

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st December 1870.*

No. 436. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1870:—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Paper Currency, in charge of Stamp Paper Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th November 1870, No. 177.

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502, I have the honour to furnish hereunder particulars of the annual contingent allowance applied for to meet the cost of a mechanical establishment required for keeping in order the Stamp Dies and Bicolour Presses of the Stamp Paper Department in my charge:—

	RS.
1 Filer...	21
1 Do. ...	20
1 Die-setter ...	20
1 Blacksmith ...	15
1 Hammerman ...	7
1 Moulder ...	20
2 Coolies, at 7 Rupees each ...	14
Monthly Cost ...	117
Annual Cost...	1,404

2. There are four Bicolour Machine Presses and four Hand-presses now at work. Besides these, there are four others for getting up embossed stamps for the Mysore Government. These machines, from constant use, are liable to derangement. At times, the accidents are of so serious a nature that plates and value-pieces are not only merely defaced but completely shattered and destroyed. The springs on which the bed of the machine rests breaks so often that a Blacksmith and Hammerman are always engaged in making them a fresh, besides preparing other iron pieces, such as levers, etc., in lieu of those broken.

3. The Filers are required to file plates and value-pieces in brass, fit them to the machine, make beds to it, file and fit the levers which lift up the plates for different colours.

4. The Die-setter is wanted to fix in and shift out various value-pieces from the large and small presses, which, on an average, amount to five in number for each large press, and about thirty for the small presses in a day.

5. The services of a Moulder are essential for casting plates and value-pieces in brass, as well as the brass portions of the machines which wear away from incessant use.

6. As already stated in paragraph 6 of my predecessor's letter to the Board, of the 22nd August 1870, No. 133, the work above alluded to was done as part of the ordinary duty of the mechanics employed in the late Mint. It is now being done by the temporary establishment entertained for fitting up two large Bicolour Machine Presses under the sanction conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 3rd September 1870, No. 5,587. This work will, it is expected, be completed by the end of this month, and the establishment engaged thereon must necessarily, as

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no funds are forthcoming to meet their pay, be dispensed with. But their services are so urgently required that, rather than be discharged, they should be retained at all events as contingent servants, otherwise it will be utterly impossible to get on with the stamping work.

7. The General Stamp Office has two large Counter-stamping Bicolour Machine Presses and a few Hand-presses, and whenever they get out of order, they are sent here for the necessary repairs.

8. The mechanics attached to the permanent establishment are those noted in the margin. The last two workmen are borne in the list of establishment as Filer and Blacksmith; this was in error; they should be Engraver and Filer, and these correct designations will be inserted in the Pay List of the establishment.

9. It will be observed that the proposed contingent allowance is to be Rupees 117 a-month, or Rupees 1,404 per annum, which amount has been provided for in the ensuing year's Budget submitted to the Board with my predecessor's letter, No. 154, dated 28th September 1870.

10. Under the above circumstances, I beg that the Board will be pleased to solicit the early sanction of the Government for the grant of the monthly contingent allowance of Rupees 117 from the 1st proximo, which is indispensably necessary to secure the services of the mechanics. The allowance in the current official year will come to Rupees 1,404, which can be met from the savings effected by the abolition of the Bullion Depot and the reduction in the Assay Office.

In the foregoing letter, the Commissioner of Paper Currency replies to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502. He reduces the amount applied for by his predecessor, on account of annual contingent allowance, from Rs. 1,580 to Rs. 1,404, and states that, without the under-mentioned establishment of mechanics, it will be utterly impossible to get on with the stamping work:—

	RS.
1 Filer	21
1 Do.	20
1 Die-setter	20
1 Blacksmith	15
1 Blacksmith	7
1 Moulder	20
2 Coolies, at 7 Rs. each	14
	117 per month.
	1,404 per annum.

2. The Commissioner explains in detail the work to be performed by each one of these workmen, and observes that when the Mint was in existence, the whole of this work was being performed by the mechanics of that establishment as

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part of their ordinary duty. At present he is availing himself of the services of a temporary establishment, recently sanctioned for setting up two new Bicolour Presses, which it was expected would be dispensed with on the 30th of last month.

3. The Board are of opinion that the proposed mechanical establishment is very necessary, and accordingly recommend the grant of the monthly contingent allowance of Rs. 117 from the 1st instant, which, for the unexpired portion of the current year, can be met as suggested by the Commissioner from the savings effected by the abolition of the Bullion Department, and the reduction in the Assay Office.

4. It will be observed from paragraph 54 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th November 1870, No. 6,816, that the provision of Rs. 1,580 in the Commissioner's Budget for 1871-72 for contingent allowance has been reduced to Rs. 560 under the impression that this sum would be found sufficient for the purpose. The actual amount, however, now required is Rs. 1,404, which is Rs. 844 in excess of the provision.

No. 437.

ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1870, No. 2,097.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Stamps.

THE Government will defer passing orders on these Proceedings till it is determined in whose charge the Stamping Department is to be placed. The

Board will submit the report called for in the Order of Government, dated 15th December 1870, No. 2,040, as soon as possible.

2. The Commissioner of Paper Currency will, in the meanwhile, continue the temporary establishment referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, reporting the monthly cost thereof to Government through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Commissioner of Paper Currency.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. I. Bantleman.

Recd. Dept.

No 2097

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 21 Decr 1870.

Read the following
Proc of the P. B. of Recd

Recommending to grant
contingent allowance of Rs 100 per
month to meet the cost
of the mechanical Dept of
the office of the Secy of
Paper Currency in charge of
Stamp Paper keep^g

15th Decr 1870.

The Govt will
defer passing orders on
these Proc till it is
determined in whose
charge the Stamping
Deptⁿ is to be placed.
The Board will submit
the report called for
in the order of Govt
dated

And the Secy of Govt
be directed to submit the
report on the subject of the
contingent allowance of Rs 100
per month to meet the cost
of the mechanical Dept of
the office of the Secy of
Paper Currency in charge of
Stamp Paper keep^g

GOVT OF MADRAS

REVENUE

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Secy. to Govt.

Meeting held

10th

10th Decr 1870, No. 2097.

From the Secy of Govt
to the Secy of Revenue

DECEMBER
Nos. 436437.

Establishment for Stamp Paper Department
Proceedings Board of Revenue relating to
it with orders thereon.

date d 15th Decr 1870,
A2940, as soon as
possible.

The Commr. of
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the meanwhile continue
the temporary establish-
ment referred to in para
2 of the Board's Pro.
reporting the monthly
cost thereof to Govt
through the B. of Revenue

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Inscr. B. of Rev. Receipts &c - 14 Decr 1870
1 - Commr. of Paper Currency Receipts &c
6 - a. Act. Genl.

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30 Dec
1870

Contt put all
in a list of the
Chambers Estate
in the year 1800
1801

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1800-1801