Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th August 1872.

No. 80. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1872, No. 1,397 :—

Read the following letters relating to the additional establishment required for doing the work of Municipal Commissioners and Local Fund Boards in the Collectors' Presses :—

From the Collector of Salem,		dated	31st August	1871,	No. 2,491.
,, ,,	of Tinnevelly,	,,	2nd Sept.	,, ,,	377.
,, ,,	of Kurnool,	,,	2nd ,,	,, ,,	283.
,, ,,	of Trichinopoly,	,,	6th ,,	,, ,,	247.
,, ,,	of Kistna District,	,,	6th ,,	,, ,,	2,791.
,, ,,	of Bellary,	,,	6th ,,	,, ,,	345.
,, ,,	of Godavery Dist.,	,,	7th ,,	,, ,,	317.
,, ,,	of Vizagapatam,	,,	11th ,,	,, ,,	850.
,, Commissioner	of Nilgiris,	,,	13th ,,	,, ,,	114.
,, ,,	of Cuddapah,	,,	22nd ,,	,, ,,	192.
,, ,,	of Tanjore,	,,	23rd ,,	,, ,,	294.
,, ,,	of South Arcot,	,,	26th ,,	,, ,,	317.
,, ,,	of Madura,	,,	26th ,,	,, ,,	291.
,, ,,	of Nellore,	,,	29th ,,	,, ,,	1,906.
,, ,,	of Ganjam,	,,	7th October	,, ,,	1,259½.
,, ,,	of Coimbatore,	,,	14th ,,	,, ,,	247.
,, ,,	of Chingleput,	,,	20th ,,	,, ,,	511.
,, ,,	of Malabar,	,,	20th December	,, ,,	280.
,, ,,	of North Arcot,	,,	9th January 1872,	,,	10.
,, ,,	of South Arcot,	,,	9th ,,	,, ,,	36.

In G. O., 25th July 1871, No. 1,144, the Government remarked that if extra establishments were temporarily required in the District Presses for printing the Proceedings of Municipal Commissioners and Local Fund Boards, and if funds were available, the Board could sanction their entertainment.

2. The Board thereupon called upon all Collectors to report whether extra establishment is necessitated by reason of work which is now executed for Municipal Commissioners and which may in future be required for Local Fund Boards, and if so to send in a regular estimate.

3. The letters above recorded are the replies. The Collectors of Madura, Malabar, and Salem ask for no increase, and the Collector of Tinnevelly needs none provided certain documents be printed at Madras. As regards Vernacular Acts the Board observe that this is already done. The remaining Collectors ask for establishments costing Rupees 6,816 per annum, and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris requests that the allowance for printing the Gazette may be increased by Rupees 40 per mensem or Rupees 480 per annum.

	Number.	Cost. Rs.
Compositors	26	317
Pressmen	16	135
Ballmen	16	105
Attender	1	7
Waterman	1	4
Per mensem...		568
Per annum ...		6,816

4. The arguments adduced by the Collectors who have applied for increase are based usually on alleged general insufficiency of the sanctioned scale.

5. The Board cannot recommend any general revision both because they doubt whether the most is made of the establishments as they now exist, and whether the labour is turned to the best account, though the establishments are often over-worked; and because they think that considerable relief might be obtained if hearty efforts were made to reduce the size of the Gazettes, which might be done without diminution of their interest or utility. The five or six pages per issue, which is all that local and Municipal work comes to, could easily be made available by reductions in other parts of the Gazette.

6. The cost of establishment at each District Presses (except Malabar, Ganjam, and North Arcot) is Rupees 2,256, and comparing this cost with the value of work in 1871-72 the Board note the following figures:—

	Establishment.		Value of work.	Remarks.
	Temporary.	Permanent.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Ganjam	16	2,496	10,030	Ask for increase.
North Arcot	...	2,796	13,548	
Nellore	252	2,256	14,325	
Bellary	355	2,256	18,356	
Tanjore	461	2,256	18,917	
Vizagapatam	78	2,256	6,256	
Chingleput	102	2,256	8,682	
Tinnevelly	...	2,256	7,827	No increase required, conditionally.
Salem	...	2,256	14,417	No increase asked for.
Madura	...	2,256	10,334	
Malabar	30	2,880	13,836	

The facts that increase is asked for equally in Tanjore and Bellary which turn out most work and in Vizagapatam which turns out least; that Ganjam and North Arcot with exceptional establishments ask for increase, while Madura and Salem, with ordinary establishments and more work, need none; and that the ordinary establishment which suffices in Salem, cannot in Nellore turn out equivalent work; show that further information must be had before any general and permanent increase can be sanctioned. The Board think, however, that special aid may be required in Bellary and Tanjore, and request the Collectors of those districts to report specially on the distribution, and pressure, of the work, and the relief really wanted. In other districts, the system of temporary establishment, to be engaged when required, must be continued for the present.

7. The District Presses have grown up without any professional guidance, and neither Collectors nor their Deputies have any special knowledge of the proper organization of a Printing Press, or the requisite division of labour. The Board believe that if some one thoroughly conversant with Press-work were deputed to examine and report on the management of the different Presses, and the system in use in the Collectorates as regards the work thrown on them, much good would result; and suggest to Government that the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government Press should be sent, if his services can be spared, to visit and report on the Chingleput Press and some of those on the line of Railway.

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No. 81. Order thereon, 9th August 1872, No. 1,185.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council approves the suggestion of the Board that the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government Press should be deputed to inspect and report on the management of the District Presses.

2. Orders will be issued in the Public Department for placing the Deputy-Superintendent at the disposal of the Board for this duty, while engaged on which he will draw an extra allowance of Rs. 150 monthly in addition to his travelling expenses.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August 9th.

Recd. Encl.

G O., 9th August 1872, *No.* 1,185.

AUGUST.
No. 80-81.

District Presses.—Suggestion of the Board of Revenue to depute the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government Press to inspect and report on their management, approved; and orders to be issued in the Public Department placing the services of the Deputy-Superintendent at the disposal of the Board of Revenue.

14 To the Board of Revenue dtd: 15th August/72.
5 " Public Deptt — " "
6 " Accountant General " "

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JULY.

No. 1,397.

District Presses.—Remarks passed on reports of Collectors as to extra establishments required in — for printing Proceedings of Municipal Commissioners and Local Fund Boards. Collectors of Bellary and Tanjore requested to report on distribution and pressure of work in their Presses and relief wanted: and other Collectors directed to employ temporary establishments when required. Suggestion made to Government that Deputy-Superintendent, Government Press, should visit and report on management of Chingleput Press and others on the line of Railway.

With order
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