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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1177 Press ~~Mis~~

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Dated 30th April 1869

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No. 642. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1869, No. 1,393:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Amalapur Talook, 28th January 1869, No. 17.

I HAVE the honor to apply for a permanent addition of two Compositors on a salary of ten Rupees each, two Pressmen on Rupees eight each, and two Ballmen on Rupees seven each, to the Press Establishment; the present number of hands being found inadequate to the work required from the Press.

2. Notwithstanding the best efforts and the occasional extra assistance given, the work received from other Offices has greatly fallen into arrear, and is still accumulating.

3. The Revenue and Criminal forms to be printed for the 2,220 villages, the nine talooks, the Magisterial Divisions, the three Sea Customs and the two Land Customs Offices, the Salt and the Abkarry Departments, and the Huzur Offices under the Collector and the Magistrate and his Assistants, are enormous. Certain forms and Notices have every year to be struck off in connection with the Certificate Act and other special enactments. In a week 1,190 Gazettes are struck off for subscribers and non-subscribers.

4. For the information of the Board a list of the work in arrear is annexed.

5. Since it was decided that other Offices may make use of the Collector's Press without payment, the demands on the Press have multiplied. For the Civil and Session Judge and the Subordinate Courts 63,675 copies have been printed during the last nine months, from April to December 1868, and there are yet 11,000 on hand. A set of forms, sixty-nine in number, for Criminal Processes has been received in this month from the High Court for use by the Magistrates and Session Courts, and the work has yet to be done. The Police, the Public Works and the Educational Departments, the Superintendent of the Central and District Jails and the Master Attendant's requisitions, which are not few, have also to be attended to. The publication of the Municipal Proceedings and striking off other forms to facilitate work (though on payment) is also a heavy item. Printing Selections has also been commenced this year.

6. The value of the work turned out by the Press has steadily increased year by year. It amounted to Rupees 1,617 in 1857-58, in which year the Press was first set up, and in 1864-65, when the Press Establishment was revised, the value was Rupees 7,908. It increased to Rupees 9,612 in 1867-68. During the last nine months of this year the work amounted to Rupees 8,358, while that of the corresponding period in the year past was Rupees 7,400.

7. In 1864-65, when the new scale of establishment was sanctioned, this district had only two presses, a Washington and an Albion. In February 1868, a Columbian Press was bought. To work the three presses there are only two Pressmen and two Ballmen. The first mentioned press requires two hands, and the two large presses must have three each for striking, inking, damping and cutting paper into sizes required. Washing and cleaning types, forms, and presses, moulding rollers, and counting papers form part of their work. There are six

Compositors, including the Superintendent and two Apprentices. For four days in the week their whole time is devoted to the setting up and despatch of the Gazettes.

8. For the above reasons I consider it absolutely necessary to make the permanent Press Establishment more efficient than it is.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—List of the work in the Press.

IN this letter the Collector applies for a permanent increase of establishment in the Printing Department of his Office, amounting to Rupees 50 a-month or Rupees 600 a-year. His present establishment consists of twelve men, at a cost of Rupees 2,256 a-year. The total cost, should the increase be sanctioned, will be Rupees 2,856 a-year.

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2 Compositors, at	10	each	20
2 Pressmen	8	,, ...	16
2 Ballmen	7	,, ...	14
		Monthly ...	50
		Annually	600

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1857-58	1,617
1864-65	7,908
1867-68	9,612
1868-69	10,447

N. B.—Nine months' actual; three months' estimate.

2. The income from the Press has steadily risen. In 1864-65, when the present establishment was sanctioned, the income was under Rupees 8,000; it is now in round numbers 10,500.

3. The Collector assures the Board that the existing establishment cannot overtake the increasing demand on it from numerous Public Departments and private persons, and the statement of arrears clearly shows that aid is required, or considerable delay must arise in the transaction of public business. There is no likelihood that the demand on the District Press will decrease.

4. The Board accordingly resolve to request Government to sanction the proposed increase.

No. 643. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1869, No. 1,177.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue support the application of the Collector of the Godavery District for a permanent increase to the strength of the Press Establishment, attached to his Office, at a monthly cost of Rupees 50. The establishments, attached to the Printing Presses, have, in common with other Revenue Establishments of the Presidency, lately received the most careful consideration by Mr. Pelly, and the Government must decline to disturb the revised scale, except under very special circumstances.

2. The outturn of the work performed by the Godavery District Press is by no means the largest in the Presidency, and compliance with the application now before Government would probably only lead to the submission of other similar applications.

3. The arrear of work seems to be owing to the sudden pressure occasioned by requisitions for printed forms by other departments; but for any temporary work of this kind, the employment of extra hands for stated periods can be sanctioned by the Board.

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4. The forms printed in the Collectorate Presses are in most cases such as are prescribed by Law or the controlling authorities, and must, therefore, be uniform throughout the Presidency. The Government believe that they might be printed more economically at the Penitentiary Press at Madras, and be then transmitted to the districts by the Railway or the coasting steamers. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be furnished with a copy of the Order of Government in the Public Department, dated 22nd February 1869, No. 237, on the Penitentiary Printing Presses, and they will be requested to submit their opinion on the point. The Superintendent of the Gazette Press will also be instructed, through the Supervisor of that Establishment, to furnish the Board with any further information they may require on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Supervisor of the Government Press.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No. 1177.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under Date the 30th April 1869
Read the following
Ord. of the 18th of Dec.

Requesting sanction
to Proposed Increase to Printing
Establishment in Godavery Dist. Collector's
office.

} P.C. 3rd March/69, No. 395

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Transmitted Rem. 2nd Aug/70
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Govt. of India
REVENUE.
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
&c., &c., &c.
Dated April, 1869.
Read
G. O. Govt. April 1869, No. 1177.

AGENT.
Rs. 612-8-0.

Government Printing Establishments—Application for an increase, declined.

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To Board of Revenue with Encls Desp. 1st Nov
5 Public Dept.
1 Supervisor of the Govt. Press

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