

No. 355. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd January 1872, Miscellaneous No. 573 :—

I AM directed to request sanction for the immediate entertainment of two new copyists, at Rs. 30 a-month each, in the Board's Office.

2. In carrying out the instructions of Government for reducing the work sent to the Government Press, it has been found necessary to increase the work of the copyists from 30 to 200 foolscap pages a-day, and when, as often happens, but is not the case at present, minutes and memoranda have to be re-copied, the work will be still greater. To do this work there are only four copyists, one of whom is employed during the greater part of the day as a Reader to the Examiner.

3. At the middle of December the number of Proceedings which had been passed, but could not be issued for want of copyists, was no less than 250. The arrears have been reduced by requiring the copyists to work out of office-hours and during the Christmas Holidays, but they are now increasing again.

4. The strength of the establishment was fixed on the understanding that very little of the office-work would be done by copyists; they were only to copy Proceedings when it was necessary to issue them immediately without waiting for the Press, and their chief work was to be the re-copying of minutes and memoranda.

5. The miscellaneous list for the week ending the 23rd December is submitted as showing the amount of work which devolves on the copyists. Before the recent reductions in the number of Proceedings sent to the Press, the miscellaneous list rarely covered more than three or four pages.

6. The sum of Rs. 60 required for the two new copyists can be obtained without increasing the total cost of the Board's Establishment by dispensing with the small Press now at work in the Office.

7. The Press Department consists of

	RS.
One Compositor at	30
„ „ „	20
„ Ballman „	10
Total	60

8. The Press is a great convenience, but all its work can be done in the Fort, so that it is not indispensable.

9. Employment can no doubt be found for the dismissed compositors in the Government Press. They are both men of long service, and cannot do any other kind of work.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th January 1872.

No. 356. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1872, No. 176.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the proposed re-arrangement of the establishment, which will involve no additional cost to the State.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Accountant-General.

Revenue 1872. Order
No. 271.

From,
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to
Government
R.D.

Dated 23rd January 1872
Despatch 23rd Jan 72
Received 24th Jan 72
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clis: etc. 543.
Submitting application
for increase
of establishment.

I see no objection
to the proposed arrangement
being made.
No. 176-29 Jan 72
W.D.

For sanction the
re-arrangement of the
establishment of the
Board of Revenue
No. 356-358
29 Jan 72
C.D. 29 Jan 72