,783	99	286	114	419	587	20,488	104	97	691	20,585
17. Salem	12,779	143	528	247	1,194	1,416	14,501	114	194	1,530	14,695
18. South Canara	13,527	15	84	73	538	372	14,149	42	184	414	14,333
19. Malabar	12,641	272	774	127	492	929	13,907	143	537	1,072	14,444
Total...	2,13,855	1,892	6,078	2,267	9,733	14,597	2,29,666	1,182	3,795	15,779	2,33,461

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Cocanada,
20th April 1869.

No. 74.

From J. FRASER, Esq.,
Collector of the Godavery District.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to submit my Report on the operations of the Printing Press during the year 1868-69, accompanied by an explanatory Statement, prepared in the form received with the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th April last, No. 478.

2. The following Statement exhibits the work done and its estimated value compared with the results of the year preceding.

	1867-68. No. of papers.	1867-68. Value.	1868-69. No. of papers.	1868-69. Value.	Comparison of the value of work. Increase	Decrease.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Office work	340	2,318 0 10	229	3,257 13 11	939 13 1	... ...
District Gazettes.....	67	6,451 6 6	59	6,285 0 0	... ...	166 6 6
Selections from Records...	...	... ...	1	142 8 0	142 8 0	... ...
Judicial Department	136	543 4 5	110	575 15 0	32 10 7	... ...
Engineer Department.....	7	39 0 0	5	29 9 4	... ...	9 6 8
Police Department.....	10	81 9 10	8	31 15 4	... ...	49 10 6
Jail Department.....	...	... ...	6	6 4 0	6 4 0	... ...
Medical Department	3	6 5 8	3	10 13 4	4 7 8	... ...
Educational Department..	4	26 10 8	9	36 3 4	9 8 8	... ...
Inam Commission Department.....	...	... ...	3	26 11 6	26 11 6	... ...
Marine Department	...	... ...	9	36 9 4	36 9 4	... ...
Private work	42	145 12 4	36	143 9 9	... ...	2 2 7
Total...	609	9,612 2 3	478	10,583 0 10	1,198 8 10	227 10 3
Net Increase...	...	... ...	...	... ...	970 14 7	... ...

The total value of the work done is Rupees 10,583-0-10, or Rupees 970-14-7 above the preceding year. Of this, Rupees, 6,285 represent the value of Gazettes and Rupees 142-8-0 that of printing Selections. The printing of forms required by the various Huzoor, Talook and Village Offices under the Collector, cost Rupees 3,257-13-11. The most necessary forms only were printed, and the work was always done under high pressure. The demands of other offices have been large. They required from the Press a great deal more than could be done, and several papers received from them have been unavoidably left in arrear. It appears to be the wish of the Board that the Collector's press should undertake all the work that other offices would send, but this is becoming impossible day by day. In order to prevent complaints against a hard-worked Office, it seems necessary that the officer having the supervision of the Press should be invested with some discretion in respect to the work to be undertaken. Instances in which the work required is of a trivial nature, such as printing superscriptions on covers, seals and unimportant papers rarely required, were brought under my notice, while the Press had various papers of greater value to print. I beg, to submit, that when a Press has important papers, the printing of which cannot be put off, the work of other offices cannot be undertaken, and if undertaken, cannot be executed in a reasonable time. In such cases it would be advantageous for the service, if those offices be permitted on the statement of this office that the Presses are not available, to transfer their work to private Presses where such exist, as at Cocanada, and pay the regulated charges. The item under private work is the value of certain forms printed for the Settlement Department, Upper Godavery, the Municipalities in the district, etc. The matter to appear in the Gazettes is every day increasing, and this alone takes up four out of the six working days. The printing of Selections is an important item. If the arrangements above suggested, be approved, this work can be better attended to than hitherto.

3. Sir H. Montgomery's report on the state of the office of Curnum was printed during the year. It wants one Statement to complete it, which will be printed in this year. Specimen copies of the papers are herewith sent for the inspection of the Board.

4. The increased circulation of the Gazettes as shown by the subjoined Statement is a gratifying circumstance.

Years.	Average.
1864-65...	625
1865-66...	781
1866-67...	959
1867-68...	1,070
1868-69...	1,146

5. The Demand, Collection, and Balance for the year under report is given below:—

Statement.

Balance on the 1st April 1868.	Demand for 1868-69.	Total.	Collection.	Balance on the 1st April 1869.	Surplus on account of subscription received in advance for Gazettes.
Rs. A. P. 243 4 0	Rs. A. P. 1,571 0 6	Rs. A. P. 1814 4 6	Rs. A. P. 1,774 3 6	Rs. A. P. 40 1 0	Rs. A. P. 117 1 0
		Collections... ...	1,772 13 6		
		Amount remitted	1 6 0		
			1,774 3 6		

* Rupees 1-6-0 referred to in the 7th paragraph of my Report for the last year have been written off under the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th February last, No. 1,088. Of the balance of Rupees 40-1-0, Rupees 37-4-0 are due by certain villagers in the talooks of Nursapur and Tanuku, and reminders were sent to the Tahsildars long before the expiry of the year. The greater part of this sum it is trusted has been since realised. Sanction is requested for writing off Annas 15 due by a deceased subscriber, and Rupees 1-14-0 by a firm at Madras which has been dissolved.

6. The following is an Abstract of charges connected with the Press.

	1867-68.	1868-69.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Fixed Establishment	2,252	2,253	1	.....
Saderwarid and Contingencies	55	62	7	.....
Stock newly purchased.....	683	426	...	257
Repair of materials	17	7	...	10
Extra establishment	15	156	141	.....
Total...	3,022	2,904	149	267
Net increase...	...	...	...	118

In the year 1867-68, there was a Columbian Press of Rupees 600 value supplied, and in the year under report, there were no such large purchases. An increase under Temporary establishment has resulted from extra hands having been necessarily entertained for a longer period to keep the three presses at work, the Permanent establishment being inadequate to the requirements, as stated in my letter of the 28th January 1869, No. 17.

7. The accounts connected with the Press Department have been regularly and correctly kept under the superintendence of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Account Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 66.

PATTUKOTTA, 22nd April 1869.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq.,
Collector of Tanjore.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the working of the District Press during the year 1868-69, together with the Statements in the prescribed forms illustrating the result.

2. From the subjoined abstract statement, it will be observed that, in the value of work turned out during the year under report, there is a net increase of Rupees 3,274, compared with the year previous:—

	1867-68.		1868-69.		Increase.	Decrease.
	No. of Papers.	Value.	No. of Papers.	Value.		
		Rs.		Rs.		
Office work	344	2,193	404	2,270	77	...
District Gazette	68	8,690	61	11,966	3,276	...
Judicial Department ...	214	746	231	720	...	26
Other Public Offices.....	146	762	241	787	25	...
Private work...	137	561	113	483	...	78
Total...	...	12,952	...	16,226	3,378	104
				Net Increase...	3,274	

This increase has arisen chiefly from the *Gazette* which is now subscribed for by every Village Curnum and Pattamaneagar in the district. The decrease under private work is only nominal and has been occasioned by the Municipal Notices not being charged under orders from Government.

Proceedings, dated 2nd December 1868, No. 1,477.

3. There has been a very large increase in the circulation of the *District Gazette*, the number of copies in 1868-69, having been 1,51,063 against 60,905, in the year before, and the total subscribers (including Government officials) having been 3,232, against 1,372 in the preceding year. This result is due, as already observed, mainly to the circumstance that every Village Officer in the district has taken in the *Gazette*.

4. The total demand on account of the Press, inclusive of balance brought forward was Rupees 4,968-13-5, the whole of which was realised within the year with the exception of Rupees 50-8-10, which has been reduced by subsequent recoveries to Rupees 39-3-10. This is due for Sea Custom Forms supplied and will be recovered immediately.

5. The expenses of working the Press amounted to Rupees 3,209-2-7 against Rs. 3,010-8-8 in the preceding year, the increase of Rupees 198-9-11, is chiefly on account of extra hands rendered imperatively necessary by the increase in the circulation of the *Gazette* alluded to in paragraph 3.

6. Deducting expenditure from value of work done, the result is a considerable balance, namely, 13,016-8-11, in favor of the Press for the year; which I trust will be deemed satisfactory.

7. I regret to have to state that next to nothing has been done in the matter of printing selections from the Records or Forms of Talook Accounts. The *District Gazette* having reached a weekly circulation of 3,232 copies, it has been found more impossible than ever to take up any extra work. The Deputy Collector who has been closely watching the Press assures me that the establishment is often unequal to the heavy work, and that for weeks together the *Gazette* was got through only by working till a very late hour at night.

8. The necessity of being provided with a Machine Printing Press has now become inevitable, and the Deputy Collector has promised to submit a separate report on the subject, with reference to paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, 18th February 1869, No. 1,088.

9. The Press Registers have been kept neatly and correctly this year.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 169.

Tuticorin, 24th April 1869.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to report on the operations of the District Press for the official year 1868-69.

2. The value of work done amounts to Rupees 8,646-7-10 or Rupees 880 more than the value of that done the year before.

3. The total amount of collections was Rupees 1,551-11-3 or Rupees 166 more than that of the previous year.

4. The number of subscribers to the *Gazette* has increased by 1,498.

5. The Press Registers are kept in the prescribed form.

6. During the year under report, Mr. Puckle's Settlement Report on the river-irrigated villages of the district was printed and five copies of it were forwarded to the Board on the 11th September 1868.

7. A large number of forms of Receipt Puttahs were printed during the year. 1,40,000.

8. Some fresh type etc., is required, an indent for which is under preparation.

9. The additional Press indented for last year has not as yet been received.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

GUVALCHERVOO, 29th April 1869.

No. 53.

From G. VANSAGNEW, ESQ.,
Acting Collector of Cuddapah,

To A. MACGREGOR, ESQ.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the working of the District Press for the year 1868-69, accompanied by the usual Statement.

2. As against an increase in 1867-68 of Rupees 1,564, there is a decrease in the value of the entire work performed in 1868-69 of Rupees 370-15-3. This is attributable partly to the closing of the Press during the Christmas and Easter Holidays, and partly to the difficulty I have mentioned in a separate communication, in keeping the establishment in good working order.

3. A slight increase in the number of subscribers is shown; an increase which I by no means regard as matter for congratulation. The time of the Press Establishment might be much more profitably employed than in striking off and despatching heaps of Gazettes, that judging from the gross ignorance of the Village Officers regarding their contents, it is evident are not read, and only taken in under compulsion. If I were to make it understood that no one need take the Gazette, who did not wish to, I believe from being almost the highest, our circulation would be about the lowest in the Presidency, and it is not only in Cuddapah that the circulation of the Gazette appears to be in inverse proportion to the education and independence of the population.

4. The balance of the subscriptions to the District Gazette remaining to be collected at the close of the year is Rupees 121-14-0, and strict orders have been issued for the speedy realization of the same. There is a small sum of Annas 15 as shown in the Return, still due for private work done after deducting 12 Annas as instructed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th February 1869, No. 1,088. This balance will be shortly collected.

5. In regard to printing Selections from the Records, the Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd April 1869, No. 2,175, have been separately replied to.

6. The Press Registers are kept in the prescribed form.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

TRICHINOPOLY, 29th April 1869.

No. 86.

From G. BANBURY, Esq.,

Collector of Trichinopoly.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to report on the working of the Printing Press of this district, for the year 1868-69, and to submit the Statement required in the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th April 1868, No. 478.

2. The operations of the Press have been extremely satisfactory. The out-turn of work was greater by Rupees 4,759 than that of the preceding year, which in its turn was greater than the former year by Rupees 3,906, and thus the increase of the last two years added together, is greater than the out-turn of the year 1866-67 by the large sum of Rupees 2,737.

	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Collector's Department	8,830	13,483	4,653	...
Other Departments...	794	960	166	...
Private work	170	70	...	100
	9,794	14,513	4,819	...

3. As regards the *District Gazette*, there has been neither an increase nor decrease of subscribers,* though there has been an addition of four to the number of full subscribers, but this has been counterbalanced by a similar decrease in the number of reduced rate subscribers. We have, at the close of the year the sum of Rupees 124-1-0, outstanding balance due to the *Gazette*. I must, however, bring prominently to the Board's notice, that the late change in the Talook Tappal arrangements has altogether imperilled the circulation of our *District Gazette;* and that owing to the non-delivery of these Periodicals under the new postal system, the subscribers are naturally disgusted, and say they will have nothing more to do with a publication they rarely receive.

* Number of Subscribers	1867-68.	1868-69.
Full do.	15	19
Reduced do.	729	724
	744	744

4. The influence of the Tahsildars has doubtless lately maintained the present number of subscribers; but not only do the latter now decline to continue their subscriptions, but refuse to pay up arrears for which they received no equivalent. It is impossible to expect that one extraneous Tappal Gumastah can do the work of distribution like the head of the talook who has daily numerous means and opportunities unpossessed by the almost helpless Tappal Clerk; thus, in three instances, the *District Gazettes* were found lying about the Talook Post Office in heaps, without any attempt being made to deliver them.

5. The Selections from Government Records printed during the year, consist of three papers, namely, Mr. Traver's Jummahbundy Statement for 1218 (1808-9.)

Mr. Lushington's Jummahbundy Report for Fusly 1225 (1815-16), and Mr. Puckle's scheme for the revision of the assessment of the Trichinopoly District. This is anything but unsatisfactory, when it is considered how heavy has been the other work demanding our attention. These papers, together with that printed in 1866-67, namely, Mr. Wallace's letter of the 22nd January 1802, giving a full account of the Revenue Administration of the district prior to its assumption by the British Government, form a valuable series illustrative of the progress of the district up to the present time. I am anxious to publish all Mr. Puckle's reports with the Board and Government Orders thereon in one volume, thus making a complete and ready book of reference. It is, moreover, most necessary to perpetuate as far as possible everything connected with the settlement of this district, effected at the outlay of such cost and labor.

6. The Registers have been all kept up in the prescribed form.

7. There are two Columbian Iron, and two Wooden Presses in this Collectorate, the two latte are out of order and very old. 1,000 copies a day is as much as we can turn out from one press, and that is always a hard day's work.

8. The out-turn of the district has been so very satisfactory for two consecutive years, that I am sure with such a result to lay before the Board, we may, with the view of making still further progress, and carrying out with greater facility and less labor the work before us, apply for another press or machine. Working out of office hours has been oftener the rule than the exception. I confidently trust, therefore, we may obtain the Board's permission to indent *at once* for one of "Main's fast Printing Machines," the cost of which complete will be 1,400 or 1,500 Rupees. The machine is said to turn out 800 or 900 copies per hour, and to be suitable either for solid matter or light rule work. We cannot go on another year without an extra press and an increase of establishment, but with one of these new machines we should require only an increase in Compositors as per margin; no Press-men or Ball-men would be wanted, although a Masalchee is very much required. With this addition to our Printing Office, we should be able to meet the large requirements that are made upon us for all sorts of forms, and which are now delayed owing to the publication of the *Gazette*, which, with our present limited appliances, causes the form work to be laid aside for three, or even four days of the week. I will, however, address the Board separately on this requisition, as laid down in their Proceedings, dated 28th January 1868.

2 Compositors at 9 Rupees each.
1 Masalchee at 6 Rupees.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

CHETTEPORE, 1st May 1869.

No. 291.

From G. H. ELLIS, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Ganjam,
To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Statement connected with the operation of the District Press for 1868-69, prepared in the forms prescribed by the Board, in their Circular Memorandum, dated 27th April 1868.

2. The following abstract Comparative Statement shows the value of the work turned out of the Press.

Items.	1867-68.		1868-69.		No. of papers.	Increase.	Decrease.
	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.		Value.	Value.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Office work including District Gazette	894	9,237 5 1	989	10,292 6 6	95	1,055 1 5	... ...
Other Public Officers	323	1,328 12 0	333	1,203 3 8	10	... ...	125 8 4
Private work	115	554 14 7	142	460 10 10	27	... ...	94 3 9
	1,332	11,120 15 8	1,464	11,956 5 0	132	1,055 1 5	219 12 1
Net increase...	...	... ...	...	... ...	132	835 5 4	... ...

3. It will be observed that the total value of work for the year under report was Rupees 11,956-5-0, giving a net increase of Rupees 835-5-4 over the result of the preceding year.

4. The circulation of the Gazette on the last issue of the year in comparison with the same period in the year 1867-68 was as follows:—

	1867-68.	1868-69.
Service	124	130
Full rate subscribers	78	72
Reduced rate subscribers	39	37
Village Officers	67	47
	308	286

5. There has been a falling off in every class of subscribers. The net decrease was 28 subscribers.

6. The total cash receipts of the year were Rupees 1,087-2-4 against Rupees 1,416-3-9 of the preceding year, giving a decrease of Rupees 329-1-5, as particularised underneath:—

Items.	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Subscriptions to Gazette	342 2 0	300 8 0	... ...	41 10 0
Private work	558 3 6	459 12 7	... ...	98 6 11
Sundry receipts	515 14 3	326 13 9	... ...	189 0 6
Total...	1,416 3 9	1,087 2 4	... ...	329 1 5

7. The first item needs no remark. The decrease in private work is attributable chiefly to a larger number of certain special forms having been printed in the preceding year for the Chicacole and Berhampore Municipalities, and also for the Purlah Kimedy Revenue Survey Department; and that in sundry receipts, to certain Acts, etc., relating to Village Officers having been in less demand in the year under review.

8. The total charges were Rupees 4,550-5-10, which being compared with those of the preceding year give an increase of Rupees 978-7-5 as hereunder specified.

Items.	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Establishment	2,494 6 2	2,495 10 10	1 4 8	... ...
Saderwarid	62 15 1	293 9 4	230 10 3	... ...
Extra Establishment	... ...	26 10 8	26 10 8	... ...
Repairs of Press materials	9 7 2	6 8 0	... ...	2 15 2
Purchase of stock	1,005 2 0	1,727 15 0	722 13 0	... ...
Total...	3,571 14 5	4,550 5 10	981 6 7	2 15 2
Net Increase...	... ...	... ...	978 7 5	

9. The sum of Rupees 230-10-3 shown under Saderwarid includes the 215 Rupees paid as a reward to the Press Establishment under the sanction of Government, dated 21st July 1868, No. 2,000, Revenue Department. The sum of Rupees 26-10-8 represents the payment made to an extra Pressman and a Ballman employed for five months to work the third Printing Press for which no establishment is allowed.

10. The aggregate demand of the year under report was Rupees 1,088-0-7, of which Rupees 1,087-2-4 were recovered before the close of the year, and the remaining balance of Rs. 0-14-3 was subsequently brought to account.

11. Of the value of stock newly purchased, Rupees 1,709-2-0 including 20 Rupees for packing charges were remitted to the Superintendent of the Government Press for articles supplied by him, 20 Rupees were expended for articles locally made. The estimated total value of the stock on hand is Rupees 5,653-0-4.

12. As already reported in Mr. Carmichael's letter to the Board, dated 22nd April 1868, No. 2,219, Colonel Frederick Cotton's Report on Ganjam is now in the Press, and the usual number of copies will be furnished to the Board in due course.

13. The specimen forms sent by the Board have all been printed and distributed to the District Officers for use.

14. The Registers, etc., connected with the Press are duly maintained, and are examined monthly by the Officer in charge of the Press.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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COIMBATORE, 3rd May 1869.

No. 82.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to forward the Annual Returns connected with the working of the Printing Press of this Collectorate for the Official year 1868-69, prepared in the form circulated with the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 478 of 27th April 1868.

2. Subjoined is an abstract of work done together with its estimated value, as compared with the same details for the year 1867-68:—

Items.	1867-68.		1868-69.		Comparison of the value of work performed.	
	No. of papers.	Value of the work.	No. of papers.	Value of the work.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Office work	266	2,293 14 4	322	9,607 1 4	7,313 3 0	... ...
District Gazette	53	6,574 8 4	52	10,175 8 5	3,601 0 1	... ...
Judicial Department	65	195 12 1	99	285 12 1	90 0 0	... ...
Other Public Offices	169	745 4 0	114	419 6 9	... ...	325 13 3
Private work	106	129 3 0	104	97 9 6	... ...	31 9 6
Total...	659	9,938 9 9	691	20,585 6 1	11,004 3 1	357 6 9
Deduct decrease...	...	... ...	...	... .	357 6 9	... ...
Net increase...	...	... ...	...	... ...	10,646 12 4	... ...

3. The value of the Office work executed during the year under notice is Rupees 9,607-1-4, against Rupees 2,293-14-4 for 1867-68, showing an increase of Rupees 7,313-3-0. This increase is owing to the printing of the new Receipt Books and Puttahs of the new form to be supplied to the ryots during next Fusly in addition to the full number of Puttahs of the old form for use during the current Fusly.

4. The increase of Rupees 3,601-0-1 under the head of "District Gazette" is owing to the publication of the list of deposits in the Civil Court, which necessitated the issue of a supplement for three months, the decrease in the number of papers struck off is owing to there having been no issue of the Gazette during the Christmas holidays.

5. The fluctuations in the amount of work turned out under the other heads do not call for remark.

6. The number of persons to whom Gazettes were supplied on reduced subscription was 607 against 573 in 1867-68, and the number of full subscribers was 45 against 40 in 1867-68.

7. Under the authority conveyed in the Proceedings of the Board, No. 942, dated 12th February last, Gazettes are supplied to village officers, whose official remuneration is less than ten Rupees per annum, for one quarter of the full rate of subscription. Only two village officers availed themselves of this concession before the close of the Official year.

8. The annexed Comparative Statement exhibits the actual receipts during the year under report, as well as those for the year preceding:—

Items.	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Private work	140 10 0	97 13 6	... ...	42 12 6
Subscription to District Gazette... ... — Arrears and Current	677 12 0	781 3 0	103 3 0	... ...
Subscription to District Gazette... ... — Advance...	193 12 0	247 11 0	53 15 0	... ...
Sundry items	1 5 0	2 1 0	0 12 0	... ...
Total...	1,013 7 0	1,128 12 6	158 2 0	42 12 6
Deduct decrease...	... ...	... ...	42 12 6	... ...
Net increase...	... ...	... ...	115 5 6	... ...

9. The receipts on account of the several items mentioned in the above Statement, exhibit a net increase of Rupees 115-5-6 in 1868-69 in comparison with the receipts for 1867-68. Owing to the press of public work, it was found necessary to decline undertaking private work, hence the decrease under that head.

10. The charges incurred are as follows:—

Items.	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Establishment.....	2,236 14 4	2,238 9 11	1 11 7	... ...
Saderwarid.....	247 14 7	244 1 0	... ...	3 13 7
Purchase and repair of stock and sundry charges	381 6 10	304 9 0	... ...	76 13 10
Extra Establishment.....	218 9 2	292 0 0	73 6 10	... ...
Total...	3,084 12 11	3,079 3 11	75 2 5	80 11 5
Deduct increase...	... .	... ...	... .	75 2 5
Net decrease...	... ...	... ...	... ...	5 9 0

11. With respect to the charge of Rupees 292 under the head "Extra Establishment," it was found necessary to entertain four additional hands from May till August to bring up arrears of work, and the printing of Puttahs and Receipt Books necessitated the entertainment of six additional hands from October till the end of the Official year. As the present establishment is insufficient for the work, I have already recommended* the permanent entertainment of additional hands.

* 1st April 1869, No. 56.

12. The sum of Rupees 304-9-0 under the head "Purchase and repair of stock and sundry charges," comprises the following items:—

	Rs. A. P.
Value of printing materials supplied by the Superintendent of the Government Printing Establishment. *Vide* Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th and 28th April 1868, Nos. 2,870 and 3,095	365 0 0
Deduct amount charged in the accounts for 1867-68...	88 7 0
	276 9 0
Amount paid to the Superintendent of Jails, being value of three Govt. Bonds, as per Board's sanction, dated 23rd September 1868, No. 6,761	16 0 0
Repair of stock...	9 3 0
Sundry charges...	2 13 0
	304 9 0

13. The total demand on account of the Press for the year under notice is Rupees 1,101-4-6, inclusive of the outstanding balance at the end of the last year. Of this amount, Rupees 1,073-5-6 having been collected, and Rupees 6-10-0 struck off the accounts under the sanction of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1869, No. 1,088, leaving a balance of Rupees 21-5-0, for the collection of which, early measures will be taken.

14. The several registers prescribed for the Press Department are regularly kept under the Head Assistant Collector's superintendence. Eleven of the specimen forms of accounts, etc., received from the Board in May 1865 were printed and circulated to the talooks. A specimen of the diglott form of Account Current was submitted to the Board, *Vide* letter from this Office No. 180, dated 23rd June 1868.

15. As yet no progress in printing the records selected for publication has been made owing to want of type. I have already addressed* the Board on this subject.

* 1st April 1869, No. 56.

16. The Pamphlet on elements of Hygiene by W. E. Dhanacoti Rajoo, forwarded with Board's Proceedings, dated 30th March 1868, No. 2,326, was printed as a Supplement to the Gazette.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

VIZAGAPATAM, 4th May 1869.

No. 218.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq.,
Collector of Vizagapatam.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit, herewith, the usual Statement showing the transactions of the District Press for the official year 1868-69.

2. The following abstract shows the number of papers printed and the estimated value thereof in comparison with the previous year's results:—

	1867-68.		1868-69.		Comparison of the value of work.	
	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.	Increase.	Decrease.
Office work.....	418	4,538	411	3,943	...	595
District Gazettes...	52	4,105	52	3,922	...	183
Judicial Department ...	4	3	8	28	25	...
Other Public Offices.....	66	258	56	244	...	14
Private work...	18	33	15	34	1	...
Total..	558	8,937	542	8,171	26	792
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	766

3. It will be observed that there is a decrease in the value of work turned out to the extent of Rupees 766. This is chiefly attributed to a falling off in tabular work for Office use.

4. In the number of subscribers to the District Gazette there is a slight increase of nine in the year under review, but in a Zemindary district the number of subscribers will always be limited as compared with Ryotwar, where in all large villages, at least one copy is taken in, on account of Revenue orders affecting the interests of Government ryots.

5. Nothing has been done in printing revised forms for the talooks, and very little progress made in the Selections in hand. These results are entirely owing to the inefficiency of the Press Establishment, which I have only lately had an opportunity of revising, by securing the services of experienced workmen from the abolished Mission Press at this Station. I trust that the arrangements I have now made have put the Department in fair working order, and I hope to report better results next year.

6. The demand including last year's balance amounted to Rupees 213-5-2, of which Rupees 208-6-6 were collected within the year, and the balance Rupees 4-14-8 subsequently.

7. The Office Registers have been examined and found in fair order.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 165.

RAMASWARAM, 6th May 1869.

From J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq.,
Officiating Collector of Madura.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the working of the District Press, for the official year 1868-69, together with the prescribed Statements.

2. The value of work performed in the year under report is Rupees 11,300 against Rupees 9,628, the earnings of the preceding year, showing an increase of Rupees 1,672. There is a large increase under the head "Office work," which is chiefly attributable to the number of puttahs having been printed this year, for issue to the ryots in a book form. The variations in the value of work done for the other Departments call for no special remark.

3. A great increase is observable in the number of the District Gazettes issued during this year as compared with last. There is a satisfactory increase in the number issued on full and reduced subscriptions, which is chiefly attributable to the extended circulation of the Gazettes amongst the Village Officers.

4. I regret to have to report that no Selections were printed during this year. This is partly attributable to the increased work which has been done by the Press, especially latterly, when the new puttahs were being printed. This point will be carefully attended to during the current year.

5. The Receipts and Charges on account of the Press Department, are given in the Statement D. The decrease in the charges is due to the fact that Rupees 101, were laid out in the previous year for the purchase of stock.

6. The total demand for the year is Rupees 1,481-13-2, including the balance brought forward from that of the last year, and the whole of this has been collected within the year.

7. The value of work done during the year is Rupees 11,300, which deducting the charges Rupees 2,314, leaves a balance of Rupees 8,986 in favor of Government.

8. The Registers of the Press have been kept with care and regularity by one of the English Clerks, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, under the supervision of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 91.

Bellary, 7th May 1869.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq.,
Collector of Bellary.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to submit my Report on the working of the Printing Press in connection with this Office during the official year 1868-69. The usual Statements A. B. C. D. and E. are herewith forwarded.

2. The total value of the work executed during the official year under report amounts to Rupees 14,818-9-4, against Rupees 9,834-4-6 of the previous year. The net increase of Rupees 4,984-4-10 is owing to a greater number of Puttah and Receipt books having been printed for distribution among the ryots, in accordance with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 12, dated 3rd January 1868.

3. There is a decrease in the other discriptions of work turned out by the Press, owing to a larger amount of work having been executed in printing Puttah and Receipt books, and this prevented the work of other Offices being taken up. The additional Press lately sanctioned will enable the Department to meet such demands in future.

4. The total demand on account of private work done, amounts to Rupees 1,204-8-5, inclusive of Rupees 34-3-10, on account of the balance of last year. Of this, Rupees 1,191-14-5 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 12-10-0 at the close of the year; of which Rupees 4-10-6 have since been collected, and the remainder will be recovered in this month.

5. The *District Gazette* commands a weekly circulation of 918 copies, which is less than the circulation of the previous year by 273. The attention of the Tahsildars has been drawn to this.

6. The charges of establishment, cost of materials, and stock, amount to Rupees 3,540-12-7, showing an increase of Rupees 284-10-4, which is attributable to a larger number of extra hands having been employed during the year, to print Puttah and Receipt books.

7. No Selections from the records have been printed as yet. This is due partly to the extra work thrown upon the Press by the printing of the new Puttah and Receipt books, and partly to the supply of type indented for on the 6th June 1868, and ordered to be supplied on the 24th December, (Vide Board's Proceedings of that date No. 6,784) not having been furnished up to date. The available fount is far below the requirements of the district and a great deal of it unserviceable. The consequence is, that type has constantly to be broken up, when otherwise it would remain in the forms, entailing much additional work and involving loss of time.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 131.

TENALI, 8th May 1869.

From J. A. C. BOSWELL, ESQ.,

Officiating Collector of the Kistna District.

To A. MACGREGOR, ESQ.,

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Press in this district during the official year 1868-69. The usual explanatory Statements accompany.

2. From the marginal comparative abstract it will be observed, that though there is a decrease in the work, the value of the outturn was much greater than that of the last year. The decrease in the work turned out is explained by the fact that the Press Department was almost wholly engaged for a long time in getting up the Puttah and Receipt books for the current Fusly's Settlement.

	No of papers.	Value in Rupees. Rs.	A.	P.
In 1867-68... ...	688	8,453	11	11
In 1868-69... ...	475	9,468	4	5

3. There was a wider circulation of the *District Gazette* in this than in the previous year, the number of individuals subscribing to the Gazette having risen from 9,110 in 1867-68 to 11,270 in the year under report. The amount of subscription shows therefore an increase of Rupees 272-5-0. Every endeavour is being made to secure to the Gazette a still wider circulation, so that each village may get at least one copy. The Divisional Officers have been instructed to impress upon the minds of the Village Officers the necessity of subscribing to the Gazette. Steps have also been taken to render the Gazette more interesting and instructive. What we want is an increased supply of types, a large Press that can strike off four pages at a time, and increased accommodation for the Printing Office.

	1867-68	1868-69	Difference.
Public Officers...	1,613	1672	+ 60
Private individuals on full subscription	381	349	— 32
Do. on reduced rates...	7,117	9,249	+ 2,132
	9,110	11,270	+ 2,160

4. The aggregate demand, arrear and current, on account of subscriptions to the Gazette, private works etc., was Rupees 1,625-11-8, out of which Rupees 1,001-5-2 having been realized, there was a balance of Rupees 624-6-6 at the close of the year under report. This balance has still further been diminished by the subsequent collections which amounted to Rs. 336 up to 30th April 1869. Measures are being taken for the speedy collection of the remainder. Some of the outstanding balances are of so old a date that I am afraid a portion of the balances will have to be remitted. Information on the subject has been called for from the talooks, and any portion that may be reported to be actually irrecoverable will be recommended for remission in the current year's report

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance at the beginning of the year				367	11	2
Add demand in the year:—						
Subscription...	1,219	8	0			
Private work...	18	0	0			
Sundry receipts.....	20	8	6			
				1,258	0	6
Total...				1,625	11	8
Deduct collections during the year...				1,001	5	2
Balance at the end of the year...				624	6	6
Subsequent collection.....				336	0	0
Net balance...				288	6	6

5. The following is an abstract of the charges connected with the Press:—

	1867-68.			1868-69.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Fixed Establishment...	2,203	5	2	2,302	8	0	99	2	10	...	...	...
Saderwarid and Contingent charges.	50	12	9	44	11	6	.....	...	...	6	1	3
Stock newly purchased...	442	14	0	529	0	0	86	2	0	...	...	...
Repair of Press materials..... ...	30	8	4	15	7	6	.....	...	...	15	0	10
Total...	2,727	8	3	2,891	11	0	185	4	10	21	2	1
Deduct Decrease...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	21	2	1	...	...	...
Net Increase...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	164	2	9	...	...	...

6. The increase in the first item is merely nominal, being due to the pay of the Head Compositor for the last two months of the previous year having been disbursed to him in this year under report, in consequence of his having been absent on privilege leave during that period. The increase in the third item is owing to a larger quantity of Press materials having been supplied in the year under report.

7. With reference to paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings dated 31st March 1868, No. 2,561, I beg to state that all the Registers connected with the Press Accounts have been kept in the forms prescribed by the Board under the supervision of my Treasury Deputy, with the exception that in Form B, being the list of subscriptions to the Gazette, an additional column has been opened for the exhibition of the villages in which the subscribers reside. This was done in order to facilitate reference at the Huzur.

8. A revised list of records selected for printing was submitted with Mr. McQuhae's letter, dated 11th July 1868, No. 209, and approved of by the Board, in their Proceedings dated 7th October 1868, No. 7,151. Twenty-five pages of the Report of the Circuit Committee on the farms of the Havaly lands were accordingly printed. More could not be accomplished owing to the great pressure of business on the one hand in the Press Department and also to the want of a suitable Press which can strike off more than two pages folio at a time and the inadequate supply of Type. This was already brought to the notice of the Board when submitting my Indent for a Columbian Press. When the full complement of Press materials have been supplied to this district, we may probably expect considerable improvement in the printing of Selections.

9. I regret to say that only 25 copies have been printed of the Selection, which has been put in hand, the orders apparently having been overlooked that the minimum number at any time was to be 50.

10. Some progress was made in the year under report by way of printing the forms of account required for the use of the Huzur and the Divisional Officers and the talooks. Printed forms of Accounts Current, Demand, Collection, and Balance Statements, etc., have now been supplied to the talook, and others are now going through the Press. I enclose a list, together with specimen copies* of forms printed, from which the Board will observe that the work of writing in the talooks has been greatly reduced.

* Sent by Banghy.

Exd G. A. Turton.

No. 154.

KURNOOL, 10th May 1869.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq.,
Collector of Kurnool.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to forward the accompanying Statement showing the working of the District Press for the year 1868-69.

2. As compared with last year, the result is very satisfactory; the value of the work in Rupees amounts to Rupees 9,803-3-6 which is Rupees 3,400-6-9 in excess of the year 1867-68, or rather more than half as much again.

The number of papers is less; in 1867-68, it amounted to 613, whereas in 1868-69, it only reached 373. This is accounted for by a greater number of each having been impressed in almost each individual case, for instance, the *District Gazettes*, though only published for 51 weeks, none having been printed during Christmas week, the total number struck off as shown in Statement B. is 45,609, whereas in last year, the total number struck off though published for 52 weeks, amounted to 30,534 only. The average of this year is rather above 889, while that of last year was only 589.

3. There are only two Presses in working order, the Washington, and the Columbian. The Galley Press is out of repair, and cannot be used or repaired here. The Office is much cramped for room, but as I have often brought the paucity of rooms of the whole Cutcherry to the Board, and hope to forward Major Moberly's plan, for improving the Office in a short time to the Board for approval, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge upon the subject here. If, however, the Board will allow me to dispose of the Galley Press by auction and some other useless articles in the Office, I shall be able to make room for another press which is absolutely necessary; for it is only with extreme difficulty that the two presses at present in use can turn out the work now produced.

4. The printing of Selections from the records has been commenced and eight pages completed. Eleven forms of Talook accounts have been forwarded to the Board. These forms have been issued to the talooks. This work of printing forms is being proceeded with as quickly as circumstances of inadequate room, and insufficient number of presses will allow of.

5. At present, I cannot foretell when the Descriptive Notices of the district, which was ordered by the Board in their Proceedings, No. 1,101, dated 18th February 1869, can be commenced; and I very much doubt, if I shall ever be able to dispense with the two extra hands sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, No. 6,230, dated 31st August 1868, and I am of opinion that they will have eventually to be permanently employed. The Press Registers are duly kept up in the forms prescribed by the Board.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 100.

CUDDALORE, 13th May 1869.

From C. W. READE, Esq.,
Collector of South Arcot.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the working of the Press Department in this district during the past official year 1868-69, with the usual Statements.

2. The results of the past year have been highly satisfactory. It will be seen that the value of the work turned out was Rupees 10,971 or Rupees 4,653 in excess of the year before.

3. The increase is chiefly in the Gazette and Office work, due in the former case to the increased matter published in the Gazette from time to time, comprising Rulings of the High Court, Circulars of the Accountant General, and other Orders, as also the Board's Standing Orders which have been published in Supplements up to date. Notices of the transfer of puttahs as required by the Board's Standing Order, No. 43 of 1867, to be published in the Gazette have been largely published during the year and which has considerably added to the Gazette work. The Press was also actively employed in striking off the numerous forms of Statements, etc., of which specimen copies will shortly be sent, and this mainly accounts for the increase in Office work.

4. The circulation of the Gazette has also increased during the year under notice; the average number of subscribers has been 960 per month, while in the previous year it was only 920. This increase is chiefly in the number of subscribers on the reduced rate of subscription and is due to the exertions of the Acting Head Assistant and Deputy Collector, who, at my instance, have taken some trouble in explaining to the Village Officers the views expressed in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings dated 31st March 1868, No. 236.

5. The demand on account of subscriptions to the *District Gazette* including Rupees 101-9-7 paid by certain subscribers in advance for the current year amounted to Rupees 1,354-3-5, or Rupees 1,513-10-0, including the balance brought forward from the previous year's accounts, nearly the whole of which was realized before the close of the year with the exception of a balance of Rupees 275-14-2, which has been since reduced by subsequent collections. The value of private work executed during the year has been fully recovered. The balance of the previous year which was outstanding under this head, as well as under "sundry receipts," amounting to Rupees 88-10-3, has been written off as sanctioned in paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings dated 26th October 1868, No. 7,617, and I have no further explanation to offer in regard to these balances than what has already been furnished in my last report, paragraph 5.

6. The charges on account of fixed Establishment and Saderward call for no remarks. For the purchase of stock, Rupees 1,401-8-0 have been paid, the supply of printing materials sanctioned by the Board on the 23rd October 1867, No. 6,907, having only been received from the Superintendent of the Gazette Press during the year under report. The charge for extra establishment was for the salary of two extra hands for 6 months at Rupees 7 each, and the necessity for their entertainment was explained when the charge was incurred. Of the remaining items of expenditure, the only one calling for explanation, is that incurred for printing Puttahs and Kachats. These had to be printed this year in such very large numbers and so expeditiously that the ordinary establishment was quite unequal to the task, and it seemed to be the best arrangement to pay for this work piecemeal than by employing extra hands on fixed salaries. The number of Puttahs and Kachats printed is shown below, and the payment made was at 10 Annas for every 1,000 impressions struck off, and this increased the expedition required.

	Impressions.	Cost.
½ Sheet. Katchats.	16,10,000	100-10-0
½ Do. Do.	1,51,000	94-6-0
½ Do. Puttahs.	3,72,400	232-12-0
½ Do. Do.	2,58,000	161-4-0
		589-0-0

7. Out of the Selections from the Government Records, the printing of which was approved, the paper noted in the margin was printed during the past year, and the prescribed number of copies was sent to the Board with my letter dated 18th January 1869, No. 8. In paragraph 8 of my last report, I referred to this and another Selection, and expected that both would be completed during the past year, but one has unavoidably been delayed, but this, with other papers will, I hope, be fully completed in the current year.

Mr Commissioner Dent's Report on South Arcot and the Order of Government thereon, dated 11th November 1841, No. 1,403.

8. The Press Registers have been carefully and correctly kept as stated in my previous reports.

9. A list of the Forms of Accounts, etc., printed at the Press during the past year, with a specimen copy of each, will be submitted separately, with reference to paragraph 19 of Board's Proceedings of the 26th October last, No. 7,617.

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believe, as stated in paragraph 2 of this Report, that the work of this year is as great as that of the previous year, the falling off in the figures being attributable solely to the change of system noticed in the same paragraph.

9. The value of private work shows an increase of Rupees 40 over that of the previous year, which is chiefly due to the quantity of work done for Municipal Commission.

10. The Financial Department of the working of this District Press are exhibited in Statements D. and E. The demand for the year including the balance of the previous year was Rupees 848-1-5, of which Rupees 601-3-11 has been realised during the year, to this must be added the sum of Rupees 193-3-0 being Gazette subscriptions, collected at the close of, or in the last month of the previous year for the year under report, and included in the previous year's account, which makes a total collection of Rupees 794-11-11, and leaves a balance outstanding of Rupees 53-5-6. In arriving at the above results, it will be seen that the sum of Rupees 253-2-0, appearing under "sundry items" as collections of Gazette subscriptions for 1869-70, received in advance, has been excluded from the account, as it forms part of the following years transactions, and should not, therefore, be mixed up with the accounts of the year under report.

11. The demand of the year on account of Gazette subscriptions, amounted to Rupees 649-0-6, Rupees 13-2-6, the balance remaining, at the close of the previous year is included in the amount. The actual demand of the previous year was somewhat less, being only Rupees 626. Out of the total demand for the year, Rupees 428-2-0 was collected during the year, and Rupees 193-3-0 in the previous year; as remarked in the preceding paragraph, these two items make a total collection of Rupees 621-5-0, and leave a balance outstanding of Rupees 28-1-6 at the end of the year. Of this balance, Rupees 4-4-6 is irrecoverable, which amount it is requested may be permitted to be written off the accounts.

12. The demand on account of private work, inclusive of a balance of Rupees 4-12-6 at the beginning of the year amounts to Rupees 198-10-11, of which Rupees 173-6-11 has been collected, and there remains an outstanding balance of Rupees 25-4-0, of which Rupees 18 has since been recovered.

13. The total charges amounted to Rupees 2,542 or Rupees 756, less than that of the previous year. The cost of extra establishment and repairs of press materials amounted to Rupees 190. The value of a new Columbian Press raised the sum under these heads to a large amount last year. The extra establishment was entertained for the purpose of striking off the Ryot's Receipt books. The decrease in the item Saderwarid, needs no remark. The percentage of the charge on the total value of the work turned out during the year is only 17 per cent., against 22 in the previous year.

14. It will be observed that the entire financial transactions of the Presses of this district show a net profit to Government of Rupees 12,153 against Rupees 11,708 in 1867-68. Even if the value of the work turned out for the Revenue Department be excluded from the transaction, there still will remain a clear profit of Rupees 2,143 in favor of Government as shown below:—

	Rs.
Establishment and Saderwarid	2,351
Collections	602
Value of Judicial work	538
Do. other Departments	1,194
	4,685
Deduct charges	2,542
Profit to Government	2,143

15. The Board in paragraph 12 of their Proceedings, No. 7,617, dated 26th October last, observed that the sum of Rupees 3-9-10, which was sanctioned as irrecoverable had not been written off the accounts. I beg to point out that this sum has been struck off, and was excluded from the balance of 1866-67, brought forward in the Statement for 1867-68.

16. The several Press Registers are all kept in the forms prescribed by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 12th December 1866, No. 8,802, and a supply of printed forms of Abstracts, Returns, Account forms, etc., is regularly sent to Huzoor and Talook Cutcherries according to the Indents received from these Offices.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

SALEM, 18th May 1869.

No. 91.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq.,
Collector of Salem.

To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the operation of the Press of this district, during 1868-69 accompanied by the usual forms.

2. The following Abstract exhibits, the number of papers printed under each head, and the estimated value of the work done, compared with the same particulars for the previous year:—

Items.	1867-68.		1868-69.		Increase in value.	Decrease in value.
	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.		
		RS.		RS	RS.	RS.
Office work	1,251	7,327	976	6,221	...	1,106
District Gazette	51	5,762	49	6,518	756	...
Selections from records	1	10	1	40	30	...
Judicial Department	187	668	143	528	...	140
Other Public Offices	230	1,084	247	1,194	110	...
Private work	82	154	114	194	40	...
Total...	1,802	15,005	1,530	14,695	...	310

3. It will be observed that there is a decrease in the quantity and value of office work done this year, compared with that of the preceding year. The decrease, however, is only nominal, and the work turned out is as much, if not more than that of the previous year. A change of system that was introduced from the 1st January last has caused this apparent deficiency. Indents for forms which were formerly received from the District Officers at all times of the year, are now required to be sent in within a certain fixed time, and forms that had before to be set up in type and struck off several times in the year, required a number and value to be given on every such occasion, but now they are only set up and struck off once in the year for the whole district, so that only one number and one value is given to the entire quantity.

4. The number of copies of *District Gazettes* issued during the year amounted to 26,408, and their value to Rupees 6,517-10-8, last year the number of copies were greater by 29, but the value was less by Rupees 756. This increase in the value is attributable to the Gazettes issued during the year being more bulky and contriving more matter than those issued during the preceding year. The number of full and reduced subscribers last year were 42 and 386, this year they amounted to 44 and 382, thus showing a small increase of two in the number of full subscribers, and a similar decrease of four in the number of reduced subscribers. Every possible endeavour is made to render the publication as attractive as possible, so as to induce Village Officers as well as private individuals to subscribe.

5. In printing Selections from records, it will be observed that more has been done this year than the last. The subject is the same as that of the last year, and forms one of the selected portions sanctioned for publication by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 10th August 1867, No. 5,149. There is a good portion of it still to be completed.

6. The quantity of work turned out for the Judicial Department is again less this year than the last. This is in consequence of most of the forms for the use of the Courts being supplied to them by the High Court from Madras. It is only the ordinary forms used for receipt and payment of money, etc., that are struck off in the District Press for the District Courts.

7. The work done for other Departments, amounted to Nos. 247, value Rupees 1,194 against Nos. 230 value Rupees 1,084 of the preceding year, thus showing an increase of 17 in the numbers, and of Rupees 110, in the value. The increase is attributable to an extra quantity of work turned for the Forest and Engineer's Departments.

8. The total quantity of work executed for the Revenue and other Departments, amounted to Rupees 14,501 or Rupees 351 less than that of the preceding year, the total of which was Rupees 14,852. Although the quantity and value of work done this year is shown to be less, I

PALMANAIR, 20TH MAY 1869.

No. 142.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq.,
Collector of North Arcot.

To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Press attached to my Office for the official year 1868-69, along with Statements Nos. 1 and 2.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the quantity and value, nominal and real, of work executed during the year, and No. 2, the receipts and charges, etc., of the Press Department.

3. The total value of work executed during the year amounts to Rupees 10,877-6-11, against Rupees 9,069-7-8 in the preceding year. This increase of Rupees 1,807-15-3 is mostly made up of the value of a large number of Puttahs and Receipt forms struck off during the year and of the *Local Gazette* which then began to be published in both the Vernaculars (Tamil and Telugu) of the district.

4. The papers noted in the margin, were selected from the records, in view to their being printed in 1867-68. Of these papers, the first was completed with the exception of its enclosures before the close of that year. The appendix and the report on the Tirpathi Pagoda are the years' contributions to the "Printed Selections." Copies of both pamphlets are herewith sent for the inspection of the Board. This year I propose to print the papers noted in the margin which have been selected from the list submitted to the Board with my letter, No. 282, dated 19th December 1865.

1. Special Commissioner's reply to Mr. Stratton's Report on the Western Polliems.
2. Report on the Tirpathi Pagoda.

To Board, 11th December 1800.
To do. 7th February 1801.
To do. 14th July 1801.
To do. 21st March 1802.
To the Right Honorable Lord D. C. Bentinck, Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, dated 31st October 1804, Book No. 16-1.
To the Commissioners for the affairs of the Chittoor Polliems, dated 5th October 1804, and the accompanying Report (third).

5. From Statement No. 2, the Board will learn that the circulation of the Gazette is gradually improving. This is due to the Gazette being now more generally acceptable since it has been published in both Vernaculars.

6. 523 lbs. of Types and other Press materials as per margin were received during the year.

English Types lbs.	27	
Tamil do.	,,	451
Telugu do.	,,	40
Space Rules	,,	10
Brass do. dozens		8
Cases with Stands No.		2
Benches	,,	2
Composing Sticks	,,	2

7. The Subscriptions to the *District Gazette* are collected in advance, and there is no balance under that head.

8. The forms of Accounts, Abstracts, Returns, etc., necessary for the systematic conduct of business both in the Huzoor and Talook Offices have been printed and supplied during the year under review.

9. The Press Registers continue to be regularly kept in the forms prescribed by the Board.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 996. ISAKAPALLY, 22nd May 1869.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq.,
Collector of Nellore.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Printing Press in this District for the Official year 1868-69, with the usual Statements prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. The out-turn of work during the year was Rupees 14,087 against Rupees 13,148 in last year, showing an increase of Rupees 939, as shown in the subjoined abstract:—

Department.	1867-68.				1868-69.			
	Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.			Number of papers.	Value in Rupees.		
		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Office work	705	4,676	2	4	540	4,272	14	4
District Gazettes (No. of issues.)	171	6,554	6	6	157	8,791	8	4
Selections from Records (No. of books.) ...	...	87	8	0	...	39	0	0
Judicial Department	101	340	15	9	5	9	11	0
Engineer do.	83	303	3	8	9	39	1	11
Military do.	...	...	...	...	19	101	4	8
Postal do.	11	15	0	0	5	9	4	0
Telegraph do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police do.	104	1,042	13	1	63	745	0	4
Jail do.	...	...	...	...	2	2	13	0
Medical do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ecclesiastical do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Educational do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revenue Settlement Department	1	5	0	0	7	39	0	3
Private work	34	123	0	0	24	46	6	2
	1,239	13,148	1	4	831	14,087	0	0

3. There has been a decrease in the value of the work done under all the items, except in the *District Gazette*. In the year under report, the Gazette work has been the most bulky, and for the greatest part occupied the time of the Press. The introduction of the Puttah and Receipt books, has also added to the burden. From these causes, a part of the Judicial forms and other out-door work, had to be refused or postponed.

4. The number of subscribers last year was below 300 during the greater portion of the year, and rose to 502 towards the close. The total number of persons supplied with Gazettes including the public officers, was 629 at the highest, or 400 on the average during the year. In the year under report, there has been a steady increase in the number of subscribers from 629 to 807. The number of Gazettes struck off and issued in each month, is shown in the annexed Statement:—

Months.	Total number of copies actually struck off.	Total number of copies actually issued.
	RS.	RS.
April 1868	5,188	5,159
May ,, ...	19,525	19,361
June ,, ...	15,674	15,555
July ,, ...	6,966	6,886
August ,, ...	10,870	10,805
September ,, ...	6,240	6,224
October ,, ...	11,701	11,701
November ,, ...	7,110	7,083
December ,, ...	7,110	7,083
January 1869	11,092	11,008
February ,, ...	5,778	5,715
March ,, ...	11,463	11,349
Total...	1,18,717	1,17,929

5. In respect to the Office work, though the number of papers printed was less than in last year, the number of copies struck off was much larger; 10,000 Puttah books, and as many Receipt books were struck off, besides 88,000 Puttahs and 72,600 Receipts. The Office work amounted to Rupees 4,272-14-4. A large number of Magisterial forms were struck off to meet two years' supply. The Village forms from No. 1 to 21 with enclosures, have also been supplied.

6. The value of the *District Gazette* struck off, was Rupees 8,791-8-4, showing an increase of Rupees 2,237-1-10. The increase in the circulation is owing chiefly to a large addition of subscriptions from the village officers.

7. Under the head of Selections from records, much was not done. Only 12 pages of the correspondence between the Board and the Collector in 1814, about the settlement of rents have been printed this year. To complete the subject, a half page of the report, and the enclosures have to be done, which will be done shortly.

8. The quantity of work done for the Judicial Department, is only Rupees 9-11-0, opposed to Rupees 340-15-9, last year. In August, when the Press had to take up the work of Puttah and Receipt books, the application for printing from the Court, the Engineer Department, and the Postal Department, had to be refused. Under the head of Private work, all that was received was done, and it amounted to Rupees 46-6-2.

9. The collections and charges during the year under report, are exhibited in D. and E. Statements. The demand for the year including the balance of the previous year, amounted to Rupees 1,113-10-1. The collections during the year have been 693-9-5, of which Rupees 590-13-5 go to the credit of this year's demand, and the remaining Rupees 102-12-0 is advances for 1869-70. The balance at the end of the year, is Rupees 522-12-8, of which Rupees 128 have been collected in April. Steps have been taken to collect the remainder at an early date. The actual demand for the year, exclusive of arrears, is Rupees 1,080-9-1.

10. Under the head of charges appear—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1st—Fixed establishment	2,243	10	8
Saderward	35	15	4
Contingent extra establishment	241	13	6
Repairs of Press materials	29	14	9
Sundries...	12	13	0
Total...	2,564	3	3

In this year, owing to the heavy work of the Gazettes and the Revenue work, three extra hands were employed, the charge incurred on their account, being Rupees 241-13-6.

11. Statement C. exhibits the value of stock on hand, and I beg to state here, that more of out-door work could have been met, if the Press indent for another Press made in 1867-68, had been supplied. A difficulty about materials is also felt. I therefore request that directions may be given to the Superintendent of Press to supply me with all the articles indented for in 1867-68. In July last, the Superintendent was written to, and he replied that the Press was hourly expected. Last month again another reminder was sent.

12. The specimen of forms printed at the Press, will be submitted with a separate communication.

13. Among the accounts, the A. Register has been duly kept. The lists of monthly collections of subscriptions and distributions of the Gazette have been kept, but they were embodied in the Register B. towards the latter part of the year, by a mistake in the Office.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 168.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., *Collector of the Madras District.*

SYDAPET 7th June 1869.

To A. MACGREGOR, Esq., *Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.*

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, the usual Annual Report on the operations of the printing Press of this district for 1868-69, with the necessary Returns.

2. The gross value of the work turned out during the year is Rupees 7,312-3-6 against Rupees 7,072-0-4 of the preceding year, being an increase of Rupees 240-3-2.

3. The circulation of the District Gazette has, I regret to say, not increased during the year, and even what subscribers there are to it withdraw, as soon as they are pressed for payment of their subscriptions.

4. There is a large balance of Rupees 600-12-11 outstanding against them; every exertion to collect it in the usual mode having hitherto proved unsuccessful, I beg to suggest that the provisions of Act II. of 1864 be put in force, and I request, therefore, that authority may be granted me by Government for my doing so.

5. The Press work done for private individuals is comparatively small; this, however, was to be expected considering the proximity of Madras, where it can be done so much more conveniently.

6. No selection of the District Records have been printed this year, as the Press Department has been generally fully occupied in the miscellaneous work of the district and because the records are at present, and until the new room for them is built, so dispersed, some of them being in a godown near the Jail at Guindy and some in the Huzoor Cutcherry.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

MANGALORE, 19th June 1869.

No. 651.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq.,

Acting Collector of South Canara,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1868-69, accompanied by the usual Statements.

2. It will be observed that the work turned out by the Press during the year under report has been generally satisfactory, as showing an increase* in the aggregate value of work performed over that executed in the previous year 1867-68.

Value of work.	Rs.	A.	P.
* 1867-68	13,269	14	11
1868-69	14,333	5	2
Increase ...	1,063	6	3

3. The amount of work done for my own office consisted as usual of printing the ordinary forms of Accounts, Registers, and Returns prescribed both for the Huzoor and the Talook Offices, all of which were promptly executed and supplied. A large number of printed forms of Birth and Death Registers for this as well as a portion of the Coimbatore District in which Canarese is spoken have been turned out, also Forms of Processes, Register, etc., under the repealed Certificate Act (IX of 1868,) and a number of Licenses to Abkarry Renters and Sub-renters. Besides the above, the Establishment was specially engaged in printing no less than 4,70,000 Forms of Beriz Puttahs and Receipts to be issued to the ryots under the recent instructions† of the Board. This last work alone absorbed a considerable portion of the spare time of the Establishment, and was not got through without some sacrifice of other work of less urgency in the office. The total amount of work done for the Revenue Department was 483 Rupees in excess of that of the past year.

† Circular Memorandum, 3rd December 1868, No. 1,206, Proceedings, 3rd January 1869, No. 13.

4. But the heaviest work of all is, the weekly recurring *District Gazette*, and I think it is worthy of the serious consideration of the Board, whether it is not absorbing an undue proportion of the powers of the Press. The amount of work done for the Gazette in the year has been 1,203 pages of printing, multiplied by 868 copies, which is altogether 10,44,204 pages of printed matter, and as this matter is more or less fresh every week, the time occupied in breaking up and distributing types and composing fresh matter takes with the printing, four days out of the five-and-a half available in the week, and this is apart from the translating, and proof-correcting done in my office. Thus the *District Gazette* monopolizes a large proportion of the time of the Press, and the question arises whether it is quite worthy of such a monopoly.

5. In my view, much of the time and money now spent with doubtful advantage on the *District Gazette* might be saved, and all the objects for which it is printed still equally well attained. I do not know what other Collectors find in districts in which education is more advanced, but I have no hesitation in stating, that in this district nine-tenths of the Gazettes supplied to Village Officers are never read or even opened except for waste paper. More than one to whom I have spoken have thought to answer all questions by saying, "I pay for it regularly," and when asked about the contents have fairly smiled good humouredly in my face at the absurdity of their really being expected to read that mass of matter as well as pay for it. A man of study may glance through a Gazette in five minutes, but to a man of ploughs and bullocks, it would be something very like a weary day's work to plod through a Gazette. The Gazette is much too full as well as dull for him.

6. Then the enforced payment for the *District Gazette* is by the great majority looked upon as an imposition, is ranked with the several new taxes they have to pay to Government, and is borne very unwillingly. I have not failed to carry out strenuously the Board's Orders‡ marginally quoted, but I can assure them it has been a very ungrateful task to tell a subordinate who could only read and write by proxy, and was in receipt

‡ Board's Proceedings, 28th January 1868, No. 666, paragraph 5.

of from 4 Annas per annum to Rupees 2, or Rupees 3 per annum from Government, that it was nevertheless his duty to spend Rupees 1-8-0 of that on regularly purchasing the Government organ and making himself vicariously acquainted with its contents. Before these men I have felt myself in the position of a mendicant rather than a ruler, and their subsequent answer "I have paid for t regularly" shows that they too viewed the matter in much the same light.

7. Again the Gazette is, I am inclined to think, issued oftener than is exactly necessary, and village arrangements will not allow of its being regularly distributed. It may leave my office and get to the Tahsildar's regularly enough; but they have no small difficulty in getting rid of what nobody cares to receive, and nobody calls for, except at long intervals, when the addressees are off the postal lines. The *Fort Saint George Gazette* is now published only half as often as it was, and similarly the *District Gazette* might, I would venture to suggest, be published fortnightly instead of weekly.

8. There is also a great deal of matter in the *District Gazette* which does not concern a Village Officer, and is necessarily both unintelligible and uninteresting to him. It is disheartening to him to find so little wheat amongst so much that is chaff to him, and I fear he too often gives up what he finds to be always a laborious and not unfrequently a profitless search. The enclosed list B. of contents of ordinary Gazettes will show how much he has to go through for how little.

9. The suggestions that I venture to offer are then, that the *District Gazette* be published once a fortnight, instead of once a week, that no one be compelled to subscribe, that to all to whom the *District Gazette* may be necessary as an Office record, it should be supplied gratis, that for this purpose two separate editions be published, one as full as at present for the Officers named in paragraph 3 of the Board's Standing Order, No. 356, and one for Potails and Police Station Officers, and that from the latter be eliminated all that does not immediately concern Village Officers or Police.

10. The result of the fortnightly, in lieu of weekly issue, would be that much time would be saved for the printing of selected records and for other useful work in the Press.

11. The free issue of the *District Gazette* would, I think, be only treating village officials with the same fairness as district officials to whom the *Fort Saint George Gazette* is supplied gratis.

12. The result of publishing two editions would be a great saving in printing, and the supply to the Village Officers of a simple sheet instead of a thick Gazette encumbered with a multitude of irrelevant and perplexing subjects, and rendered deterrent by its very length. Furthermore, those among the Village Officers who were sufficiently intelligent to desire a complete copy of the Gazette could still obtain it by a really voluntary subscription.

13. The amount of work that would be saved will be better appreciated if shewn in figures. The number of weekly issues of the *South Canara Gazette* are at present 868,* of these, 112* are supplied to private subscribers, 132* to superior officials, the balance, 624, to Village Officers.

*Average.

As I propose to dispense with the half of the former by publishing fortnightly instead of weekly, and the whole of the latter by substituting single sheets, the amount of paper and printing saved will be as follows:—

244 copies × 25 issues × an average of 24 pages, in each issue = pages		1,46,400
624 ,, × 50 ,, × ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, = ,,		7,48,800
	Total	... 8,95,200
Deduct 25 issues of 624 copies of single sheets of at most 4 pages to Potails		62,400
	Total saving of printing	... 8,32,800

14. The saving of 8,32,800 pages of printing would, I think, be an item worthy of consideration even if it carried with it the necessity for weighing against it the relative importance of some advantage to be foregone. But it carries no such necessity that I can discover. Not only will the usefullness of the Gazette be unimpaired, but it will be improved by being made more compact and readable to the illiterate Village Officers. It will, moreover, be placed gratis in the hands of all Village Officers. Moreover, the cost of supplying it gratis will not be as great as would appear. It may be calculated as follows:—

Present cost.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Cost of supplying 7,48,800 pages of paper per annum, or 97½ reams of Double Double Pot-printing paper, at 10-15-0 per ream	1,066	6	6			
Cost of printing do. per annum (exclusive of composing)	2,336	0	0			
Total present gross cost per annum				3,402	6	6
Deduct receipts from Village Officers				936	0	0
Present net cost per annum				2,466	6	6
Add cost of carriage from Huzoor to Talooks				180	0	0
			Total	2,646	6	6

Proposed cost.

	Rs.	A.	A.			
Cost of 3,900 sheets of Double Double Pot-paper, or 8 reams and 2½ quires, at 10-15-0 per ream	88	14	0			
Do. printing 62,400 pages (exclusive of composing)	194	0	0			
Total cost of supplying Gazette gratis to Village Officers				282	14	0
			Saving ...	2,363	8	6

15. Thus there will not only be no loss from supplying Village Officers gratis instead of on payment, but a saving of Rupees 2,363-8-6, and they will the while be supplied with what will be to them an improved Gazette.

16. If to this saving of Rupees 2,363, we add Rupees 664, the estimated cost of the alternate weekly issue of the complete Gazette proposed to be dispensed with, the total saving involved by my proposals will be Rupees 3,027.

17. But the saving in Rupees is of minor importance to the saving of time for the execution of more important work, such as the printing of selected old records.

18. I trust I may be excused for having gone into the matter at such length, for in no other way could I hope to contend successfully against so highly favored and long established an institution as the District Gazette.

19. While contending, however, against the monopoly of the *District Gazette* no pains have been spared to render it attractive. Attention has been given to the matter, the translating, the printing, and, as far as practicable, to the delivery. But all is of no avail against the general want of appreciation. At head-quarters only has there been a slight increase in the number of subscribers, in time the progress of education may possibly do the same for us elsewhere.

20. In the year under report, the value of work turned out for the Judicial Department shows a falling off to the extent of Rupees 304-6-6; Rupees 84-3-6 standing against Rs. 388-10-0 in the previous year 1867-68. This is attributable to a supply of Process Forms, etc., sufficient for some two or three years consumption, having been printed and supplied last year for the use of the various Courts in the district, and also to want of time on account of the Puttah work.

21. I regret to have to report that I have not been able to complete the printing of any Selections from the Records of this district during the year under review, as I expected to be able to do. The paper* noted in Enclosure A. to the accompanying Statement was the one taken up for printing. The small supply of additional type procured to supplement the existing stock in my Office did not reach me till nearly three months of the official year had expired, and when it came in, the establishment was fully occupied with the ordinary work which was largely increased by the necessity of printing the Forms of Beriz Puttahs and Receipts above referred to, which occupied one Printing Press exclusively for several weeks in each

* Mr. William Robinsons' report on the Amindivi Islands attached to the District of South Canara.

month. This work alone, as well as other pressing calls on the Printing Department, prevented the above selection being taken up. It was, however, put in hand and some 24 pages printed, but before it could be further proceeded with my *locum tenens*, Mr. Boswell, was obliged to order the Superintendent of the Press to accompany Mr. Hall to the Amindivi Islands, as no other servant could be found who was familiar with the language of the Islanders, and owing to his absence, the work has remained incomplete. As the Puttah work has now been completed, I have made arrangements for the above selection being again taken up, and hope to see it finished in the course of this or the next month. But if time were saved as I propose from the all absorbing *Gazette District*, very much more might be accomplished in this direction.

22. The account of collections of subscription to the *District Gazette* and value of private work shows an uncollected balance of Rupees 12-12-0 under the former item, and Rupees 34-11-1 under the latter, at the close of the official year under report.

23. Of the former sum, Rupees 2-1-0 are irrecoverable, being arrears of subscription due by a certain deceased subscriber to the Gazette. This I have no means of recovering, and I beg, therefore, the sanction of the Board for writing the sum off the accounts of the current year. The balance of Rs. 10-11-0 is recoverable, and will, I trust, be brought to account in the current month.

24. The other item of arrears, Rupees 34-11-1, consists chiefly of the charges for printing Forms of Abkarry and Ferry Contractor's agreements, etc., upon stamped paper, which can only be recovered as the forms are sold.

25. The several Press Registers are duly kept in the prescribed forms, and occasionally examined.

26. I beg to add, that I have a stock of worn out and unserviceable Canarese and English types, weighing 125lbs. now in store, which may well be sold as metal. I request the sanction of the Board for doing so.

Enclosure No. 2.—B.

List of the contents of the four issues of the *District Gazette* of South Canara for the month of January 1869.

Matter concerning all Government Officers as well as the Public.	*Matter specially relating to Village Officers*
1st Issue.	
No. 1. Appointments by Government.	Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19.
2. Notice regarding sale of Puttah and Receipt Books.	
3. Notice regarding Compassionate allowance.	
4. Registration of landholders' heirs and transfer of Puttahs.	
5. Discount on Adhesive Stamps Notice.	
6. Proclamation regarding unclaimed property, Section 130 C. P. C.	
7. Copper coins at discount.	
8. Notification regarding Arbitrators under Act VI. of 1857.	
9. When next Session will be held.	
10. Privilege Leave cancelled for convenience of Government.	
11. High Court's Proceedings, grounds of acquittal to be entered in Calendar.	
12. Do. regarding conduct of business during adjournment of Court.	
13. Notice regarding Government Foundry, Chepauk.	
14. Collector's Circular regarding punctual submission of Returns.	
15. Municipal Notice. Assessment of houses and lands.	
16. Do. Licenses for Carriages and Animals.	
17. Do. Registration of Carts.	
18. Overland Mails.	
19. Dawk rates.	
20. Acts for sale.	
21. District appointments, leave, etc.	
22. Weekly Shipping Report.	
23. Abstract showing state of business in the talooks.	
24. Abstract of Births and Deaths in each talook, monthly.	
25. Statement showing circulation of paper currency.	
26. Private Advertisements	
27. Monthly Calendar.	
2nd Issue.	
1. Appointments by Government.	Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 23, 26, 28.
2. Puttahs and Receipt Books.	
3. Compassionate Allowance to public servants in inferior grades.	
4. Registration of landholders' heirs and transfer of Puttahs.	
5. Notice inviting claims to sale proceeds of drift Cotton.	
6. Telegraph opened at Gangoli.	
7. Treatment of Cattle Disease.	
8. Discount on Adhesive Stamps.	
9. Copper Coins at discount.	
10. Notice asserting rights of Government to certain land advertised for sale by Courts.	
11. Arzies, Orders, etc., to be docketted.	
12. Dates to be noted in furnishing copies of Records.	
13. Proclamation regarding unclaimed property.	
14. Claims invited to sale proceeds of Impounded Cattle.	
15. Rules for conducting General Test Examination.	
16. Dismissal of Students from Normal School.	
17. Conduct of business during adjournment of Courts.	
18. Returns of Fines and Fees to be sent to Session Court.	
19. Ruling as regards Passage at public expense.	

20. Ruling as to Allowances of Officers on Leave.
21. Do. as to port of embarkation of Officers proceeding on Furlough.
22. Privilege Leave to Uncovenanted Servants.
23. Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue.
24. Admission to Provincial School.
25. District Appointments.
26. Dawk rates.
27. Acts for sale.
28. Revised List of prices generally prevailing in the district.
29. Shipping Report.
30. Private Advertisement.
31. Municipal Sheet.

3rd Issue.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 25.

1. Appointments by High Court.
2. Copper Coins at discount.
3. Notice regarding Puttahs and Receipt Books.
4. Circular regarding Registration of land-holders' heirs and transfer of Puttahs.
5. Sale of Drift Wood.
6. Instructions for dealing with bands of Foreigners.
7. Proceedings of High Court. Exercise of Jurisdiction under Section 320, Criminal Procedure Code.
8. Ruling of Government of India. Production of Number Demand Certificates by Officers proceeding on leave out of India.
9. Notification regarding reduction of Customs duty on Iron.
10. Do. debentures payable in January 1869.
11. Ruling regarding privilege leave to Civil Servants.
12. Employes of Educational Department not to be entertained in any other Departments without reference.
13. Dismissal of Students from Normal School.
14. Collector's Circular regarding punctual submission of Returns.
15. Rules for the conduct of General Test Examination.
16. Result of Special Test Examination.
17. Notification under Section 249 of Civil Procedure Code.
18. List of Vacancies in the Government Service.
19. Acts for sale.
20. Rules as to Registration.
21. District appointments, leave, etc.
22. Shipping Report.
23. Statement of Demand, Collection, and Balance.
24. Private Advertisements.
25. Police Sheet.
26. Supplement containing Proceedings of a Meeting of the Civil Dispensary Committee at Mangalore.
27. Counting House Calendar.

4th Issue.

Nos. 1, 6, 9, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25.

1. Sale of Firewood Jungles.
2. Appointment of School Commissioners.
3. Sale of Government Lands.
4. Season Report.
5. Copper Coins at discount.
6. Puttahs and Receipt Books.
7. Sale of Drift Wood, etc.
8. Sanitary Regulations to be enforced at festivals.
9. Instructions for dealing with bands of Foreigners.
10. Method of keeping water sweet.
11. *Decree*, etc., to be sent up when Appeal or Special Appeal is sent up—High Court Proceedings.
12. Licensed Abkarry Vendors may employ Agent or servant to sell, without breach of law in licensed shop.
13. Counter-signature of Medical Certificates on leave to Uncovenanted Civil Servants beyond sea.
14. Special leave to Covenanted Officers.
15. Medical Certificate for Pension.
16. Employes of Educational Department not to be entertained in other Departments without reference.
17. Rules for conducting General Test Examination.
18. Notification as regards sale of land in satisfaction of Civil Court Decree.
19. Overland Mails.
20. Election of a Member of a Devastan Committee.
21. Revised list of prices.
22. Circulation of Paper Currency.
23. Operations of Officers under Act IV. of 1863, (Small Causes.)
24. Abstract showing the state of business in the talooks.

25. Vaccine operations.
26. District appointments, leave, etc.
27. Private Advertisement.
28. Police Notice.
29. Municipal Sheet.
30. Monthly Calendar

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Collector.

Extd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department.

No. 2683.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th September 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.—

Submitting Report on working of District Presses during 1868-69 with General Statement and a file of Collectors' reports. (R. & 13th Augt. 69 No. 2014.)

The report on the working of the District Presses in 1868/69 is highly satisfactory. The value of work done year after year by these Presses shows a steady increase. It rises in the year under report Rs. 2,33,461 against Rs. 53,839 the average of the first five years of the establishment of the Presses and Rs. 1,47,421 the average of the past five years. The actual results of the transactions connected with

these establishments must a
net gain of Rs 27,195 to
Government.-

2. The total number of
subscribers for the District
Gazettes viz 13,573 against
10,276 in 1867/68 is encouraging
The large decrease in Bellary
and North Arcot is on the
contrary discouraging and
should be enquired into.-

3. The progress made in
printing selections from the
records of Govt is satisfactory.
The Government have not
received copies of ~~each~~
of these papers except from
Madura. The Board will
draw the attention of the
Collectors of the other Districts
named in para 11 of their
Proceedings to the order of
Government noted in the
margin and instruct them
to ~~send~~ the original to the

7th December 1868. No 1630

Govt Office without delay

4. The Board have
properly rejected the suggestion
of the Collector of Madura to
enforce the provisions of
Act II of 1864 for collecting
the arrears of subscription
on account of the District
Gazettes - The advances
should certainly be enforced

11 Letter Bd of Rev Dec 20
6 — Asstt Secy

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Prop. of the Madras Govt
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