

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th October 1872.*

No. 36. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th September 1872, No. 1,797 :—

Read the following letters from the Collectors reporting upon the District Presses for the year 1871-72 :—

From the Collector of Ganjam,	dated 30th April 1872, No.	640.
" " of Vizagapatam,	" 6th May "	420.
" " of Godavery,	" 3rd " "	119.
" " of Kistna,	" 1st " "	1,318.
" " of Nellore,	" 29th April "	890.
" " of Cuddapah,	" 8th June "	88.
" " of Bellary,	" 8th May "	136.
" " of Kurnool,	" 10th " "	150.
" " of Chingleput,	" 24th " "	203.
" " of North Arcot,	" 30th April "	164.
" " of South Arcot,	" 8th May "	138.
" " of Tanjore,	" 25th April "	157.
" " of Trichinopoly,	" 25th May "	118.
" " of Madura,	" 8th June "	172.
" " of Tinnevely,	" 9th April "	126.
" " of Coimbatore,	" 15th May "	71.
" " of Nilgiris,	" 10th " "	62.
" " of Salem,	" 13th " "	113.
" " of South Canara,	" 12th July "	863.
" " of Malabar,	" 11th June "	141.

THE Board resolve to submit to Government a file of the printed report of the Collectors on the working of the District Presses during the year 1871-72 with the usual statements illustrative of the results.

2. The value of the work turned out during the year amounts to Rupees 2,23,000,* which is less than that

Items.	Value of work turned out in		
	1870-71.	1871-72.	Increase or decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work ...	67,135	65,915	— 1,220
District Gazettes	1,50,373	1,33,604	— 16,769
Selections from records ...	1,011	1,176	+ 165
Judicial Department ...	6,951	6,244	— 707
Other Public Offices ...	12,276	12,112	— 164
Private work ...	3,545	3,949	+ 404
Total...	2,41,291	*2,23,000	— 18,291

of the previous year by Rupees 18,000. The decrease in value appears to be due to the publication of the District Gazettes fortnightly instead of weekly, and to decrease in the amount of tabular work turned out this year. Half the decrease occurs in the three districts of Ganjam, South Canara, and Malabar, where unusually heavy work was executed in 1870-71 in connection with the printing of the Census forms.

3. *Work done for private individuals.*—There is a slight increase of Rupees 400 in the value of the work performed under this head, which is

owing to the relief obtained by the change in the issue of the District Gazettes. With reference to the inquiry in paragraph 2 of the G. O. dated 13th October

1872, No. 1,791, the Collectors of Godavery, Cuddapah, Kurnool, and South Canara state that the rates charged for private work are the same as those adopted in valuing the work performed for Government, and the Board believe that the same is the case in the other districts though the reports received from them are silent on the point. Only three Collectors have compared the rates with those of the private Presses in their districts. In Godavery the Government rates are about forty per cent. cheaper and in Kurnool they are as much dearer, while in South Canara they are only slightly in excess of the rates charged by private Presses. The Board think that the Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press may be requested to report upon the present valuation rates in the District Presses compared with those charged in private Presses at Madras when he inspects the District Presses as proposed by the Board in their Proceedings dated 23rd July 1872, No. 1,397.

4. *District Gazettes.*—The subjoined table shows the extent of the circulation of the District Gazettes in comparison with that of the preceding year. The number of subscribers in the Presidency has increased by nine per cent.; in some districts the increase is sixty per cent. This gratifying result is due chiefly to the reduction in the rates of subscription. In Tinnevely there was a considerable falling off in the number of subscribers at the beginning of the year but many have since renewed their subscriptions, and the decrease at the end of the year was 112 subscribers:—

Districts.	1870-71.			1871-72.		
	No. of Subscribers on full subscription.	No. of Subscribers on reduced subscription.	Total.	No. of Subscribers on full subscription.	No. of Subscribers on reduced subscription.	Total.
1. Ganjam	No. 65	No. 63	No. 128	No. 77	No. 86	No. 163
2. Vizagapatam	26	42	68	34	48	82
3. Godavery	150	1,077	1,227	164	1,104	1,268
4. Kistna	57	1,330	1,387	80	1,438	1,518
5. Nellore	57	686	743	61	714	775
6. Cuddapah	29	1,097	1,126	28	1,109	1,137
7. Bellary	54	1,029	1,083	66	1,091	1,157
8. Kurnool	28	759	787	25	760	785
9. Chingleput	29	259	288	33	291	324
10. North Arcot	48	149	197	48	294	342
11. South Arcot	33	784	817	40	1,001	1,041
12. Tanjore	94	2,984	3,078	100	3,014	3,114
13. Trichinopoly	21	704	725	25	906	931
14. Madura	87	288	375	86	342	428
15. Tinnevely	98	476	574	108	354	462
16. Coimbatore	46	675	721	53	773	826
17. Nilgiris	31	10	41	28	10	38
18. Salem	59	456	515	81	741	822
19. South Canara	135	638	773	166	666	832
20. Malabar	112	652	764	129	632	761
Total...	1,259	14,158	15,417	1,432	15,374	16,806

5. The Collector of Kurnool considers it necessary that the new Postal rules should be relaxed to prevent a decrease in the circulation of the District Gazettes even at the reduced rates now in force. The Board have addressed Government on the subject and have instructed all Collectors to despatch Gazettes to taluqs in bundles by book post for delivery to private individuals, the postage being charged to Government under Board's Proceedings dated 15th July 1872, No. 1,315.

6. At the suggestion of the Collector of Kistna, the Collectors of other districts were requested to favour the Board with their opinion as to whether District Gazettes issued to subscribers in villages could not be printed on thin instead of thick printing paper, and whether it would not be advisable to issue them in vernacular only. The majority of the Collectors are opposed to the adoption of the latter suggestion, and in this opinion the Board concur. The present diglott form appears to be acceptable to native subscribers generally. As regards the printing of Gazettes issued to villagers on thin paper, all Collectors, excepting the Collector of Malabar, who thinks that thin paper cannot stand the climate of the district, are in favour of using it. The Collector of Nellore considers that it may be used not only in the case of Gazettes supplied to subscribers in villages but also in the case of those supplied to public offices, and the Board agree with him. The thin printing paper proposed to be used is for all practical purposes as good and durable as the thick paper now used, while it is one-third cheaper and weighs as much less. It is, in fact, already in use in the districts noted in the margin, and the Board direct that it be brought into use everywhere as soon as the supply of thick paper on hand is exhausted.

Vizagapatam.
North Arcot.
Chingleput.
Bellary.
Cuddapah.
Tanjore.
South Canara.

7. The Collector of Nellore suggests that much of the matter now contained in the Gazettes, in which subscribers in villages take no interest, may be omitted in the copies supplied to them. He considers that the papers noted in the margin are not required for the village issue; but the Board are of opinion that full copies of the Gazettes should be supplied to every subscriber, and the question of real importance appears to be that raised in the G. O. dated 11th September 1871, No. 1,567, viz., whether any portion of the matter which now finds place in the District Gazettes cannot be altogether dispensed with and the bulk of the Gazettes thus reduced. The Collector of Tinnevely, with reference to whose district the question arose, considers that the papers noted in the margin may be altogether excluded from the Gazette, and that Board's Circular Orders, Government rulings, and High Court Proceedings, Income-tax Rules, and such other papers common to all districts may be printed once for all at

1. Statistical Supplements and heavy State-ments.
2. Police Sheet.
3. Municipal Sheet.
4. Civil Dispensary Sheet.
5. Irrigation Registers.
1. Monthly Return of Released Prisoners.
2. Despatch of Revenue and Magisterial busi-ness.
3. List of Arrivals and Departures of Vessels.
4. Monthly Income and Expenditure of Civil Dispensary.
5. Return of Sales of Moveable and Immoveable Property.
6. Detailed Register of Deaths.

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Madras, as the labour of setting them up in every district in the country is enormous. The Government have already disposed of the latter suggestion as impracticable, and, as regards the former, the Board consider it desirable that the several papers referred to by Mr. Puckle, except the second, should appear in the Gazettes though the information contained in some of them may be abridged. The first should be published, only if required by the Police authorities, in the Police Sheet. The fourth is scarcely necessary since the institutions have been made over to Local and Municipal bodies. Returns of sick treated in dispensaries are often printed in a very wasteful form. The Board have observed whole pages of tables nine-tenths of which are blank. By a little management the information might be easily compressed into the solid form.

8. The question of issuing District Gazettes weekly as formerly is also raised by the Collectors of Nellore and Bellary, who state that the present arrangement of fortnightly issues have been found to cause inconvenient delay in publishing notices and orders; but the Board are not prepared to recommend any change in the practice introduced only recently upon mature consideration. Urgent papers might be separately printed and circulated.

9. *Printing of Selections from Records.*—During the year under notice selections from records have been printed in thirteen districts as detailed below. Of the other eight districts, two* have no Presses, two† have made a

* Madras.
Nilgiris.

† Ganjam.
Vizagapatam.

fair progress in past years, and the districts in which no selections have been yet printed are South Arcot, Cuddapah, Kistna, and Tinnevely. The Collector of South Arcot, however, has made some commencement, and in Cuddapah papers are being collected. In these and in Kistna and Tinnevely the Board expect to see better results next year:—

Godavery.—Mr. Skinner's first Report on the Resources of the 2nd Division, dated 10th July 1800 (begun in 1869-70 and completed in 1871-72).

Mr. Skinner's second Report on do. do. (begun in 1870-71 and completed in 1871-72).

Nellore.—Papers on the settlement of rents (fifty pages printed in 1871-72).

Bellary.—Selections from Sir Thomas Munro's papers.—

1. Letter to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th May 1805.

2. Do. do. do. dated 25th August 1805.

3. Letter to the Secretary to the Committee of Finance, dated 25th January 1806.

4. Letter to the Police, dated 10th April 1806.

5. Do. to Private Secretary to Right Honourable the Governor, dated 20th June 1806.

6. Circular to the Collectors of Ceded Districts, dated 7th August 1806.

Kurnool.—Correspondence regarding the assumption of Kurnool (commenced in 1870-71 and completed in 1871-72).

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Chingleput.—Mr. Place's report, dated 16th October 1795.

North Arcot.—1. Letter to Board describing the principles of succession among the Chittoor Poligars and the nature of the tenure on which the Zemindars of Venkatagiri, Calastry, and Bomraj Polliems and of Sydapoor hold their respective estates and Sanads.

2. Letter from Board under date 20th August 1800 contains instructions for Mr. Stratton's guidance as the Collector of Peishchush in the Venkatagiri, Calastry, and Bomraj Polliems, and other points relating to the said Polliems with several enclosures.

Tanjore.—Report of the Tanjore Committee in 1807 for making a permanent settlement of the Revenue.

Trichinopoly.—Messrs. Dickinson and Cameron's Settlement Reports for Fuslies 1237 and 1238.

Madura.—Permanent settlement of the Zemindars of Ramnad and Shevagungah.

Coimbatore.—1. Captain MacLeod's Reports dated 19th February 1800 for Fusly 1209.

2. Do. do. an agricultural survey of the district north of Noyel and south of Cavery, dated 18th September 1801.

3. Mr. Garrow's Report on the subject of Police in Coimbatore, dated 25th July 1806.

Salem.—Continuation of Captain Read's letter to Assistant Collector regarding the system of revenue of the district.

South Canara.—Earlier reports and correspondence of Sir Thomas Munro relating to the district.

Malabar.—Messrs. Barber and Drammand's Reports on the condition and resources of the Province.

10. The Board have also printed some selections from their own records copies of which will be submitted to Government in due course. The charge incurred by them on this account is Rupees 1,314.

11. The Board will now proceed to notice the cash transactions of the year, which are as shown below:—

	Balance at the end of 1870-71.	Deduct remis- sion.	Remain- der.	Demand of 1871-72.	Total.	Collec- tions.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Subscription to District Gazettes ...	2,836	20	2,816	13,258	16,074	13,610	2,464
2. Work done for private individuals ...	324	2	322	4,011	4,333	4,007	326
3. Sundry receipts ...	23		23	1,325	1,348	1,317	1
Total...	3,183	22	3,161	18,594	21,755	18,994	2,761

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12. Inclusive of the balance of Rupees 3,161 at the end of the previous year the demand of 1871-72 amounted to Rupees 21,755 against Rupees 28,274 in 1870-71. Of this, Rupees 18,994 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,761. The decrease in the demand chiefly occurs in the item of the Subscription to the District Gazette, which is in consequence of the reduction of the rates of

13. The increase of Rupees 383 under the head Income from private work occurs chiefly in the districts noted in the margin.

14. The Board accord their sanction for writing off as irrecoverable the sums noted in the margin, and request the Collectors to adopt the necessary measures for collecting the remaining balance at an early date.

15. The charges for the year amounted to Rupees 58,905, or Rupees 1,077 more than those of the year previous. The increase is chiefly due to the purchase of service postage labels required under the new Postal rules for the despatch of Gazettes to taluqs.

16. On the whole, work valued at Rupees 2,23,000 was executed at a cost per cent. and representing a working profit. In this calculation, however, the interest on capital is not considered. The capital is represented by the value of the Presses and printing materials on hand.

17. The registers and accounts connected with the work of the Presses have been regularly kept everywhere. In Trichinopoly, however, the Collector states that they were not neatly kept; that he found numerous interlineations and corrections in them which have not been initialled; and that he has given the necessary orders to ensure their being kept properly in future.

Godavery.	Trichinopoly.
Nellore.	Madura.
Cuddapah.	Tinnevelly.
Bellary.	Salem.
South Arcot.	

	Subscription to District Gazettes.	Private work.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
South Arcot	...	
Salem	16 8 0	2 9 0
		

	RS.	A.	P.
Fixed establishment	...	...	...
Saderward inclusive of Postage labels	45,085	4	7
Contingencies—	...	...	...
Extra establish-ment...	2,924	7	4
Repairs of Press materials	1,891	12	11
Purchase of stock.	8,823	15	11
	10,895	8	0
Total...	58,905	3	11

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No. 1.—Statement showing the Value of the Work turned out in each Collectorate Press during the year 1871-72.

Districts.	REVENUE DEPARTMENT.										Total.
	Office Work.	DISTRICT GAZETTE.			Selection from Records.	Total.	Judicial Department.	Other Public Offices.	Total Government work.	Private work.	
		Supplied to Government Officials free of charge.	Supplied to Subscribers.	Total.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Ganjam	RS. 4,773	RS. 1,506	RS. 1,880	RS. 3,386	RS. ...	RS. 8,159	RS. 517	RS. 1,099	RS. 9,775	RS. 255	RS. 10,030
2. Vizagapatam	1,771	2,682	1,672	4,354	...	6,125	28	28	6,181	75	6,256
3. Godavery	2,256	823	6,647	7,470	271	9,997	195	291	10,483	142	10,625
4. Kistna...	1,157	719	7,576	8,295	...	9,452	9	392	9,853	61	9,914
5. Nellore	5,012	1,119	6,652	7,771	172	12,955	276	994	14,225	100	14,325
6. Cuddapah	1,824	809	6,764	7,573	...	9,397	2	132	9,531	87	9,618
7. Bellary	7,368	1,308	9,289	10,597	170	18,135	50	122	18,307	49	18,356
8. Kurnool	2,242	673	4,895	5,568	68	7,878	585	725	9,188	106	9,294
9. Chingleput	4,553	905	2,305	3,210	110	7,873	356	432	8,661	21	8,682
10. North Arcot	4,723	1,962	4,776	6,738	74	11,535	307	1,480	13,322	226	13,548
11. South Arcot	3,271	585	3,602	4,187	...	7,458	439	801	8,768	302	9,070
12. Tanjore	3,409	756	12,311	13,067	66	16,542	1,126	1,192	18,469	448	18,917
13. Trichinopoly	2,516	767	6,540	7,307	30	9,853	393	583	11,438	257	11,695
14. Madura	2,467	1,710	4,693	6,403	40	8,910	334	169	9,827	507	10,334
15. Tinnevely	1,405	1,448	4,244	5,692	...	7,097	238	596	7,504	323	7,827
16. Coimbatore...	2,341	1,052	5,993	7,045	45	9,431	85	...	10,112	119	10,231
17. Nilgiris	...	594	440	1,034	...	1,034	...	...	1,034	...	1,034
18. Salem	6,661	864	5,750	6,614	60	13,335	170	726	14,231	186	14,417
19. South Canara	4,529	1,228	8,065	9,393	20	13,942	413	555	14,910	81	14,991
20. Malabar	3,637	1,706	6,194	7,900	50	11,587	721	924	13,232	604	13,836
Total...	65,915	23,316	1,10,288	1,33,604	1,176	2,00,695	6,244	12,112	2,19,051	3,949	2,23,000

As per Statement No. 2... 4,011

Difference... 62*

This difference is the sum realized on account of private notices published in the Gazettes.

Statement showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses during the official year 1871-72.

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Districts.	Fixed Estab-lishment.	Saderward and Postage Service Labels.	CONTINGENCIES.				Total.	Grand Total.
			Extra Estab-lishment.	Repairs of Press Mate-rials.	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...	2,475 4 5	46 11 9	16 3 9	3 8 0	31 0 0	50 11 9	2,572 11 11	
2. Vizagapatam...	2,243 3 4	108 11 8	78 0 0	24 11 8	...	102 11 8	2,454 10 8	
3. Godavery ...	2,242 8 5	362 2 6	166 15 0	15 0 0	...	183 3 0	2,787 13 11	
4. Kistna ...	2,243 5 4	331 6 6	30 0 0	...	1,098 10 0	1,128 10 0	3,703 5 10	
5. Nellore...	2,254 12 3	37 0 9	252 0 0	...	433 2 1	685 2 1	2,976 15 1	
6. Cuddapah ...	2,225 5 11	67 12 3	93 0 0	...	745 15 1	838 15 1	3,132 1 3	
7. Bellary ...	2,248 5 9	52 8 11	354 13 11	61 0 6	1,086 7 9	1,502 6 2	3,803 4 10	
8. Kurnool ...	2,210 12 7	76 9 0	20 0 0	4 0 0	908 7 0	932 7 0	3,219 12 7	
9. Chingleput ...	2,249 8 9	179 9 10	102 3 0	...	448 3 8	550 6 8	2,979 9 3	
10. North Arcot...	2,786 10 0	240 3 4	...	...	485 6 0	485 6 0	3,512 3 4	
11. South Arcot ...	2,255 0 0	453 8 6	168 0 0	10 0 0	734 1 9	912 1 9	3,620 10 3	
12. Tanjore...	2,256 0 0	30 4 8	459 9 0	51 6 0	717 3 0	1,228 2 0	3,514 6 8	
13. Trichinopoly...	2,210 4 5	49 4 5	...	...	580 14 0	580 14 0	2,840 6 10	
14. Madura...	2,252 11 7	39 9 6	...	...	366 13 6	866 13 6	2,659 2 7	
15. Tinnevely ...	2,250 2 8	207 11 1	...	...	580 10 6	580 10 6	3,038 8 3	
16. Coimbatore ...	2,244 0 6	391 2 8	97 8 10	9 1 0	276 0 1	382 9 11	3,017 13 1	
17. Nilgris...	1,033 12 5	...	...	...	...	...	1,033 12 5	
18. Salem ...	2,254 10 10	63 8 0	23 6 1	1 0 0	9 1 6	33 7 7	2,351 10 5	
19. South Canara ...	2,254 7 4	99 4 4	...	...	23 9 0	23 9 0	2,377 4 8	
20. Malabar ...	2,894 6 1	87 5 8	30 1 4	...	297 3 0	327 4 4	3,309 0 1	
Total...	45,085 4 7	2,924 7 4	1,891 12 11	179 11 2	8,823 15 11	10,895 8 0	58,905 3 11	

No. 2.—Statement showing the Receipts of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency during the year 1871-72.

Districts.		OUTSTANDING BALANCE AT THE CLOSE OF 1870-71.				DEMAND OF THE YEAR.					Total of Co- lumn 4 and 8.	Addition to the Balance.	
		Actual balance.	Deduct amount of irrecoverable balance written off.	Remainder.	On account of private work.		Subscription to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	Total.				
					5	6				7			8
1		2	3	4	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 ..	...	127 15 7	...	127 15 7	254 10 9	159 1 11	161 4 6	575 1 2	703 0 9	687 13 3	15 3 6	...	
2. Vizagapatam...	...	...	...	...	75 5 0	92 11 0	...	168 0 0	168 0 0	168 0 0	...	...	
3. Godavery ..	...	285 6 0	...	285 6 0	141 8 10	1,073 11 0	118 11 0	1,333 14 10	1,619 4 10	1,476 12 4	142 8 6	...	
4. Kistna ..	...	309 3 11	12 15 0	296 4 11	61 9 4	1,187 2 4	34 11 2	1,288 6 10	1,579 11 9	1,534 7 5	45 4 4	...	
5. Nellore ..	...	270 8 3	...	270 8 3	103 9 1	637 7 0	51 5 8	782 5 9	1,052 14 0	816 11 0	236 3 0	...	
6. Cuddapah ..	...	166 3 0	0 14 0	165 5 0	86 14 6	800 12 0	63 14 4	1,011 8 10	1,176 13 10	979 13 10	197 0 0	...	
7. Bellary ..	...	...	...	...	122 6 0	744 5 0	0 2 0	866 13 0	866 13 0	866 13 0	...	...	
8. Karnool...	...	180 14 0	...	180 14 0	91 1 0	520 6 0	3 15 0	615 6 0	796 4 0	685 12 4	110 7 8	...	
9. Chingleput ..	...	415 12 11	...	415 12 11	20 9 6	268 4 0	0 12 0	259 9 6	705 6 5	211 4 0	488 2 5	...	
10. North Arcot ..	...	...	...	...	225 11 6	293 6 0	...	519 1 6	519 1 6	519 1 6	...	...	
11. South Arcot ..	...	1,011 0 4	...	1,011 0 4	301 8 1	930 2 0	...	1,331 10 1	2,242 10 5	1,212 9 7	1,030 0 10	...	
12. Tanjore ..	...	...	...	...	447 8 11	1,975 14 4	5 15 0	2,429 6 3	2,429 6 3	2,429 6 3	...	...	
13. Trichinopoly ..	...	212 3 6	...	212 3 6	256 13 7	748 0 0	53 9 0	1,058 6 7	1,270 10 1	1,143 2 10	127 7 3	...	
14. Madura ..	...	...	...	...	507 0 3	182 5 0	291 15 8	981 4 11	981 4 11	969 8 11	11 12 0	...	
15. Tinnevely ..	...	...	...	...	323 6 2	465 10 0	26 12 6	815 12 8	815 12 8	811 6 4	4 6 4	...	
16. Coimbatore ..	...	77 5 6	1 12 0	75 9 6	119 3 0	655 12 3	47 2 0	822 1 3	897 10 9	884 6 9	13 4 0	...	
17. Nilgiris ..	...	6 6 0	3 0 0	3 6 0	...	53 0 0	4 5 0	57 5 0	60 11 0	60 11 0	...	...	
18. Salem ..	...	43 11 6	0 9 0	43 2 6	186 5 4	677 15 0	2 14 0	867 2 4	910 4 10	857 15 10	53 5 0	...	
19. South Canara ..	...	59 15 11	2 14 0	57 1 11	81 1 0	552 15 0	449 7 0	1,083 7 0	1,140 8 11	1,043 14 10	96 10 1	...	
20. Malabar ..	...	16 2 0	...	16 2 0	604 8 8	1,189 14 0	8 4 0	1,802 10 8	1,818 12 8	1,629 9 8	189 3 0	...	
Total...		3,182 12 5	22 0 0	3,160 12 5	4,010 12 6	13,258 9 10	1,324 15 10	18,594 6 2	21,755 2 7	18,994 4 8	2,760 13 11	...	

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No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1872, No. 1,385.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council considers the foregoing report to be decidedly satisfactory, and is glad to

note that progress is being made with the work of printing useful selections for the district records.

2. The proposal that the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government shall report on the valuation rates in the districts when inspecting the Revenue Departments, is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 640.

CHETTERPORE, 30th April 1872.

From C. G. MASTER, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Ganjam,

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

I HAVE the honour to forward the annual Statements showing the operations of the District Press for the year 1871-72, prepared according to the forms received with the Proceedings of the Board, dated 19th February last.

2. The following abstract shows that the entire value of the work turned out during the year under report was Rupees 10,030-0-6, showing a decrease of Rupees 4,191-6-8, compared with the results of the preceding year. The increase in that year was, as already stated, owing to a large number of Census forms having been printed:—

	1870-71.		1871-72.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Office work	597	8,717 8 5	557	4,773 6 4	...	...	40	3,944 2 1
Gazette	45	3,565 8 11	27	3,386 3 1	...	...	18	179 5 10
Other public offices.	234	1,412 12 11	247	1,615 12 4	13	202 15 5	...	...
Private work... ..	223	525 8 11	118	254 10 9	...	...	105	270 14 2
Total...	1,099	14,221 7 2	949	10,030 0 6	13	202 15 5	163	4,394 6 1
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	4,191 6 8

The decrease in the number of issues of the District Gazette is due to the publication being fortnightly instead of weekly as was the case for nine months in the preceding year. The value of the private work of the preceding year having embraced the cost of printing a Catechism for the Police, there has been a decrease under that head in the year under report.

3. The subjoined is an abstract showing the distribution of the copies of the District Gazette:—

Items.	1870-71.	1871-72.	Increase.	Decrease.
Public Officers	1,589	1,574	...	14
Subscribers. { Full	784	925	141	...
	752	1,037	285	...
Total...	3,125	3,537	426	14
Net ...	...	...	412	...

The increase in the number of subscribers is attributable to the reduction of rates of subscription.

4. Statement C. showing the value of stock on hand contains a new column "When supplied" which has been filled up only as regards Presses, but with regard to the supply of articles, it is difficult to ascertain the dates, because types and other articles have been generally received every year and on different occasions since the Presses were established in the district; this column cannot therefore be filled up accurately. As already stated in former reports, the figures given in Form C. are entered on estimation.

5. It will be observed from Form D. that the receipts were Rupees 687-13-3 and disbursements Rupees 2,572-11-11. The decrease in the subscription to the District Gazette is due to the reduction of rates and to the slight falling off in the private work, has already been explained above, while the sale proceeds of Sea Customs forms were only Rupees 15-14-6, against Rupees 212-11-10 of the preceding year.

6. Form E. shows a demand including arrears of Rupees 703-0-9, and of the balance of Rupees 15-3-6 a portion has since been collected.

7. The monthly accounts connected with the Press are regularly checked by the Treasury Deputy-Collector.

VIZAGAPATAM, 6th May 1872.

No. 420.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Vizagapatam,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit the annual report on the operations of the Press of this district during the year 1871-72 accompanied by the usual statement.

2. The following abstract shows the number of papers printed, their value, and the number of copies struck off under each head:—

	1870-71.			1871-72.			COMPARISON OF THE VALUE OF WORK.	
	Num-ber of papers.	Number of copies.	Value of work.	Num-ber of papers.	Number of copies.	Value of work.	In-crease.	De-crease.
			RS.			RS.		
Office work	228	370,107	4,292	284	122,144	1,772	...	2,520
District Gazettes...	44	30,000	4,695	25	7,180	4,354	...	341
Selections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Department ...	29	45,300	151	10	2,757	28	...	123
Other Public Offices ...	14	17,474	65	14	3,092	29	...	36
Private work	29	2,035	70	24	1,196	75	5	...
Total...	344	464,916	9,274	357	126,369	6,258	5	320
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,015

3. The value of work executed during the year amounts to Rupees 6,259, showing a decrease of Rupees 3,015 in comparison with that of the preceding year. This is chiefly owing to the publication of the Gazette fortnightly instead of weekly and to less quantity of tabular work (the value of which is much greater than that of plain work) turned out this year.

4. The bona fide collections during the year are exhibited in the margin.

5. The number of subscribers is 82, a slight decrease in comparison with that shown in the last year's report.

6. The printing of revised forms of Taluq Accounts has been completed, and the Permanent Settlement Accounts will be put in hand shortly.

7. The Office Registers have been examined and found to be properly kept.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From A. J. STUART, Esq.,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Godavery District,
 To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Presses during the year 1871-72 accompanied by an explanatory statement prepared in the form received with the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 19th February 1872, No. 270.

2. The following is a comparative statement of the work done in 1871-72 and the year preceding it:—

	1870-71.		1871-72.		COMPARISON OF THE VALUE OF WORK.	
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work	292	2,240	302	2,256	...	84
District Gazettes	55	7,377	40	7,470	93	...
Selection from Records	1	125	...	271	146	...
Judicial Department	109	735	39	195	...	540
Police do.	...	...	50	234	234	...
Jail do.	2	2	2	3	1	...
Medical do.	...	...	4	19	19	...
Educational do.	8	21	3	7	...	14
Marine do.	11	50	6	28	...	22
Private work	2	23	25	142	119	...
Total...	480	10,673	471	10,625	612	660
Net decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	48

The value of the work done in 1871-72 calculated according to the rates fixed for Government Presses is Rupees 10,625. Notwithstanding an increase in the number of papers struck off for office use, there is a small decrease of Rupees 84 in the value compared with the year preceding, which result is due to the nature of the papers, fewer tabular statements having been printed this year. District Gazettes and Selections from Government Records show an increase. The Civil Court had a variety of forms, wanted by District Munsifs, etc., printed in 1870-71. They did not require forms to the same extent in 1871-72, and hence the decrease under the head Judicial Department. The fluctuations under other heads are too small to call for remark.

3. The Board will be gratified to observe from the marginal figures that there has been a steady increase in the circulation of the District

Years.	Average.
1867-68.....	1,070
1868-69.....	1,146
1869-70.....	1,233
1870-71.....	1,333
1871-72.....	1,425

Gazettes, and that as an official organ for furnishing to the public in general, and Government officials in particular, information on the many important subjects connected with the administration, they answer their purpose better every year. The majority of the subscribers are village officers who seem to appreciate the value of the Gazette. The Gazette is issued to village officers at 12 Annas per annum free of postage

and the Government are losers upon the transactions under this head. The actual value of each Gazette is Rupees 5-3-0. The total number of copies struck off was 57,650, their value Rupees 7,470. The number of free copies issued to officials was 6,282 valued at Rupees 814. The value of copies struck off but not sold was Rupees 84. The value of the copies issued to subscribers was Rupees 6,572 exclusive of the cost of paper and postage, but the actual receipts during the year on account of subscription amounted only to Rupees 1,047 and the demand to Rupees 1,074. If the Gazettes were printed at the private Printing Press in Cocanada, the value calculating at their rates would be Rupees 20,917. A memorandum showing the difference between the private Company's rates and those of the Collectorate Press is added below :—

Rates at	Plain matter.	TABULAR.		Minimum number of copies.	From 300 to 1,000 copies per 100.	From 1,000 and above per 100.	Remarks.
		Half.	Full.				
	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS.				
Government Press.....	2 8 0	3 5 4	5	300	$\frac{1}{8}$ th charge...	$\frac{1}{8}$ th charge.	Foolscap size.
Private Presses....	4 0 0	6 0 0	8	100	From 200 to 1,000 copies per 100.	$\frac{1}{8}$ th charge.	Square inch measurement.

The rates charged for Government and private work at the Collectorate Press are the same.

4. During the year, Huzur, Taluq, and Village forms were printed and supplied.

5. Mr. S. Skinner's first report on the resources of the 2nd Division, dated 10th July 1800, begun in 1869-70, was completed and the required number of copies sent with this office letter dated 13th September 1871, No. 320. His 2nd report on the same subject commenced last year was finished this year; ten copies are herewith sent.

6. The total receipts of the Press in cash were Rupees 1,307-1-4, but the value of private work would be nearly trebled if calculated according to the rates charged at the private Press.

7. The following is an abstract of charges connected with the Press during the past two years :—

	1870-71.	1871-72.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Fixed Establishment...	2,253	2,243	...	10
Saderwarid and Contingencies...	65	362	297	...
Stock newly purchased...	641	1	...	640
Repairs of Press materials...	12	15	3	...
Extra Establishment...	141	167	26	...
Total...	3,112	2,788	326	650
Net decrease...	...	...	...	324

Deducting the receipts, the net charge to Government was Rupees 1,481. The decrease is due to the Press materials indented for in 1871-72 not having been received and paid for during the official year. The increase under the head "Saderwarid and Contingencies" was caused by the use of service postage labels for the District Gazettes. To clear off the arrears in the Press, extra hands were, from time to time, entertained.

8. The demand, collection, and balance for the year under report are shown below :—

Items.	Balance brought forward from last year's account.			Deduct re-mission sanctioned to be written off.			Remainder.			Demand in the year.			Total.			Collected in the year.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Subscription to District Gazettes ...	285	6	0	...	...	...	285	6	0	839	0	0	1,124	6	0	981	13	6	142	8	6
Private work.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	8	10	141	8	10	141	8	10	...	...	...
Sundry receipts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	11	0	118	11	0	118	11	0	...	...	...
Subscription in advance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0	...	...	...
Total...	285	6	0	...	...	...	285	6	0	1,099	3	10	1,384	9	10	1,307	1	4	142	8	6

The arrear is chiefly due by village subscribers and will be brought to account in this month.

9. The accounts connected with the Press Department have been regularly and correctly kept.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq.,
Acting Collector of the Kistna District,

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

I HAVE the honour to lay before the Board my report on the working of the District Press during the past official year 1871-72. The usual statements accompany.

2. The value of work done for the District Gazette and the various officers in the district is detailed below, from which it will be seen that the number of papers struck off during the year under report was 200, and their value amounted to Rupees 9,914-2-1:—

Department.	1870-71.				1871-72.			
	No. of papers.	Value.			No. of papers.	Value.		
		RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Office work... ..	155	1,691	10	9	95	1,157	3	1
District Gazette (No. of issues) ...	44	8,762	12	0	32	8,294	8	8
Judicial Department... ..	13	39	8	4	3	8	12	0
Engineer do.	22	64	6	0	5	38	4	0
Military do.	8	10	13	4	...	...	...	...
Postal do.	8	24	8	0	8	11	4	0
Telegraph do.	2	4	0	0	...	...	...	...
Police do.	4	7	8	0	13	43	8	4
Jail do.	...	...	...	...	4	17	14	8
Local Fund Boards	...	...	...	...	7	63	0	0
Educational Department	7	19	9	4	1	1	0	0
Municipal do.	26	149	6	8	14	217	2	0
Private work	16	34	8	0	18	61	9	4
Total...	305	10,808	10	5	200	9,914	2	1

The foregoing comparative abstract shows a decrease of 105 papers as compared with the work turned out in the previous year, due chiefly to the substitution of fortnightly for weekly issues of the District Gazette. The small decrease in the value of work done, amounting to only Rupees 894-8-4, cannot be considered as otherwise than satisfactory.

3. The want of a suitable Press to strike off large-sized impressions, want of room in the Press House, deficiency of printing materials, the growing bulk of the District Gazette consequent on Local Fund Board and Municipal Proceedings being now published therein, did not permit of more work being undertaken in the way of printing forms necessary for the various departments. A glance at the statement will, however, show that what was possible was done to utilize the services of the District Press in this direction. The demands of the several departments have been complied with as far as it was possible, without interfering with the periodical issue of the Gazettes. Late in the year types and other materials to the value of Rupees 1,086-2-0 were supplied, and I have received the Main's Gripper Press; but it has come broken; when the Press is set up, I hope I shall be able to show better results, as I hope to be able to construct a separate building for it. It would be utterly impossible to work it in the present Pressroom.

4. For these reasons, it has not been possible to undertake the printing of Selections from Records during the year under report.

5. The circulation of the District Gazette is illustrated by the Tabular Statement B.

The number of copies struck off during the year under report amounted to 20,120 against 18,490 in the preceding year, the increase being due to the wider circulation obtained by the District Gazette; but the decrease in the number actually issued during the whole year is due to the fact that it is only published twice instead of four times a month. The number of

From J. C. HUGHESDON, Esq.,
Offg. Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit the annual Report on the operations of the Printing Press in this district, during the Official year 1871-72, with Statements prepared in the forms received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 19th February 1872, No. 270.

2. The total value of work done in 1871-72 is computed to be Rupees 14,325-7-1, against Rupees 16,342-1-11, showing a decrease of Rupees 2,016-10-10. The largest portion of this decrease is in the Gazette work, and it is owing partly to the fortnightly issue instead of weekly, and to the avoidance of much tabular work. A large quantity of work was, however, done in printing Selections from records.

3. The subject selected from the records is a continuation of the papers on the settlement of rents. Fifty pages have been printed this year. Copies of certain papers missing from the Records were sent for from the Board's office, and it is hoped that the volume will be completed in 1872-73.

4. The work executed for other offices is shown in the following abstract:—

Departments.	1870-71.			1871-72.		
		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.
Judicial Department	87	348	9 11	91	275	13 6
Department of Public Works	4	5	0 0	51	192	1 10
Police	48	747	11 4	66	785	11 9
Revenue Settlement	1	3	2 0	2	16	9 1
Private individuals	90	46	7 0	95	99	12 10

From which it will be observed that more work has been executed for other offices during the year under report, than during the preceding one, except for the "Judicial Department."

5. The number of Subscribers to the Gazettes at the beginning of the year was 758; on the 31st March 1872, it had risen to 782. The lists show the distribution of Gazettes as follows:—

	RS.
Public Offices... ..	132
Private individuals at full rates	51
At reduced rates	731

914

6. The collections and charges during the year under report are exhibited in D. and E. Statements. The actual sum collected was Rupees 679-5-0, of which the payment of subscriptions amounted to Rupees 523-6-6; Rupees 104-8-10 the value of private work; and Rupees 51-5-8 sundry receipts, which consist chiefly of sales of Putta and Receipt books, value of Coasting passes, and sale of single copies of Gazettes. The expenditure was Rupees 2,980 in round numbers.

7. The demand for Gazette subscriptions for the year amounted to Rupees 627-7-0, which, with the balance of last year, came up to Rupees 896-1-0. Against this, a collection of Rupees 414-11-6, was actually made in the year, while a sum of Rupees 246-1-0, was advanced last year for the year under report, the total amount credited against the demand being Rupees 660-12-6. A balance of Rupees 235-4-6 remains due, and steps are taken for its speedy collection. A sum of Rupees 108-11-0 out of the total collections of the year is an advance for 1872-73.

persons to whom the Gazette was supplied, whether gratis or on payment, was 19,938. Deducting 1,725, the number of public officers entitled to receive it free of payment, there were 18,213 paying subscriptions during this year against 16,645 in the year preceding. This increase occurs both in the higher rate as well as the lower rate of subscribers, and is highly gratifying, as evidencing the interest taken by the people in these useful publications. It is perfectly optional with the village authorities to contribute to these Gazettes. The Government would seem to have been under an erroneous impression when making their observations contained in paragraph 5 of their order communicated with Board's Proceedings, 1st November 1871, No. 4,571, as I understand that Mr. Boswell simply meant to convey, that he had discontinued issuing manuscript Circulars to the Tahsildars unless in cases of emergency—a procedure quite in accordance with the wishes of the Board and Government. In certain cases spare copies of orders published in the Gazettes have been sent to the taluqs for distribution to the villages. But the village officers, it would appear, prefer to have a complete copy of the Gazette supplied to them, instead of fragmentary and detached orders every now and then. I am, however, afraid that the postal arrangement just introduced will throw a serious obstacle in the way of the continuance of the present gratifying results; the bulk of the subscribers cannot afford to pay postage.

6. Statement C. showing the value of stock on hand on 31st March 1872 is nearly the same as that submitted for the year preceding the one which is now being reported on, the only difference being the value of type received during the year. The value of stock was only Rupees 5,466-1-4.

7. The demand, collection, and balance on account of the Press is given in Statement E, from which it will be seen that, whereas the outstanding balance at the end of the previous year was Rupees 309-3-11 it was only Rupees 45-4-4 at the end of the year under report, owing to the strict enforcement of the rule that no Gazette be issued unless the subscription shall have been paid in advance. We have also received Rupees 230-5-0 as advance of subscriptions. The decrease of Rupees 660 in the demand as compared with the results of the previous year is owing to the reduced rate of subscription for the District Gazette.

8. The financial results of the year are detailed in Statement D. The actual cash receipts and charges of the year amounted to Rupees 1,246-2-9 and Rs. 3,703-5-10 against Rs. 2,008-3-1 and 2,550-3-6 respectively in the previous year. The decrease in the receipts occurs solely, as might have been expected, under the head of Subscription to District Gazettes. Under the head of "Private work," there is a considerable increase owing partly to the realization of arrears and partly to no work having been undertaken for which payment was not required at once. The trifling increase in the sundry items does not call for any remarks.

	RS.	A.	P.
1871-72.....	114	3	4
1870-71.....	6	0	0
Total...	108	3	4

9. The item of fixed establishment which has been kept up according to the sanctioned scale, Rupees 2,243-5-4, does not call for remarks. Owing to the causes already noticed in paragraph 3, no extra establishment was maintained during the year under report. The sum of Rupees 30 entered in the statement is the amount of wages paid this year to the extra men for work done in March 1871. There is a decrease of Rupees 44 in the Saderwarid charges. Owing to type and other printing materials supplied to the district having been paid for during the year under report, there is a considerable increase in the "Purchase of Stock," the charges under which head amounted to Rupees 1,098-10-0 in the year under report against Rupees 168 in the year immediately preceding it. This is not excessive, and is due, as the Board are aware, to the fact that scarcely any materials were supplied in the years before. The sum of Rupees 300-15-0 under the head of 'Service Labels,' represents the charge incurred for the first time under the operation of the new Official Postage Rules discontinuing the franking system.

10. Setting off against the charges of Rupees 3,703-5-10 the receipts amounting to Rupees 1,246-2-9 plus Rupees 9,914-2-1 the value of work done during the year, it will be seen that there was a clear profit of Rupees 7,456-15-0 to Government from the Printing Department.

11. The Press Accounts are kept in the prescribed forms under the supervision of the Treasury Deputy-Collector. The Index to the District Gazette is under preparation and will be published shortly.

8. Under the head of charges appear—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Refunds	1	4	0
2. Establishment	2,254	12	3
3. Sadarward... ..	35	12	9
3. Extra Establishment... ..	252	0	0
5. Purchase of Stock	433	2	1
	2,976	15	1

The expenditure has been kept within the Budget provision for 1871-72. The sum of Rupees 1-4-0, was the amount paid by a certain party for private work applied for, but countermanded.

9. The Accounts of the Press Office have been duly kept during the year in the forms prescribed by the Board.

10. Returns have been obtained as in the previous year from each taluq, showing the time when the Gazettes are received in the taluq, and when they are distributed. These returns show that the Gazettes to private subscribers are generally delivered within a week from the date on which they are received in the taluqs.

11. The Index to the Gazette for 1871, is nearly ready, and will be sent up soon.

12. I beg to state that since the new Postal Rules have been introduced, the charge on account of Service labels for the transmission of Gazettes by post has been further incurred, and it has been included in the Revenue Contingent Bills. A Statement is enclosed, showing the charges incurred on this account from January to March. The total cost of postage was Rupees 366, or at the rate of 122 Rupees a month. If this be taken as a charge on the Press, the total cost of the year would come to Rupees 3,342, which far exceeds the total demand for the year which was Rupees 778; but the quantity of work done for Government is Rupees 14,200 which shows a profit of Rupees 10,000 after deducting all expenditure.

13. I request the attention of the Board to Mr. VansAgnew's letter, No. 240, dated 2nd February 1872, recommending an increase of 10 Rupees in the pay of the Superintendent of the Press, who is reported to be an efficient officer. The work of the Local Fund and Municipal Departments is largely increasing.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Cuddapah, 8th June 1872.

No. 88.

From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq.,
Collector of Cuddapah,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1871-72, accompanied by the prescribed statements.

2. The subjoined statement shows the result of the working of the Press in 1871-72 as compared with the previous year :—

Items.	1870-71.		1871-72.		COMPARISON.			
	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.	Increase.		Decrease.	
					No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Office work	247	1,792	259	1,824	12	32	...	...
District Gazettes	43	9,786	27	7,573	...	...	16	2,213
Selections from Records... ..	2	224	...	...	...	...	2	224
Judicial Department	9	50	2	2	...	...	7	48
Other Public Offices	20	52	41	132	21	80	...	...
Private work	17	31	20	87	3	56	...	...
Total...	338	11,935	349	9,618	36	168	25	2,485
Net...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	2,307

3. From the above it will be perceived that there is a small increase in the number of papers and a large decrease in the value of work turned out by the Press in the year under report compared with the previous year. The falling off in the latter item may be attributed partly to no Selections having been printed, and partly to the issue of District Gazettes fortnightly instead of weekly, and to the abridgment of Orders and Proceedings, etc., of the Revenue Board and Government in a concise form as stated in the report for 1870-71.

4. The following statement exhibits the improvement in the circulation of the District Gazettes in 1871-72, as compared with 1870-71 :—

Items.	1870-71.			1871-72.			COMPARISON.					
	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	Increase.			Decrease.		
							On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.
District Gazettes...	351	13,166	13,517	763	29,952	30,715	412	16,786	17,198	...	...	...

5. The large increase under the head "Reduced subscription" is attributable chiefly to the reduction in the subscription authorized by the Government in their Order, dated 22nd November 1870, No. 1,830, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 14th December 1870, No. 7,112.

6. There is a falling off in the amount of subscription to District Gazettes in the year under report as compared with the previous year as noted in the margin, arising from the cause as stated in the preceding paragraph.

	RS.	A.	P.
1870-71.....	1,921	9	6
1871-72.....	832	6	0
Decrease...	1,089	3	6

7. The Statement E. shows the financial results of the year under review, from which it will be seen that there was at the end of the year a sum of Rupees 193-11-0 remaining uncollected, being balance on account of subscriptions to the District Gazette, which has, however, since been considerably reduced; measures have been taken for the collection of the balance.

8. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, dated 13th October 1871, No. 1,792, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st November 1871, No. 4,571, I beg to state that the valuation of Government work and of private work is the same except advertisements, etc., published in the District Gazette which are charged at the usual rates, viz., 2 Annas per line for the first insertion, and one Anna for every subsequent publication.

9. No Selections from the Records were printed in the year under review, as the papers intended for publication are being selected as directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th December 1870, No. 7,196.

10. The Press Registers have been carefully kept up to date in the prescribed forms.

BELLARY, 8th May 1872.

No. 136.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Bellary.

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the operation of the Press Department of this Office during the year 1871-72.

2. The usual statements accompany.

3. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF WORK DONE.—There is an increase of 225 in the number of papers printed this year compared with the last. In the year under report, the value of the 657 papers amounted to Rupees 18,355-12-9 against Rupees 15,064-8-8 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rupees 3,291-3-1. There is a very large increase in the item Office-work attributable to striking off Magisterial forms which last year were furnished from the Penitentiary Press at Madras and which it was unable to supply during the year under report.

The decrease under District Gazettes is attributable to the issue of that periodical being fortnightly in lieu of weekly as in past years.

Progress has also been made in the printing of the Selections from the Records, and which owing to press of work, a limited establishment, and a small fount of type as compared with the requirements of the Press, could not be printed earlier. A copy of the printed series will probably be ready within a fortnight.

4. ABSTRACT B.—There were twenty-seven issues in all of the District Gazette during the past year containing 38,000 copies; of these, 4,239 copies or a little more than 11 per cent. were issued free of charge to Public officials; 1,647 or a little more than 4 per cent. were issued at full subscription rates; and 28,458 or very nearly 75 per cent. at reduced subscriptions.

5. STATEMENT C.—Statement C. affords particulars of the stock in hand on the 31st ultimo valued at Rupees 6,725. This includes the value, Rupees 1,086-7-9, of stock received during the year under report, which consisted of 517 lbs. of Telugu Small Pica type and the balance of English type of various descriptions in small quantities to complete, as far as possible, the fount in hand. Still the want of Small Pica and Long Primer type is felt, and requisition of what may be emergently required will from time to time be made according to the provisions in the Budget.

6. STATEMENT D.—The total receipts as per Statement D. amount to Rupees 866-13-0 against 1,425-12-0 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rupees 558-15-0. This is attributable to reduction in the rate of subscription owing to the Gazette becoming a fortnightly in lieu of a weekly periodical.

7. The value of work done for private individuals is in excess of the receipts for that description of work performed last year by Rupees 68, attributable to the insertion in the District Gazette of more private notices and advertisements and to other work of a miscellaneous character executed for private individuals.

8. There is an increase of Rupees 1,128-10-9 in the total charges of the Press Office above that of the previous year, the increase being chiefly attributable to the purchase of stock.

9. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE ON ACCOUNT OF THE PRESS.—There was no balance brought forward at the commencement of this year; hence the total receipts of the year became the demand, which as stated in paragraph 5 amounted to Rupees 866-13-0. This has been fully collected during the year under report.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

KURNOOL, 10th May 1872.

No. 150.

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

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

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual Report on the operations of the Press for 1871-72, with explanatory statements.

2. From the comparative statement it will be seen that there was a decrease in the amount of Gazette work, and an increase under the head of Office work and Work done for other Departments, showing a net decrease of about 1,100 Rupees in the total estimated value of the work turned out. This result was due to the issue of fortnightly instead of weekly Gazettes, in consequence of which the services of the two extra hands entertained in the preceding year were dispensed with.

3. The reduction of rates of subscription has not increased the circulation of Gazettes. Arrangements have recently been made by the Post Office to expedite the despatch of Gazettes by employing extra runners for carrying them, instead of allowing them to lie idle in their office as noticed in my last report. But whatever steps may be taken for the early distribution of Gazettes I fear that until the people are more enlightened, and the present backward state of learning is improved, there will be no marked increase in the number of private or full-rate subscribers.

4. Hitherto the village officers, and other officials who are supplied with Gazettes at reduced rates, have been exempted from postage. This privilege has been withdrawn under the operation of a recent order of the Government of India, dated 2nd February 1872, No. 911, which directs that "the Gazettes issued to public officers and persons who do not subscribe to them are the only despatches which may be franked under paragraph 2 of the new Official Correspondence Rules." Under this order ordinary stamps are now affixed, and as the Gazette generally weighs more than ten tolas the subscribers are charged with one Anna for each Gazette, or double the rate of subscription. I fear that unless this rule is relaxed, at least in favour of village officers, there will be a large decrease in the circulation of Gazettes even at the reduced rates now in force.

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order, dated 13th October 1871, No. 1,792, I beg to state that the prices realized from private individuals correspond in all cases with the valuation imposed on work done for Government; but the present rate of Rupees 2-8-0 a page of quarto size, whether English or Telugu, up to 300 copies is much higher than the rates imposed by a private Press in this town, which charges Rupees 1-8-0 a page of the same size for 1,000 copies. This Press certainly has discontinued working, but I think if the rates of the District Press were reduced more use would be made of it than is the case at present.

6. SELECTIONS.—Selections from district records relating to the assumption of Kurnool, referred to in my last report as unfinished, have since been completed and a copy will be shortly sent to the Board.

7. RECEIPTS.—The collections on account of the Press amount to Rupees 685-12-4, or Rupees 483-4-2 less than the income of the preceding year. This large decrease is almost entirely under the head of Subscriptions, and is the result of reduction in the rates.

8. CHARGES.—During the year a Columbian Press was purchased at a cost of Rupees 684 and types for Rupees 213, which accounts for the increase over the previous year. On the other hand the extra establishment was done away with and a saving of Rupees 240 a year effected. Other items of expenditure are usual and call for no remark.

9. DEMAND.—The demand on account of Gazettes, etc., was Rupees 615-6-0. Of this Rupees 504-14-4, together with arrears, were collected within the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 110-7-8, of which Rupees 18-10-0 have since been collected.

10. The Press Registers have been correctly kept in the prescribed forms.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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TRIVATOOR, 24th May 1872,

No. 203.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Chingleput,

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

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of the District Press for 1871-72.

2. During the year under review work, of the value of Rupees 8,682-7-6, has been turned out against Rupees 7,624-8-0 in the previous year. The increase is mainly due to the large amount of work done in connection with the Local Fund Circles of this district.

3. The number of copies of the District Gazette printed and issued during the year was

1870-71.....	19,600	considerably below that of the one preceding, as shown in the
1871-72.....	18,470	margin; and the falling off is due, as stated in my last report,

to the Gazette having been published bi-monthly instead of weekly. I should note here that this change was in operation for only three months in 1870-71; hence the continued falling off in this year.

4. Every effort has been made to collect the arrears of subscription due on account of the Gazette, but not, I regret to add, with much success. Reports are being called for from the Tahsildars, and recommendations will hereafter be made to the Board for writing off such balances as cannot be collected.

5. The work done on account of private individuals was nominal for the reasons mentioned in my last report.

6. I am glad to inform the Board that the publication of Mr. Place's report, dated 6th October 1795, has been completed during the year under review, and that Mr. Greenway's report is now in the Press, and will, it is hoped, be finished at an early date; more would have been done, but for the heavy work thrown on the Press by the introduction of the Local Funds' Act—*Vide* my No. 311, dated 20th October 1871.

7. The usual accounts and Registers connected with the Press are regularly kept.

8. Statements connected with the work done in the Press and its value are herewith submitted for the information of the Board.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

CHITTOOR, 30th April 1872.

No. 164.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.,
Acting Collector of North Arcot,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Press attached to my office for the official year 1871-72, accompanied with the usual statement comprising five enclosures from A. to E.

2. It will be seen from the comparative statement that the estimated value of the work turned out during the year amounts to Rupees 13,548-2-8 against Rupees 12,135-3-0 in the preceding year, being an increase of Rupees 1,412-15-8. This is attributable to the publication with the District Gazette of different statistical returns and heavy irrigation registers, as well as to a large number of forms printed for the use of the Huzur and Taluq Offices.

3. During the year under review the papers noted in the margin were printed out of selections from records. Twenty copies of the same

- (1) Letters to Board describing the principles of succession among the Chittoor Poligars and the nature of the tenure on which the Zemindars of Vencatagiri, Calastri, and Bomraz Polliems and of Sydapore hold their respective Estates and Sanad.
(2) Letter from Board under date 20th August 1860, containing instructions for Mr. Stratton's guidance as the Collector of Peishcush on the Vencatagiri, Calastri, and Bomraz Polliems, and other points relating to the said polliems, with several enclosures.

are herewith sent, ten for record in the Board's Office and ten for submission to Government, agreeably to instructions conveyed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1870, No. 1,223. I intend putting in hand the papers noted in the annexed memorandum during the current year.

4. From the enclosure B. of the statement it will be seen that the circulation of the District Gazette has considerably improved, as the total number of persons to whom Gazettes were supplied during the year is greater by 1,673 than that in the year preceding.

Types, etc., (English, Tamil, and Telugu)	lbs. 427½
Rule Cutter...	1
Composing Sticks ...	3
Royal Parchments (Superior) ...	2
Demy do. ...	2
Telugu Cases with Stands ...	1
Press Pin ...	1

5. The materials shown in the margin were received in addition to the stock of printing materials in the year under review.

6. The forms of accounts, abstracts, returns, etc., [necessary for the systematic conduct of business in the Huzur and Taluq Offices, were printed and supplied as required during the year.

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

Memorandum of Papers intended to be printed during the official year 1872-73.

Transmits copy of a letter, dated 13th May, sent to the Collector of Cuddapah, with a copy of Minute of the Board on the system of a fixed

From the Board, 27th June 1811.

shist or permanent settlement upon villages on

the principles explained in the papers above referred to.

The continuation of the above letter, dated 27th June 1811, a further copy of letter to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 18th July 1811,

From the Board, 25th July 1811.

with Minute on the subject of the fixed village

settlement of Land Revenue proposed in their Minute of the 9th May.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Collector.

No. 138.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq.,

Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of South Arcot.

TO J. GROSE, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the Press Department during the past official year 1871-72 with the usual statements.

2. It will be observed from the comparative statement that the value of the work turned out during the past year was Rupees 9,070-5-1, or Rupees 677-2-10 in excess of the value of the previous year's work.

3. There has been a large increase in the item of Office-work. This is due to a larger number of blank forms of accounts, etc., for use in the Taluqs and in the Huzur, as well as Revenue and Criminal Processes, having been printed at this Press, as no forms for the latter were supplied from the Penitentiary Press at Madras as was done in 1870-71. There was an increase also in the work done for the Engineer and Forest Department which indented very freely on the Press Department for the forms required for their use. The printing of a large supply of bill forms for the Cuddalore Municipality and of tickets for the Toll Contractor was the cause of the increase in the item of private work. The variations in the other items call for no particular remark.

4. There has been a decrease, however, in the item of District Gazette, which is attributable to the issue of this periodical fortnightly instead of weekly.

5. Although enclosure A., which relates to the printing of Selections from Records, is left blank, some progress has really been made during the past year in this work. On Mr. Garstin's representation the Government in their Order, No. 351, dated 14th November 1871, sanctioned the printing of several of the old records of the Special Agency Department, but required proof-sheets to be sent to them before striking off copies. Accordingly proof-sheets for some of the records for which type had been set up were sent to Government who finally sanctioned the printing of the papers. The sanction was only received in March, and as the copies had not been actually struck off before the end of the year, the work was not exhibited in enclosure A. This, as well as the future printing of the above-mentioned records, will appear in the Press Registers of the current year.

11,564 in the preceding year, showing an increase of 2,963, as noted in the margin. The average number of subscribers has been 1,212, while in the previous year it was 964.

7. The demand for the year on account of subscription to the District Gazettes amounted to Rupees 769-1-6, or Rupees 282-1-0 below that of the preceding year. This falling off is due to the operation in the past year of the Government Order, dated 22nd November 1870, No. 1,830, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 14th December 1870, No. 7,112, reducing the rates of subscription from two and three Annas to one and two Annas respectively, while in 1870-71 this order was in force only during the last quarter.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq.,
Officiating Collector of Tanjore,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following Report on the working of the District Press, during the official year 1871-72, together with the prescribed Tabular Statements.
2. From the subjoined abstract, it will be seen that the value of work turned out during the year under report, is less by Rupees 3,176 than that of the preceding year:—

	1870-71.		1871-72.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office works	515	3,824	803	3,475	...	349
District Gazettes ...	42	16,049	23	13,067	...	2,982
Judicial Department..	216	938	292	1,126	188	...
Other public offices...	189	673	236	801	128	...
Private works... ..	169	609	141	448	...	161
Total...	...	22,093	...	18,917	316	3,492
Net decrease...	...	...	...	...	..	3,176

3. The decrease in the number of issues of the Gazette, which in the year under review was twenty-three against forty-two of the year preceding, counterbalanced, however, in no small degree by the increased bulk of the last year's issues, has brought about this falling off, which would have otherwise been considerable. Another cause of the decrease is that no puttas in book form were printed in 1871-72, while a large number thereof was struck off in the year previous.

4. The circulation of the District Gazette during the year is almost the same as in the past year, and the subscribers are all regularly supplied.

5. The gross demand on account of the Press was Rupees 2,429-6-3, against Rs. 3,988-12-6 in 1870-71, showing a decrease of Rupees 1,559-6-5, which is accounted for by the reduction ordered in the rate of subscription to the Gazette from January 1871, and the whole amount has been realised within the year.

6. The difference in the working charges between 1870-71 and 1871-72 is, as shown in the margin, Rupees 289. This comes under the head of the Purchase of stock, as no sum was, during the year, laid out in the buying of Press materials.

	RS.	A.	P.
1870-71.....	3,803	12	1
1871-72.....	3,514	6	8
Decrease...	289	5	5

7. The value of work done, after deducting the total expense, leaves a net profit of Rupees 15,402-9-11. A Machine Press has just been received, and, I have reason to believe, will form a valuable addition to the working stock of the Printing Office.

8. In the past year a beginning has been made in printing the Selections from the records viz., the report of the Tanjore Committee for making a Permanent Settlement of the revenue in 1807, the publication of which had been deferred owing to other heavy work. Blank forms of the monthly Treasury Accounts, in the Vernacular, for being supplied to taluqs and those of abstracts in English, for tabulating them have also been struck off.

9. The Press Returns and Registers have been maintained as usual.

10. The Register of stationery received and expended by the Superintendent of the Press is also kept up, as directed by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated the 23rd August 1871, No. 3,640.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

8. The demand including Rupees 161-0-6 paid by certain subscribers in advance for the ensuing year amounted to Rupees 930-2-0, or Rupees 1,941-2-4 including the balance brought forward from the last year's account. Of this Rupees 911-1-6 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,030-0-10 at the end of the year. Measures have been adopted for the speedy recovery of the arrears. The attention of the Tahsildars has repeatedly been drawn to the necessity of receiving subscriptions quarterly in advance, but their failure to do so in some cases has been the cause of a large balance at the end of the year. They will be required in future to enforce the rule strictly. The value of private work done has been fully recovered. This amounts to Rupees 301-8-1, or Rupees 87-8-10 above that of the previous year.

9. Of the balance of Rupees 1,030-0-10, Rupees 16-8-0 was reported by the Tahsildars to be irrecoverable owing to desertion and death of certain subscribers. I solicit sanction for writing off the accounts the above sum of Rupees 16-8-0.

10. The charges on account of Fixed Establishment and Saderward call for no remark. In the item of "Purchase of Stock" there is an increase of Rupees 283-9-9 due to the value of Types and Galley Proof Press received from Madras having been paid in the past year.

11. Of the miscellaneous charges of Rupees 334-11-6, a sum of Rupees 317-8-0 has been paid for Service Postage Labels used for transmitting to the taluqs the Gazettes intended for village officers. The charge was necessary under new Postal Rules.

12. The Press Registers have been carefully and correctly kept in the prescribed form.

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TRICHINOPOLY, 25th May 1872.

No. 118.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Trichinopoly,

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

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of the District Press for the year 1871-72, and to submit the statements required in the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th of April 1868, No. 478.

2. The outturn of work shows a decrease of Rupees 597 in the estimated value as compared with the previous year. The Gazette, however, during the period under report has been only issued fortnightly, whilst there was a weekly issue for nine months of the preceding year.

3. The actual receipts, which are made up of subscriptions to the Gazette, value of work done for private individuals, and sundry receipts, are very satisfactory and amount to Rupees 1,211 against Rupees 771 for the year 1870-71, being an increase of Rupees 439 or 36 per cent.

4. The valuation of work performed for Government is in all cases the same as the prices realized from private individuals. As the fixed rates are considerably lower than those of private Presses more private work might be undertaken if we had a good press. I am about to apply to the Board for a new press, as those at present in use are old and insufficient to keep up with the work.

5. The increase in charges of Rupees 345 is owing to the purchase of stock in excess of the previous year.

6. There has been an increase of 262 in the number of reduced rate subscribers, the numbers being 945 against 683. The number of full rate subscribers has only risen from 23 to 26.

7. The Selections printed from records consisted of two papers, namely, Mr. Dickinson's and Mr. Cameron's Settlement Reports for Faslis 1237 and 1238 respectively. The requisite number of copies were forwarded to the Board on the 10th of April.

8. The new Register of Stationery supplied to the Superintendent of the Press, as directed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated the 23rd August 1871, No. 3,640, has been opened and inspected by the officer in charge of the Press.

9. The Registers are kept in the prescribed forms, but I regret that I cannot report that they are neatly kept. There are numerous interlineations and corrections which have not been initialled. I have, however, given orders which will, I trust, ensure their being correctly kept in future.

MADURA, 8th June 1872.

No. 172.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Madura,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1871-72, together with the usual statements.

2. The total value of the work turned out in the year under report is Rupees 10,334-4-9, against Rupees 10,347-2-6 in the preceding year, showing a slight decrease of Rupees 11. The variations in the work performed for the different departments are insignificant, except in the following instances:—

	1870-71.	1871-72.
District Gazettes...	6,196	6,403
Judicial Department...	543	334
Forest....	372	50
Private work ...	307	507

3. The increase in the value of the District Gazette is mainly due to the publication of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Boards and the Irrigation Registers. The result is satisfactory, considering that the Gazette is now published once a fortnight instead of once a week. There is likewise an increase in the private work which is accounted for by the fact that a number of receipts, notices, and other forms have been printed for the Ramnad Estate now under attachment.

4. There is a decrease in the quantity of work sent to the Press by the Judicial Department. The Forest Department got a great portion of the forms required by them printed at Madras. Hence the decrease under that head.

5. The statement given in the margin shows a considerable increase in the circulation of the District Gazette during the year as compared with last year. There is an increase in the number issued to Public Officers and on reduced subscription; the former is owing to the fact that Gazettes are now supplied to certain Forest Overseers and to the Special Assistant Collector at Ramnad, and the latter is the

	Public Officers.	Full subscription.	Reduced subscription.	Total.
1870-71.....	1,828	1,044	3,457	6,329
1871-72.....	1,853	1,030	4,105	6,988
Increase ...	25	...	648	659
Decrease ...	...	14	...	14
			Net increase...	645

result of the reduction in the rate of subscription, which with the valuable information now given induced a greater number of Village Officers to subscribe. There is a slight decrease in the number of Gazettes on full subscription.

6. Enclosure A. shows the selection from the record which is now in Press. It will be soon completed, when I will send copies of it for the Board's perusal. This selection is one of those sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings of the 15th February 1861, No. 862.

7. Statement D. exhibits the receipts and charges of the Press Department. The figures in the margin show a net decrease of Rupees 274 in the receipts, which is attributable to the reduced rates of subscription paid for the Gazette during the whole year.

	Subscriptions.	Private work.	Sundry.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1870-71.....	583	307	348	1,243
1871-72.....	182	495	292	969
Decrease ...	406	...	56	463
Increase ...	...	183	...	183
			Net decrease...	274

8. Of the total demand of the year, Rupees 981-4-11, only Rupees 11-12-0 remains to be collected. Steps have been taken for the

speedy realization of this balance.

9. The value of the work performed during the year is Rupees 10,334-4-9, from which Rupees 2,659-2-7, the charges of the year, being deducted, there remains a profit of Rupees 7,675-2-2 in favour of Government.

10. The Registers of the Press Department have been kept with regularity.

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PUDUKUDI, 9th April 1872.

No. 126.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq.,
Collector of Tinnevely.

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

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of the District Press for the official year ending 31st March 1872.

2. The value of the outturn of work in the Press amounted to Rupees 7,827, or 1,054 Rupees less than that of the previous year; this decrease is owing to the publication of the District Gazette bi-monthly instead of weekly.

3. There was a falling off in the numbers of paying subscribers at the beginning of the year; but the attention of Tahsildars was called to the fact, and several have since renewed their subscriptions, as will be seen from Abstract Statement B. The decrease for the year is about 113 subscribers.

4. The cash receipts amount to 811 Rupees, or Rupees 56 more than last year.

5. No Selections were printed from records, as only one press was at work, the other having broken down.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

COIMBATORE, 15th May 1872.

No. 71.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
Collector of Coimbatore,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my annual Report on the operation of the District Press during the Official year 1871-72, together with the usual Statements, prepared in accordance with the forms received with the Circular Memorandum of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1872, No. 270.

2. The value of the work turned out during the year under review, was Rupees 10,232-0-2, against Rupees 11,243-7-5, showing a net decrease of Rupees 1,011-7-3, due to a gross increase of Rupees 967-10-9, and a gross decrease of Rupees 1,979-2-0. The increase was chiefly in Revenue and Magisterial Office Forms, and work done for Police Department. A large number of Putta and Receipt forms and of Treasury Accounts were printed, and the requirements of other Departments promptly attended to, and there was no work left in arrears at the close of the year.

3. The decrease in the number of the issues of "District Gazette" has arisen from the same having been issued fortnightly, during the whole year under review, which was not the case during the most part of the last year.

4. As the number of issues has thus been reduced, the quantity of matter published during the year was less than the previous years. The total number of Gazettes struck off has been 36,520, of which 36,130 have been actually issued, the difference being retained to meet requirements of parties who apply, when becoming subscribers, for the back number of Gazettes.

Items.	1870-71.			1871-72.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Office work...	1,782	8	9	2,341	8	0	558	15	3	1,608	7	1
District Gazette...	8,653	4	1	7,044	13	0	...	...	...	321	1	9
Judicial Department...	406	4	8	85	2	11	45	0	0	...	...	...
Selections	...	...	...	217	9	8	86	4	2	...	...	...
Engineer Department...	131	5	6	281	1	6	235	11	10	...	...	...
Police...	45	5	8	22	14	8	14	6	10	33	10	9
Postal...	8	7	10	42	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commissariat	76	1	6	27	4	8	27	4	8	3	8	0
Medical	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Forest...	3	8	0	5	0	0	...	...	...	7	6	5
Educational	10	0	0	119	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Private work	126	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	11,243	7	5	10,232	0	2	967	10	9	1,979	2	0

Number of persons to whom Gazettes were issued.

In the year 1870-71.....	8,101
" 1871-72.....	9,281
Increase...	1,180

5. The reduced rate of subscription has increased the number of subscribers, and the number of persons to whom Gazettes were issued was therefore 1,180 more than those in last year, as shown in the margin.

6. The Gazette has been more widely circulated in the present than in the preceding year, but I fear that the order to recover postage charges from private subscribers, will reduce the number of subscribers, as the postage charge exceeds the cost of the Gazette.

7. The instructions contained in paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 13th October 1871, No. 1,792, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st November 1871, No. 4,571, are strictly attended to.

8. Statement A. shows the particulars of Selections printed from the records. Nearly 4ths of them have been printed and the rest will be shortly.

	lbs.
Quotations of different sizes	165
Tamil long primer Quadrats	100
Do. Spaces	19 1/4
Small Pica Quadrats	70
Leads	50
Composing Sticks, No.	2
Jobbing Chases, No.	2
Quoins	1,000
Sides and Foot sticks, Dozens	20
Plainers	2
Mallets	4
Wooden Galleys	12
Benches	3

9. The value of the stock on hand is particularized in the Statement C. and the materials shown in the margin have been received in addition to the stock of printing materials in the year under review. The 500 lbs. of worn out types, which remained at the Press Office last year, have been sold to Messrs. Aroolanundum and Co. at Madras, according to the Board's Order, dated 15th December 1871, Miscellaneous No. 4,549, for Rupees 70-5-0.

10. The amount realized was under the stock value (Rupees 656-4-0,) in the Statement C. which accompanied the last year's report, but there are no instructions for reducing value of stock, by tear and wear.

11. A Comparative Statement of Receipts and Charges on account of the Press Department are shown in the statement below :—

Items.	1870-71.	1871-72.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Subscriptions to Gazette	1,013 6 0	654 0 3	...	359 5 9
Value of work done to private individuals.	74 12 8	171 13 3	97 0 7	...
Sundry receipts.....	4 7 0	47 4 0	42 13 0	...
Total...	1,092 9 8	873 1 6	139 13 7	359 5 9
Deduct advances received in the preceding year	196 8 6	214 6 3	17 13 9	...
Net amount...	896 1 2	658 11 3	121 15 10	359 5 9
Add amount received in advance	214 6 3	181 8 0	...	32 14 3
Total...	1,110 7 5	840 3 3	121 15 10	392 4 0
Charges.				
Fixed Establishment.....	2,252 8 3	2,244 0 6	...	8 7 9
Saderward	152 7 11	366 6 8	213 14 9	...
Extra Establishment	25 15 0	97 8 10	71 9 10	...
Repairs, etc.	8 2 0	9 1 0	0 15 0	105 7 11
Purchase of Stock	377 0 0	271 8 1	...	...
Sundry charges	7 10 0	29 4 0	21 10 0	...
Total...	2,823 11 2	3,017 13 1	308 1 7	113 15 8

12. There is a net decrease of Rupees 270-4-2 in the receipt, and a net increase of Rupees 194-1-11 in the expenditure. The decrease in the receipt is attributable to the rates of subscription to District Gazettes having been reduced, yet the total number of persons during the year exceeded by 1,274 that of last year. The increase of Rupees 308-1-7 in the expenditure is due to the following causes:—

- 1st.—Purchase of Service labels for the transmission of the District Gazettes under the recent orders of Government to the amount of Rupees 217-11-0.
- 2nd.—Purchase of fresh materials for the Press to the amount of Rupees 291-6-1.
- 3rd.—The entertainment of extra establishment during the year under report at a cost of Rupees 97-8-10.

13. Deducting the cost of postage charge out of the amount of the total expenditure, the actual expenses incurred on account of the Department is Rupees 2,800-2-1, which when contrasted with that of the last year, shows a decrease of Rupees 23-9-1.

14. The total demand for the year under review is Rupees 898-10-9 including the arrears brought forward from last year's account.

15. This sum has been nearly recovered within the official year, leaving only a small balance of Rupees 7-7-0 which will be soon collected.

16. The value of the work performed during the year is Rupees 10,232-0-2, which, after deducting the charges Rupees 3,017-13-1, shows a balance of Rupees 7,214-3-1 in favour of Government.

17. The Registers, etc., of the Press Department are kept in the prescribed forms.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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OOTACAMUND, 10th May 1872.

No. 62.

From J. W. BREEKS, Esq.,
Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my annual report on the District Gazette of Nilgiris, for the official year 1871-72 with the statements prescribed by the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th April 1868, No. 478.

2. As usual the Nilgiri Press Company printed the Fortnightly District Gazette and the total charges during the year on account of the publication amount to Rupees 1,033-12-5, or Rupees 286-3-7 less than the authorized Government grant.

3. The receipts amount to Rupees 60-11-0, of which Rupees 56-6-0 is on account of subscription, Rupees 3-7-0 on account of private advertisements, and Rupee 0-14-0 on account of the sale of single copies.

4. The number of subscribers has again fallen off from causes I cannot account for, notwithstanding the introduction of the reduced rates of subscription conveyed in Board's Proceedings, No. 7,112 of 14th December 1870, since January 1871, as noticed in my last report. Apparently the general public in the district do not seem to have taken advantage of the new rates introduced.

5. The subscription due to Government for the period under report has been fully realized as particularized in the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement.

6. There being no Press, no Press Registers are kept.

SALEM, 13th May 1872.

No. 113.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq.,
Collector of Salem,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my Annual Report on the working of the District Press during the year 1871-72, accompanied by the usual forms.

2. The total value of work done during the year amounted to Rupees 14,416, which is Rupees 135 less than the preceding year.

The following abstract shows these results:—

	1870-71.		1871-72.		
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	
		RS.		RS.	
Office work	847	5,976	908	6,661	+ 685
District Gazettes	43	6,754	25	6,613	— 141
Selections from Records	1	17	4	60	+ 43
Judicial Department	46	158	50	170	+ 12
Other Public Offices	260	1,535	126	726	— 809
Private work... ..	66	111	99	186	+ 75
Total...	1,263	14,551	1,212	14,416	— 135

More work has been done under all heads excepting "District Gazettes" and "Other Public Offices." The increase in Office work is owing to the new Local Fund forms that had to be printed on the introduction of the Local Fund Act, and to certain diglot account forms ordered to be used by the Deputy Accountant-General, Mr. Fitzgerald, when he inspected the accounts of the district.

3. The number of District Gazettes issued during the year amounted to 23,636, the value of which was Rupees 6,613. Last year the number of copies was 26,959, and their value Rupees 6,754, which shows a decrease this year of 3,323 copies, and of Rupees 141 in value. This decrease is due to the issue of *fortnightly* Gazettes throughout the year against nine months of *weekly* issues in last year, and to the reduction in price both to the public and village officials.

4. The number of subscribers at the close of the year was 89 full and 876 reduced; last year there were 74 full and 544 reduced, making an increase of 15 full and 334 reduced subscribers. This increase in the circulation of the Gazette is very satisfactory, and is, no doubt, attributable to the reduced rate of subscription; also, perhaps, embodying in it of more *generally* interesting matter.

5. Some progress was made during the year in printing Selections from old records. The arrangement and destruction of the old English records has occupied the attention of almost every available hand in the office; consequently it was not possible to devote more time to the arrange-

ment and the examination of the selections for the Press. The large demand for Puttas, consequent on the new settlement of the district, has also kept the Press fully occupied. The Selection* printed is a continuation of papers taken in hand four years ago. There is still a large portion to be printed to complete the papers, and

I hope to carry this out before the end of the year.

6. There was a slight increase in the quantity of work turned out for the Judicial Department, which calls for no particular remark.

7. The work done for other departments amounted in value to Rupees 726 against Rupees 1,535 in last year, showing a considerable decrease of Rupees 809 due to some of the indents of other departments being put off till March last in order to get on with some of the office work which was urgently required. The increase in Private work is due to the printing of a large number of forms for the Municipality. The cash receipts of the year are exhibited in the following abstract statement:—

Items.	Balance.	Deduct Remission.	Remainder.	Demand.	Total.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Subscription to District Gazettes...	32 11 0	...	32 11 0	677 15 0	710 10 0	585 9 0	15 7 0
Private work.	11 0 6	0 9 0	10 7 6	186 5 4	196 12 10	158 14 10	37 14 0
Sundry receipts	...	...	...	...	...	2 14 0	...
Total...	43 11 6	0 9 0	43 2 6	864 4 4	907 6 10	856 15 10	53 5 0

Inclusive of the balance of Rupees 44 at the close of the previous year the demand of 1871-72 amounted to Rupees 907 against Rupees 825 in 1870-71. Rupees 854 of this demand was realized, including a sum of Rupees 109-10-0 paid in advance and received the year previous and entered in last year's account under "Sundry receipts," leaving a balance of Rupees 53 uncollected at the close of the year. The actual collections in the year amounted to Rupees 747, which includes a small sum of Rupees 2-14-0, being Gazette subscription for 1872-73 paid in advance; the actual collection in 1870-71 being Rupees 883. Nearly the whole of the increase in the demand in the year under report occurs in the item of Private work.

8. The demand on account of subscription to District Gazettes was Rupees 710, including the balance on account of previous years. The collection amounted to Rupees 695, including Rupees 109-10-0 collected in the previous year as stated above, leaving a balance of Rupees 15 uncollected at the end of the year, Rupees 8-10-0 of which has been since collected. The abstract in the margin shows the transactions of this item in comparison with the previous year.

	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1870-71.....	707	674	33
1871-72.....	710	695	15

9. The demand on account of private work, including previous year's balance, was Rupees 197, of which Rupees 159 were collected, and a balance left uncollected of Rupees 38. Of this sum Rupees 27 has since been realized, and Rupees 2-9-0 is irrecoverable, and permission is requested to write off this sum.

	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1870-71.....	117	106	11
1871-72.....	192	159	38

10. The charges of this year amounted to Rupees 2,352, or Rupees 687 less than that of the preceding year. This decrease is owing to there having been no purchase of stock during the year.

The subjoined statement shows the financial results of the year compared with 1870-71:—

Year.	Gross Charges.	Cash Receipts.	Estimated value of work performed for Government.	Total of the preceding columns.	Estimated net profit to Government as calculated in columns 2 and 5.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1870-71	2,665	883	13,668	14,551	11,886
1871-72	2,352	747	13,720	14,417	12,065

11. The above shows that work valued at Rupees 14,417 was executed at a total cost of Rupees 2,352, being 16 per cent. of the former, and representing a working profit to Government of Rupees 12,065. The actual net profit is, however, only Rupees 1,609.

	RS.
Establishment and Saderward	2,318
Collections	747
Value of Judicial work... ..	170
Other Departments	726
	3,961
Deduct charges	2,352
Net profit to Government	1,609

12. The reason of the falling off in the cash receipts of the year under report, compared with the preceding year, is that Rupees 109 was collected in 1870-71 under Sundry receipts, being advance of subscription to District Gazette for 1871-72, as mentioned in paragraph 8 of this report. The collections in 1871-72 under this item is only Rupees 2-4-0.

13. The Registers and accounts connected with the work of the Press are regularly and correctly kept, and the form of accounts, and abstracts for the Huzur and Taluqs, are regularly printed and supplied from the Press.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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MANGALORE, 12th July 1872.

No. 863.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq.,
Collector of South Canara,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the working of the District Press during the past official year 1871-72, accompanied by the usual Returns.

2. The total value of work turned out under all heads during the year under report, as compared with that executed in the preceding year, is shown in the following abstract, with the result of a net decrease on the whole of Rupees 3,541:—

Departments.	1870-71.		1871-72.		Increase.	Decrease.
	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work	246	6,558	337	4,529		2,029
District Gazette	43	11,184	26	9,393		1,791
Selections from Records			1	20	20	
Judicial Department	26	160	51	412	252	13
Other public Officers	82	569	47	556	20	
Private work	36	61	69	81		Net.
						3,541
Total	433	18,532	531	14,991		

3. Examining each item separately there is a decrease in "Office work" to the extent of Rupees 2,029. This is, however, wholly attributable to the absence during the year under report of such unusual work as the printing of a large number of Census forms, which item alone swelled the figures of the preceding year to a very large extent. If this is omitted in the comparison the result is favourable to the year under report, showing that considerably more office work was executed therein than in the previous year.

Total value of Office work in 1870-71	6,558
Deduct value of Census forms	3,558
	2,700
Value of Office work for 1871-72	4,529
Increase	1,829

4. The valuation of the District Gazette shows a comparative falling off to the extent of Rupees 1,791, which is due to its being published once a fortnight instead of once a week as was the case during the greater part of the last year. By this change the bulk of the Gazette has been considerably reduced, and the cost of paper economized.

5. The circulation of the District Gazette is steadily improving as shown in the subjoined statement, there having been an addition of sixty-one subscribers during the year :—

Year.	Public Officers.	Private individuals on full subscription.	Village officers, etc., on reduced subscription.	Total.
1869-70 ...	Average. 136	Average. 130	Average. 626	892
1870-71 ...	139	135	638	912
1871-72 ...	137	167	667	971
	Decrease. 2	Increase. 32	Increase. 29	Net increase. 59

6. The reduction of the rates of subscription to one-half of the original amount in the case of village and other officials, and two-thirds in the case of private subscribers, may have in some measure contributed to the increase, but in any case it is a healthy sign.

7. Much has been done during the year under report to expedite the delivery of District Gazettes to subscribers living in the interior of the district, and it is satisfactory to note that there have been no complaints on the subject.

8. On the proposed village edition of the District Gazette remarks have been submitted in a separate letter, No. 861, of this day's date.

9. The work done for the Judicial Department is nearly treble that of the past year.

10. There is no doubt that much more could be done under each of the heads noted in the table in paragraph 2 than has been actually executed, but the want of an adequate establishment of compositors to cope with the constantly increasing work, and especially of an additional Printing Machine, (for the purchase of which sanction has been recently accorded,) prevented a larger quantity of work being turned out. The want of the Printing Press will probably be supplied in the course of the current year, arrangements having been made to obtain one from Germany through the medium of the Basel Mission establishment here, and I would strongly urge that early sanction be obtained to the employment of the two extra hands applied for by my predecessor in his letter, dated the 9th January last, No. 36, as until the existing hands are strengthened but little improvement can be made.

11. I regret to state that owing to the late date at which the manuscripts were received*

* Board's Official Memorandum, 20th November 1871, No. 1,566, received 1st December.

from the Board's office, and also to pressure of other ordinary work, little progress has been made in printing as Selections the earlier reports and correspondence of Sir Thomas Munro relating to this district. While the work was being vigorously prosecuted several mistakes were discovered in the manuscripts, in consequence of which Mr. Webster ordered the printing to be stopped till he could personally supervise the correction of the proofs. Mr. Webster appears to have never had the requisite leisure to examine the manuscripts minutely as he intended, and the work is in consequence in abeyance. I have myself glanced through the papers, and find that the mistakes discovered are neither few nor immaterial, and that they are some of them such as cannot be corrected here without the possibility of a careful comparison of the manuscripts with the originals. I have, therefore, thought well to return the papers to the Board for this purpose with my letter of this day's date, No. 862.

12. The Statements D. and E. show the financial results of the operations of the Press during the year under review. The total cash receipts from all sources amounted to Rupees 1,081-0-10, being Rupees 708-7-4 less than those of the preceding year, while the charges amount to Rupees 2,377-4-8 against Rupees 2,845-4-9 in 1870-71. The largest falling off in

receipts occurs in the item of "Subscription to the District Gazette," and is due to the reduction of the rates. As required in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 13th

Board's Proceedings, 1st November 1871, No. 4,571.

October 1871, No. 1,792, I have the honour to append a separate statement marked F., showing the actual cash receipts and charges of the Press for the last five years. The Board will observe that the statement shows a progressive improvement as regards the receipts from subscriptions to the District Gazette, but a slight falling off in the "Value of private work" and "Sundry receipts," which I look upon as not a thing to be regretted, while we have official selections unprinted, and there are private Presses for private work. The charges during the past five years have been almost stationary, the variations having occurred only in those years in which any extra establishment or increased stock was purchased. The private work done at this Press is charged at the rate ordered for the valuation of Government work. The rates are on the whole slightly higher than those of a private Press in the place.

13. The Statement (E.) of Demand, Collection, and Balance shows an unrealized balance of Rupees 96-10-1 at the close of the official year. Out of this sum Rupees 60-11-0 have since been collected, leaving still a balance of Rupees 35-15-1. Of this Rupees 22-6-7 is the value of printed forms of Abkari Muchilkas now in store, and the remainder consists partly of arrears (Rupees 12-2-0) of subscription to the District Gazette, and partly of value (Rupees 1-6-6) of private work not yet paid for. Steps have been taken for the realization of these sums, which will appear in the current year's accounts.

14. From Statement C. the Board will observe that there are 285 lbs. of worn out Canarese type. These types, besides being worn out, are also of a smaller size than the others in use, and are of no use to the Press. I therefore request the Board's sanction for disposing of them by auction as unserviceable.

15. The prescribed Press Registers were kept in due form and occasionally examined by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Collector of Malabar,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the District Press during the official year 1871-72, and to submit the statements appertaining thereto, in the forms which accompanied the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 19th February 1872, No. 270.

2. The receipts of the Press during the year amounted to Rupees 1,639-6-8, showing a decrease of Rupees 303-6-4 against those of the last year. This is attributable to the smaller amount of private work done during the year.

3. A sum of Rupees 9-13-0 was collected as an advance of subscription to the District Gazette for the year 1872-73.

4. The total demand of 1871-72 is Rupees 1,852-15-8 against Rupees 1,963-10-0 of 1870-71; it was all collected within the year, except Rupees 189-3-0 due for private work. This sum has been realized since the close of the official year.

5. The total number of subscribers to the Gazette during the year ranges from 919 to 985, and the average of the year shows a decrease of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in comparison with that of the previous year.

6. The subjoined statement shows the value of work done for the several departments during the year 1871-72 as contrasted with 1870-71:—

	OFFICE- WORK.		DISTRICT GAZETTE.		SELEC- TION FROM RECORDS.		JUDICIAL DEPART- MENT.		OTHER PUBLIC OFFICES.		PRIVATE WORK.		TOTAL.	
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
1871-72.	400	3,637	49	7,900	2	50	203	721	308	924	144	605	1,106	13,837
1870-71.	506	3,230	49	9,750	1	50	249	796	220	820	212	704	1,237	15,350
Increase.	...	407	...	...	1	...	...	...	88	104	...	...	...	...
Decrease.	106	...	...	1,850	...	...	46	75	...	...	68	99	131	1,513

7. The decrease in the value of Gazettes is attributable to a limited number of copies of Statistical and Municipal Supplements and High Court Rulings having been struck off, as the system of sending these along with the District Gazette to the village servants has been discontinued.

8. Under the head of Office-work there will be seen a decrease in the number of papers and an increase in the value, which is mainly due to a large number of Local Fund and Census Forms which had to be struck off. For example, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lacs of Census Forms were printed, the value of which is large, but they are entered as only one paper.

9. The charges for the year amounted to Rupees 3,309-0-1, and show a net increase of Rupees 128-15-5 over those of the previous year. This is owing partly to some of the establishment who were on leave during the latter part of 1870-71 having drawn their pay in arrear in the official year under notice and partly to purchase of stock.

10. Out of the unexpended balance of Rupees 35 shown in the last report, Rupees 21 were spent during the year as pay to a Type-founder employed for three months, at the rate of Rupees 7 per mensem, for casting Malayalam type, and a balance of Rupees 14 still remains to be utilized.

11. Two Selections from the Records were printed during the year, viz., Messrs. Baber's and Drummond's Reports. These have not been published or copies sent to the Board yet, as they form only part of a volume being printed of Reports on the condition and resources of the province in 1801.

12. The Press Registers have been properly and regularly kept, in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

