No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1873, No. 1,776 :—

Read the following letters from the Collectors reporting upon the District Presses for the year 1872-73 :—

From the	Collector	of Ganjam,	dated	9th May 1873,	No. 965.
,,	,,	of Vizagapatam,	,,	18th April ,,	,, 576.
,,	,,	of Godavery,	,,	29th ,, ,,	,, 120.
,,	,,	of Kistna,	,,	5th June ,,	,, 688.
,,	,,	of Nellore,	,,	22nd April ,,	,, 912.
,,	,,	of Cuddapah,	,,	7th June ,,	,, 9.
,,	,,	of Bellary,	,,	28th April ,,	,, 129.
,,	,,	of Kurnool,	,,	31st May ,,	,, 176.
,,	,,	of Chingleput,	,,	4th July ,,	,, 256.
,,	,,	of North Arcot,	,,	2nd May ,,	,, 249.
,,	,,	of South Arcot,	,,	22nd ,, ,,	,, 162.
,,	,,	of Tanjore,	,,	28th April ,,	,, 150.
,,	,,	of Trichinopoly,	,,	27th June ,,	,, 139.
,,	,,	of Madura,	,,	28th May ,,	,, 160.
,,	,,	of Tinnevelly,	,,	21st April ,,	,, 204.
,,	,,	of Coimbatore,	,,	10th June ,,	,, 111.
,,	Comr.	of the Nilgiris,	,,	16th ,, ,,	,, 53.
,,	Collector	of Salem,	,,	20th ,, ,,	,, 111.
,,	,,	of South Canara,	,,	26th ,, ,,	,, 976.
,,	,,	of Malabar,	,,	28th ,, ,,	,, 164.

The Board resolve to submit to Government a file of the printed reports of the Collectors on the working of the District Presses during the year 1872-73 with the usual statements illustrative of the results.

2. The table in the margin shows the value of the work done in comparison with that of the preceding year. The main result is a net increase of Rupees 10,574 in the value of the work turned out by the several District Presses. It will be seen that there has been a decrease of Rs. 566 in the value of work done in printing Selections from Records, while the work turned out under all other heads shows an increase. Nearly two-thirds of the increase occurred in the Gazette work and a third in that done for public offices other than revenue and judicial. The large increase in the value of Gazette work turned out during the year is chiefly due to the publication of supplements containing the Municipal and Local Fund Boards' Proceedings.

Items.	Value of work turned out in		Increase or Decrease.
	1871-72.	1872-73.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office work ...	65,915	66,528	+ 613
District Gazettes ...	1,03,604	1,39,936	+ 6,332
Selections from Records ...	1,176	610	— 566
Judicial Department ...	6,244	6,607	+ 363
Other Public Offices ...	12,112	16,339	+ 3,227
Private work ...	3,949	4,554	+ 605
Total ...	2,33,000	2,33,574	+10,574

3. District Gazettes.—The subjoined table shows the extent of the circulation of the District Gazettes in comparison with that of the preceding year:—

District.	1871-72.			1872-73.		
	Number of Subscribers on full subscription.	Number of Subscribers on reduced subscription.	Total.	Number of Subscribers on full subscription.	Number of Subscribers on reduced subscription.	Total.
1. Ganjam	77	86	163	81	104	185
2. Vizagapatam ...	34	48	82	31	39	70
3. Godavery ...	164	1,104	1,268	175	1,148	1,323
4. Kistna	80	1,438	1,518	109	1,342	1,451
5. Nellore	61	714	775	39	733	772
6. Cuddapah ...	28	1,109	1,137	31	1,104	1,135
7. Bellary	66	1,091	1,157	60	1,304	1,433
8. Karnool	25	760	785	23	757	780
9. Chingleput ...	33	291	324	45	259	304
10. North Arcot ...	48	294	342	40	229	269
11. South Arcot ...	40	1,001	1,041	37	1,138	1,175
12. Tanjore	160	3,014	3,174	83	3,010	3,093
13. Trichinopoly ...	25	906	931	37	958	995
14. Madura	86	342	428	79	294	373
15. Tinnevelly ...	108	354	462	120	514	634
16. Coimbatore ...	53	773	826	62	897	959
17. Nilgiri	28	10	38	29	11	40
18. Salem	81	741	822	85	888	973
19. South Canara ...	166	666	832	205	677	882
20. Malabar	129	632	761	131	616	747
Total ...	1,432	15,374	16,806	1,511	16,082	17,593

4. The number of subscribers in the Presidency has increased by 4·6 per cent In Ganjam, Godavery, Bellary, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Salem, and South Canara the increase varies from four in Godavery to thirty-seven per cent. in Tinnevelly. The small decrease in the other districts call for no special remarks. There are probably special reasons for the small circulation of the Chingleput Gazette; but the Board do not understand why that of the Vizagapatam, Madura, and North Arcot Gazettes is so very small. The Collectors concerned are requested to report on the point.

5. Printing of Selections or Records.—During the year under notice Selections from old records were printed in ten districts, as detailed below:—

Kistna.—Mr. Roberts' report on the Jummabundy Settlement for Fasli 1233, dated 30th October 1824, No. 76.

Nellore.—Correspondence relative to the Ryotwar System and Settlement—

(1.) A portion of letter from Collector to Board, dated 18th November 1820.

(2.) Letter from Board to Collector, dated 20th January 1821.

(3.) Enclosures to Circular, dated 25th March 1816.

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

(1.) Letter to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, dated 21th August 1806.

(2.) Do. do. do. dated 8th February 1807.

(3.) Circular to the Collectors, Ceded Districts, dated 14th April 1807.

Chingleput.—Mr. Greenway's report to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th March 1801.

North Arcot.—Letter from Board, dated 27th June 1811, transmitting copy of a letter, dated 13th May, sent to the Collector of Cuddapah with a copy of Minutes of the Board on the system of a fixed kist or permanent settlement upon villages on the principles explained in the papers above referred to.

Letter from Board, dated 25th July 1811. The continuation of the above letter, dated 27th June 1811. A further copy of letter to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 18th July 1811, with Minute on the subject of the fixed settlement of land revenue proposed in their Minutes of the 9th May.

Madura.—Selections from the records of the Madura Collector's office regarding the permanent settlement of the Ramnad and Shevagungah Zemindaries.

Tinnevelly.—An account of the Panjalum Kuriehi Poligar (printed at the Church Mission Press, Palamcottah).

Coimbatore.—Mr. Garrow's report on the subject of Police in the country of Coimbatore, dated 25th January 1806.

Salem.—Captain Read's letter to Assistant Collector, Salem, regarding the system of revenue in the Salem District.

Malabar.—Mr. Hodgson's report on the Cannanore and Cherical District.

6. The Collector of Vizagapatam pleads want of type and inadequate establishment as reasons why he did not print any Selections. In Trichinopoly no papers are considered by the Collector worth printing. The Board can scarcely think this possible, and the Acting Collector should again turn his attention to the subject. In South Arcot, owing to additional work in printing Irrigation Registers thrown upon the Press, no records were printed. In South Canara the current work of the Press being itself in arrears there was no opportunity for printing any Selections. The Selections in Tinnevelly were printed in the Church Mission Press at Palamcottah under the sanction of the Board,* and in Cuddapah the Collector reports, as he did in the previous year, that papers are being selected for printing. This excuse will not be again accepted.

* Dated 16th July 1872, No. 1,909.

7. Of the Selections printed by the Board from their own records copies have been furnished to Government. These Selections comprise the Board's General Report from the year 1780 to 1804, printed and bound in four volumes.

8. The financial results of the year are exhibited in the statement below:—

Items.	Balance at the end of 1871-72.	Deduct remissions.	Re-mainder.	Demand for 1872-73.	Total.	Collections.	Balance.
	rs.	rs.	rs.	rs.	rs.	rs.	rs.
1. Work done for private individuals	326	2	324	4,687	5,011	4,611	365
2. Subscription to District Gazettes	2,434	17	2,417	15,057	17,474	15,090	2,384
3. Sundry receipts ...	1	...	1	2,469	2,470	2,469	1
Total ...	2,761	19	2,742	22,173	24,920	22,170	2,750

District.	Demand. 1871-72.	1872-73.	Increase or Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjam ...	703	825	+ 122
Vizagapatam ...	169	137	— 31
Godavery ...	1,619	1,474	— 145
Kistna ...	1,580	1,185	— 395
Nellore ...	1,053	1,067	+ 14
Cuddapah ...	1,177	1,221	+ 44
Bellary ...	867	1,118	+ 251
Kurnool ...	796	882	+ 86
Chingleput ...	705	844	+ 139
North Arcot ...	519	978	+ 459
South Arcot ...	2,243	1,994	— 249
Tanjore ...	2,429	3,233	+ 804
Trichinopoly ...	1,271	1,199	— 72
Madura ...	981	1,505	+ 524
Tinnevelly ...	816	993	+ 177
Coimbatore ...	898	1,010	+ 112
Nilgiri ...	61	63	+ 2
Salem	910	1,142	+ 232
South Canara ...	1,140	1,528	+ 388
Malabar	1,819	2,522	+ 703
Total ...	21,755	24,920	+ 3,165

9. Inclusive of the balance of Rs. 2,742 at the end of the previous year (less sum written off), the demand of 1872-73 amounted to Rupees 24,920 against Rupees 21,755 in 1871-72. Rs. 22,170 of this demand were realized within the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,750 at the end of the past year. The increase in the demand is due to a large quantity of private work done in North Arcot and in connection with the Bodinaikcoor Estate, in the Madura District, and Kavalapara Estate, in Malabar; to a large number of Abkári engagement forms having been printed in South Canara; and also to increased subscriptions to the District Gazettes in Bellary, Tinnevelly, Salem, and South Canara. In Tanjore it is due to some subscriptions to the Gazette having been paid in advance for the coming year.

10. The outstanding balances against the districts noted in the margin are large. Of Rupees 893 in South Arcot Rupees 246 have since been collected. The balance is still large, and should be realized without delay. The Collector of Godavery reports that the balance in his district is chiefly due by village subscribers and will be probably collected soon. In Cuddapah the balance has since been almost entirely got in. In Kurnool Rupees 126 have since been collected, and in Malabar the balance has been reduced to Rupees 73. The Collectors of Chingleput and Tinnevelly should take steps to have their balances soon realized.

	Rs. A. P.
Godavery	243 2 0
Cuddapah	215 15 0
Kurnool	195 8 0
Chingleput	277 1 11
South Arcot	893 15 4
Trichinopoly	165 2 0
Malabar	319 12 8

11. The Board accord their sanction to the sums noted in the margin being written off the accounts as irrecoverable.

	Subscriptions to the District Gazettes.	Private Work.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Kistna	...	2 0 0
South Arcot	13 8 6	...
Salem	...	3 12 0
Chingleput	12 10 0	...

12. The charges of the year amounted to Rupees 72,768, or Rupees 13,363 more than those of the year previous. This large increase is chiefly due to the purchase of service postage labels and to the purchase of stock in a few districts.

	Rs.	Rs.
Postal establishment	...	46,444
Endorsers' pictures of Postal labels ...	...	12,405
Contingencies		
Extra establishment ...	3,608	
Pictures of Presses ...	281	
Purchase of stock ...	11,029	
	...	14,919
Total ...	72,768	

13. The financial return shows that work valued at Rupees 2,93,571 was executed at a total cost of Rupees 72,768, being about thirty-one per cent. of the former and representing a working profit to Government of Rupees 1,60,806. This, however, does not include the interest on the capital sunk on the plant, which is estimated at Rupees 1,35,889; and, as shown by Mr. Keys in his reports on some of the Presses examined, the method of valuation hitherto adopted is unsatisfactory, a revised table for the purpose has been prescribed by the Board.

14. The Collector of Salem is requested to address the Board separately on the subject of transferring the whole of the work of the District Press to the Central Jail.

15. The Commissioner of the Nilgiris in submitting his report for the current year should compare the rates paid to the Nilgiri Press under contract with that laid down by Mr. Keys for valuation of work (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1873, No. 351).

16. Consequent upon the additional work thrown on the Press establishment by the printing of various notices, proceedings, etc., connected with Local and Municipal Boards, several Collectors submitted proposals during the year for increasing their Press establishments. In passing orders on the Collectors' letters on the subject the Board suggested for the approval of Government that Mr. Keys, the Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press, should be deputed to inspect the several District Presses. The Government sanctioned this, and Mr. Keys has already visited the districts noted in the margin and is now engaged in inspecting the Presses of the Northern Districts. In the districts inspected by him Mr. Keys has noticed many defects and made several useful suggestions for remedying them and introducing uniform and systematic management, and his suggestions are in course of adoption. Mr. Keys has been directed to prepare a Manual for the guidance of the Foremen and Accountants of the District Presses.

Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd July 1872, No. 1,397, recorded in G. O., dated 9th August 1872, No. 1,185.

Cuddapah, Bellary, Kurnool, North Arcot, Chingleput, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Salem, South Canara, and Malabar.

17. Copies of the Board's review of Mr. Keys' reports are herewith submitted to Government for their information.

Dated 11th March 1873, No. 351.
" 19th June " " 990.

18. The registers and accounts connected with the work of the Press have been regularly kept everywhere.

No. 1.

Statement showing the duties of the work turned out in each Collectorate Press during the year 1872-73.

District.	Office Work.	Revenue Department. District Gazettes. Supplied to Government officials free of charge.	District Gazettes. Supplied to Subscribers.	Total.	Selections from Records.	Total.	Judicial Department.	Other Public Offices.	Total Government Work.	Private Work.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Ganjam	4,849	1,734	2,410	4,134	...	8,983	364	915	10,262	408	10,670
2. Vizagapatam ...	1,478	9,210	1,708	4,918	...	6,396	8	28	6,432	48	6,480
3. Godavery	2,520	875	7,427	8,302	...	10,823	401	224	11,453	63	11,516
4. Kistna	3,025	643	6,403	7,046	140	10,211	65	593	10,869	1	10,870
5. Nellore	5,149	1,366	7,835	9,201	92	14,442	392	1,199	16,033	107	16,140
6. Cuddapah	2,853	806	7,462	8,268	...	11,011	34	205	11,250	75	11,325
7. Bellary	6,813	960	8,485	9,445	60	15,853	143	50	16,046	...	16,046
8. Kurnool	2,462	675	4,575	5,548	...	8,010	957	636	9,603	88	9,091
9. Chingleput ...	3,655	1,257	2,939	4,196	30	7,881	410	580	8,880	92	8,972
10. North Arcot ...	4,417	2,317	4,029	6,346	70	10,853	997	2,189	13,419	743	14,162
11. South Arcot ...	5,497	743	6,156	6,899	...	15,096	274	610	15,980	93	16,073
12. Tanjore	2,531	850	13,338	14,188	...	17,019	837	774	18,630	633	19,263
13. Trichinopoly ...	1,889	674	6,127	6,801	...	8,040	395	967	10,002	86	10,088
14. Madura	2,363	1,789	4,018	5,807	70	8,240	634	627	9,501	552	10,053
15. Tinnevelly ...	2,378	1,291	5,014	6,305	...	8,683	63	233	8,979	190	9,169
16. Coimbatore ...	1,808	1,087	6,928	8,015	16	9,839	240	224	10,297	167	10,464
17. Nilgiri	...	818	596	1,414	...	1,414	...	...	1,414	...	1,414
18. Salem	5,497	770	5,942	6,712	108	12,317	157	1,077	13,551	201	13,752
19. South Canara ...	3,525	1,120	7,415	8,644	...	12,069	457	484	13,010	203	13,213
20. Malabar	3,331	1,731	6,026	7,757	...	11,088	979	1,942	14,009	804	14,813
Total...	68,301	24,868	1,15,133	1,39,936	616	2,08,847	6,607	13,566	2,29,020	4,554	2,33,574

Enclosure A in No. 1.

Statement showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses during the Official year 1872-7

District.	Fixed Establishment.	Sadarward and Postage Service Labels.	Contingencies. Extra Establishment.	Contingencies. Repairs of Press Materials.	Contingencies. Purchase of Stock.	Total.	Grand Total.
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	2,444 5 5	46 0 10	... ...	8 5 3	412 8 0	420 13 3	2,911 3 6
2. Vizagapatam	2,250 6 0	248 5 7	... ...	18 3 0	648 1 10	666 4 10	2,170 10 5
3. Godavery	2,283 8 8	306 13 0	280 0 11	19 9 0	303 0 6	612 10 5	3,177 0 1
4. Kistna	2,244 2 6	1,126 0 0	173 15 3	24 0 0	2,183 0 0	2,380 15 3	5,751 1 9
5. Nellore	2,252 0 9	48 8 9	220 8 0	... ...	307 6 10	527 14 10	2,828 8 4
6. Cuddapah	2,206 11 9	53 15 2	272 14 0	... ...	334 13 0	607 11 0	3,928 5 11
7. Bellary	2,240 5 7	179 7 9	588 0 0	70 4 0	... ...	658 4 0	3,078 1 4
8. Kurnool	2,112 15 5	90 6 8	72 0 1	3 0 0	... ...	75 0 1	2,317 6 2
9. Chingleput	2,243 15 0	809 10 3	281 5 4	... ...	281 15 6	563 4 10	3,616 14 1
10. North Arcot	2,790 9 9	927 4 7	25 10 10	... ...	32 13 6	56 8 4	3,774 6 8
11. South Arcot	2,955 1 7	1,722 2 6	911 14 9	10 0 0	435 2 6	1,357 1 3	5,334 5 4
12. Tanjore	2,244 12 6	41 6 2	423 8 0	65 15 6	2,517 0 0	3,006 7 6	5,292 10 2
13. Trichinopoly	2,254 12 0	115 1 8	... ...	... ...	384 11 0	384 11 0	2,754 8 8
14. Madura	2,251 12 9	272 3 10	118 12 0	... ...	382 8 0	501 4 0	3,025 4 7
15. Tinnevelly	2,242 5 8	940 0 4	... ...	45 0 0	1,089 1 6	1,134 1 6	4,316 7 6
16. Coimbatore	2,243 11 6	1,281 14 10	72 13 6	2 8 0	892 7 0	967 12 6	4,499 6 10
17. Nilgiri	1,414 3 3	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,414 3 3
18. Salem	2,253 13 11	2,381 4 6	100 12 2	14 10 0	... ...	115 6 2	4,750 8 7
19. South Canara	2,256 0 0	300 5 6	50 8 0	... ...	404 8 0	455 0 0	3,011 5 6
20. Malabar	2,876 8 0	1,511 1 11	7 9 0	... ...	420 10 0	427 19 0	4,815 3 11
Total...	45,443 12 0	12,405 1 10	3,607 10 10	281 6 9	11,029 11 2	14,918 12 9	72,767 10 7

No. 2.

Statement showing the Receipts of the several Collectorate Presses in the Madras Presidency during the Official year 1872-73.

District.	Balance of the year 1871-72.	Subscriptions to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	Total.	Total of Columns 4 and 5.	Balance.	On account of Private Work.	Balance.	Advance Balance.	Balance.	Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	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.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1. Vizagapatam	2,706 6 0	1,199 7 0	200 2 0	1,399 9 0	4,106 15 0	2,706 6 0	1,199 7 0	200 2 0	1,399 9 0	4,106 15 0	
2. Godavery	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	49 7 0	654 12 0	1,673 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	49 7 0	654 12 0	1,673 11 0	
3. Kistna	1,918 11 0	1,195 4 0	115 10 0	1,311 14 0	3,230 9 0	1,918 11 0	1,195 4 0	115 10 0	1,311 14 0	3,230 9 0	
4. Nellore	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
5. Nilgiris	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
6. Coimbatore	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
7. Salem	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
8. Madura	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
9. Tinnevelly	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
10. North Arcot	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
11. South Arcot	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
12. Trichinopoly	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
13. Tanjore	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
14. Madura	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
15. Tinnevelly	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
16. Coimbatore	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
17. Nilgiris	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
18. Salem	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
19. South Canara	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
20. Malabar	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	1,018 15 0	605 5 0	69 13 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0	
Total ...	27,769 13 11	15,766 7 0	2,459 6 7	18,225 13 7	45,995 11 6	27,769 13 11	15,766 7 0	2,459 6 7	18,225 13 7	45,995 11 6	

District.	Balance of the year 1871-72.	Rents, Proceeds of Sales of Old Presses, Balance Waste Paper, &c.	Advance Balance.	Balance.	Total.
	1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1. Vizagapatam	2,706 6 0	1,399 9 0	4,106 15 0		
2. Godavery	1,018 15 0	654 12 0	1,673 11 0		
3. Kistna	1,918 11 0	1,311 14 0	3,230 9 0		
4. Nellore	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
5. Nilgiris	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
6. Coimbatore	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
7. Salem	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
8. Madura	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
9. Tinnevelly	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
10. North Arcot	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
11. South Arcot	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
12. Trichinopoly	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
13. Tanjore	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
14. Madura	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
15. Tinnevelly	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
16. Coimbatore	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
17. Nilgiris	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
18. Salem	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
19. South Canara	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
20. Malabar	1,018 15 0	675 2 0	1,693 11 0		
Total ...	27,769 13 11	18,225 13 7	45,995 11 6		

72. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1873, No. 1,359.

Miscellaneous.

Government are glad to learn from the report that the number of subscribers to the Gazettes, both on the full and on the reduced rates, continues generally to increase, and trust that this is a sign that these publications are becoming more useful as well as more appreciated.

	Subscribers.
1870-71...	15,417
1871-72...	16,806
1872-73...	17,593

2. Financially, the District Presses are stated to have been most successful; but from Mr. Keys's reports it is evident that little reliance can be placed on the correctness of the valuation of the work done; and, under these circumstances, no conclusions as to the amount of the working profit can be safely drawn.

3. The Government notice with satisfaction the thorough character of the inspections made by Mr. Keys, which will, they hope, remedy much that was unsatisfactory in the working of these Presses. This is a subject which has not hitherto received from Collectors the attention it deserves, and they should impress upon the officers charged with the duty the necessity of a close and intelligent supervision.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Supervisor Government Press.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

CHETTEPORE, 9th May 1873.

No. 965.

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 of the operations of the District Press for 1872-73 prepared according to the form received with the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th February 1872.

2. From the following abstract it will be seen that the value of work turned out during the year under notice is Rupees 10,670-2-9, showing an increase of Rupees 640-2-3 as compared with the results of the preceding year :—

Abstract showing value of Work turned out in the District Press during the year 1872-73 *compared with that of* 1871-72.

	1871-72.		1872-73.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No. of papers.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Office work ...	557	4,773 6 4	544	4,849 9 8	...	76 3 4	13	... ...
Gazette	27	3,386 3 1	26	4,133 14 10	...	747 11 9	1	... ...
Other Public Offices	247	1,615 12 4	209	1,278 12 7	...	... ...	38	336 15 9
Private work ...	118	254 10 9	184	407 13 8	66	153 2 11	...	... ...
Total...	949	10,030 0 6	963	10,670 2 9	66	977 2 0	52	336 15 9
Net...	...	... ...	...	... ...	14	640 2 3	...	... ...

3. The following memorandum shows the number of copies of the District Gazette supplied to officials and non-officials :—

	1871-72.	1872-73.	Increase.
Public Officers...	1,575	1,583	8
Subscribers. {Full ...	925	970	45
Subscribers. {Reduced ...	1,037	1,243	206
Total...	3,537	3,796	259

4. Form C shows the estimated value of stock on hand to be Rupees 6,478-7-10.

5. *Form D.*—There has been an increase in the receipts of Rupees 95-10-5 or 4 in the disbursements of Rupees 338-7-7, as shown below:—

	1871-72.	1872-73.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Subscriptions to District Gazette ...	159 1 2	195 5 0	36 3 10	... ...
Private work	367 6 10	382 9 7	15 2 9	... ...
Sundries	161 4 6	206 9 1	45 4 7	... ...
Total Receipts...	687 12 3	784 7 8	96 14 5	... ...
Establishment	2,475 4 5	2,844 0 5	... ...	368 15 0
Stationery	46 11 9	46 0 10	... ...	0 10 11
Repairs	7 8 0	8 5 3	4 13 3	... ...
Extra Establishment	16 3 9	... ...	... ...	16 3 9
New stock	31 0 6	412 8 0	381 8 0	... ...
Total Disbursements...	2,573 13 11	2,911 3 6	386 5 7	17 13 8
Net...	... ...	... ...	334 7 7	... ...

The increase in disbursements is chiefly owing to the purchase of a larger quantity of type, etc., during the year under review.

6. From Form E it will be found that the demand was Rupees 824-15-3, of which there remained a recoverable balance of Rupees 40-7-7 at the close of the year.

7. The usual accounts connected with the Press are properly kept and examined by the Treasury Deputy Collector every month.

Exd. A. S Rodgers.

VIZAGAPATAM, 18th April 1873.

No. 576.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq.,
Principal Assistant Collector in Charge,

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

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the District Press for the year 1872-73 together with 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 :—

	1871-72.			1872-73.			Comparison of the value of work.	
	Number of papers.	Number of copies.	Value of work.	Number of papers.	Number of copies.	Value of work.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office work	284	1,22,144	1,772	225	1,43,199	1,478	...	295
District Gazette ...	25	7,180	4,354	26	9,100	4,917	563	...
Selections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Department.	10	2,757	28	3	900	7	...	19
Other public offices...	14	3,092	29	12	3,224	29	...	...
Private work	24	1,196	75	16	446	48	...	27
Total...	357	1,36,369	6,258	282	1,56,869	6,479	563	341
Deduct decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	341	...
Net increase ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222	...

3. The value of work executed during the past year amounts to Rupees 6,480, showing an increase of Rupees 222 in comparison with that of the preceding year. The increase is chiefly in Gazette work consequent on Municipal and Local Fund Boards' Proceedings being required to be published in the Gazette. No Selections have been printed owing to type and establishment being insufficient.

4. An indent for type was submitted last year but it was not sanctioned as funds were insufficient to meet the cost (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1872, No. 6,719). An increase to the establishment was applied for but postponed pending the inspection of the Press Department by a professional person from Madras as ordered in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,397, dated 23rd July 1872.

5. The number of full subscribers are thirty-two and reduced forty-one against thirty-three full and forty-nine reduced of the last year, showing a decrease of one full and eight reduced subscribers.

	Rs. A. P.
Subscription	89 12 0
Private work	47 11 0

6. The actual collections during the year are exhibited in the margin.

COCANADA, 29th April 1873.

No. 120.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq.,

Acting Collector 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 1872-73 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 1872-73 and the year preceding it :—

	1871-72.		1872-73.		Comparison of the value of work.	
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office work	302	2,256	385	2,526	270	...
District Gazettes	40	7,470	41	8,302	832	...
Selection from Records	...	271	...	...	...	271
Judicial Department	39	195	59	401	206	...
Engineer do.	...	...	5	12	12	...
Police do.	50	234	28	176	...	58
Jail do.	2	3	5	6	3	...
Medical do.	4	19	...	...	...	19
Educational do.	3	7	...	...	...	7
Marine do.	6	28	8	30	2	...
Private work	25	142	16	63	...	79
Total...	471	10,625	547	11,516	1,325	434
Deduct decrease...	...		...	...	434	...
Net increase ...	...		...	...	891	...

The value of the work done in 1872-73, calculated according to the rates fixed for the Government Presses, is Rupees 11,516.

The increase in the value of the office work and in the District Gazettes were due to the larger number of forms printed for the Huzur and Taluq Offices and the Gazette circulations having steadily advanced during the year under report.

The decrease in the value of the Selections from the Records is attributable to the pressure of the work alluded to above.

The increase in the Judicial Department is due to the greater variety of forms printed than the year 1871-72.

The fluctuations under other heads are too small to call for remark.

Years.	Average.
1869-69	1,140
1869-70	1,232
1870-71	1,252
1871-72	1,425
1872-73	1,479

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

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

	1871-72.	1872-73.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Fixed establishment	2,243	2,263	20	...
Sadarward and Contingencies	362	301	...	61
Stock newly purchased	1	303	302	...
Repairs of Press materials	15	20	5	...
Extra establishment	167	290	123	...
Total...	2,788	3,177	450	61
Deduct decrease...	...	...	61	...
Net increase ...	...	...	389	...

Deducting the receipts the net charge to Government was Rupees 1,946.

The increase of Rupees 61 in the item of "Sadarward and Contingencies" is due to the rate of the service postage labels being reduced on the District Gazettes as a registered paper.

The increase of Rupees 302 in the item of "Stock newly purchased" is due to the Press materials indented for in 1871-72 having been received and paid for during the official year.

The increase of Rupees 123 in the item of "Extra Establishment" is due to a larger number of extra hands having been entertained on account of the pressure of business in this official year.

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

Items.	Balance brought forward from last year's account.	Deduct remissions considered to be written off.	Remainder.	Demand in the year.	Total.	Collected in the year.	Balance.
1	3	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.
Subscription to District Gazettes	142 8 6	... ...	142 8 6	1,059 1 0	1,201 9 6	958 7 6	243 2 0
Private work	... ...	... ...	... ...	63 2 0	63 2 0	63 2 0	... ...
Sundry receipts	... ...	... ...	... ...	69 4 0	69 4 0	69 4 0	... ...
Subscription in advance	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	*140 0 0	... ...
Total...	142 8 0	... ...	142 8 6	1,191 7 0	1,333 15 6	1,230 13 6	243 2 0
	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	*140 0 0	... ...
Collections in the year for the year	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,090 13 6	... ...

The arrear is chiefly due by the village subscribers and will be probably collected soon.

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

Extd. A. S. Rodgers.

MASULIPATAM, 5th June 1873.

No. 883.

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 submit my Press Report for the official year 1872-73 together with the usual statements.

2. It will be observed from the comparative statement of the value of the work turned out that there is a large increase in each of the departments.

3. In "Office work" 212 papers were struck off against 95 in the preceding year, the value of work done being Rupees 3,025 against Rupees 1,157.

4. The number of issues of the District Gazette was thirty-four against thirty-two in the preceding year; the value of work is less in consequence of the reduction in the size of the Gazette.

5. Mr. Collector Roberts' Report on the Jammabandi Settlement for Fasli 1233, dated 30th October 1824, No. 76, was printed during the year under report.

6. The public work performed for all other departments was in excess of that done in the preceding year, but little or no private work was done, owing partly to the fact that a private Press kept by Messrs. Kesavarazu and Co. exists at Masulipatam, and partly to the fact that the Press office had not time for it.

7. The total number of papers struck off in 1872-73 nearly double that of 1871-72.

8. There was no time to take up any more Selections for printing than those named in paragraph 5.

9. Statement B illustrates the circulation of the District Gazette. The number of copies struck off during the year under notice was 55,480 against 53,530 in the preceding year, the increase (1,950) being due to the greater number of issues of Extraordinary Gazettes. Two hundred and seventy-six copies were returned not wanted by the Police. This and the number of spare copies usually printed cause the difference between the copies struck off and those actually distributed.

10. The number of Gazettes supplied gratis to public officers was 1,728, and of those supplied to paying subscribers 17,417 against 18,213 in the preceding year. The decrease is due to withdrawals of subscribers. It is, of course, optional with village officers to take the Gazette.

11. STATEMENT C.—During the year under review the price of the large Gripper Press, Rupees 1,903, was paid, and furniture was purchased costing Rupees 280. The Gripper Press is useful only for printing large forms. It is very heavy and requires more men to work it than the Press office can spare, and is altogether disapproved of by the work-people. The two little Favourites I have work much easier and are better liked.

12. Statement D shows the financial results of the working of the Press. During the year under review the actual receipts and charges were Rupees 945-14-3 and Rupees 5,751-1-9 against Rupees 1,246-2-9 and Rupees 3,703-5-10 in the preceding year, respectively.

13. An extra establishment was entertained twice during the year, at a cost of Rupees 173-15-3, to print various forms required for this and other offices. Nearly the whole of the arrears outstanding for some years have been brought up, and by their assistance no less than 5,45,922 copies of forms were struck off in two months.

14. The charge on account of "Service Labels" was Rupees 1,011-4-0 against Rupees 300-15-0 in the year 1871-72.

15. With the heavy additional charges of the new Press furniture and Service Labels the total of all charges comes up to Rupees 5,751-1-9, which being deducted from Rupees 11,815-6-6 leaves a fair profit of Rupees 6,064-4-9.

16. Statement E shows the demand, collection, and balance on account of the Press. The total demand of the year including the balance brought forward from the last year's account was Rupees 1,139-9-4, of which Rupees 1,023-15-10 was collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 114-9-6, part of which has been since collected.

17. There was an outstanding balance of Rupees 2 for private work at the end of last year; the collection of it is impossible as the parties from whom it is due are not forthcoming. I therefore request sanction to write it off the accounts.

18. The demand of the year 1872-73, viz., 1 Rupee, has been since collected.

19. The Press accounts have been kept up, and the Index for the District Gazette of 1872 is under preparation.

20. My thanks are due to D. Purshotamiya, my Treasury Deputy Collector, that I am able to send so good a report of the working of the Press Department.

NELLORE, 22nd April 1873.

No. 912.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq.,
Acting Collector 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 1872-73, with Statements prepared in the forms received with the Board's Memorandum of 19th February 1872, No. 270.

2. The total value of work done in the year under report is computed to be Rupees 16,139-14-9 against Rupees 14,325-7-1, showing an increase of Rupees 1,814-7-8. The largest portion of this increase is due to the Gazettes and to the work done for the Judicial and Public Works Departments.

3. There is, however, a decrease in the printing of selections from the records this year. The subject selected is a continuation of the papers on the Settlement of Rents. Thirty-six pages have been printed this year against fifty pages last year. The portion which has now been printed embraces useful extracts regarding the Village, Decennial, and Ryotwary Settlements. Two short chapters have to be added relating to the results of the Permanent Settlement, and the review of the Revenue System of Messrs. Travers and Smalley. It is expected that it will be ready by the end of December next, when the work will be submitted in a complete state.

4. The supply of printed books for village accounts was undertaken this year, and the Press has been in consequence much occupied with this work. In former years, the printed headings only were supplied. Owing to the extent of work in respect to these forms and Gazettes, additional hands have been employed almost throughout the year. It would greatly relieve the District Press if these forms for the use of all districts were printed at the Penitentiary Press.

5. The work executed for other Offices is shown in the following Statement :—

Departments.	1871-72.				1872-73.			
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Judicial Department	91	275	13	6	111	392	1	4
Department Public Works	51	192	1	10	62	433	7	5
Police	66	785	11	0	56	734	5	8
Medical Department	.....	...	...	...	7	15	3	8
Revenue Settlement Department	2	16	9	1	1	5	0	0
Vaccine Department...	.....	...	...	...	3	11	0	3
Private individuals	95	99	12	10	60	107	1	1
Total...	305	1,370	1	0	300	1,698	3	10

It will be observed that there is an increase of Rupees 328-2-10 in the year under report.

6. The number of subscribers to the Gazette at the beginning of the year was 887, on the 31st March 1873 it had risen to 931. The distribution of Gazettes is as follows :—

	Rs.
Public Officers	136
Private individuals at full rates	46
At reduced rates	731
Total...	913

7. The collections and charges during the year under report are exhibited in Statements D. and E. The actual sum collected was Rupees 1,053-2-3, of which subscriptions amounted to Rupees 810-4-0; Rupees 105-15-7 for private work, and Rupees 115-12-8 sundry receipts, which consist chiefly of sales of Parts and Receipt books, value of Wasting papers, sale of single copies of Gazettes, and sale of Bank Notes. The expenditure was Rupees 2,900 in round numbers.

8. The demand for Gazette subscriptions for the year amounted to Rupees 608, which, with the balance of last year, amounted to Rupees 843-4-6; of this amount, Rupees 776-0-6 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 66-14-0, and steps have been taken for the speedy collection of this sum of Rupees 273-4-6 besides have been collected in advance for 1873-74.

9. Under the head of charges appear :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Establishment	2,252	0	9
2. Suderward...	48	8	0
3. Extra Establishment...	220	8	0
4. Purchase of Stock	307	6	10
Total...	2,828	8	4

The expenditure has been kept within the budget provision for 1872-73.

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

11. Returns have been obtained, as in the previous year, from each taluq shewing the dates on which the Gazettes are usually 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. The Postal circles adverted to in the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th September 1870, No. 5,795, paragraph 16, have been established in many taluqs, and they have, to some extent, reduced the time usually employed in their transit from the taluqs to the villages; but in regard to the despatch of Gazettes from Kollegal, there is still some delay, which might be avoided. The Gazettes to the taluqs are posted in bundles of ten or twenty, and some of these appear to be left behind for some time on account of the heaviness of the bags.

12. The Index to the Gazette for 1872 is nearly ready, and will be submitted at an early date.

13. The charge on account of Service Labels for the transmission of Gazettes by post during the year under report amounted to Rupees 1,850-11-6. The amount is debited in the Contingent bills.

14. The Gazettes have been printed this year on thin paper, as approved of by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 10th September 1872, No. 1,797.

CUDDAPAH, 7th June 1873.

No. 9.

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 Annual Report on the working of the District Presses for 1872-73, with the usual Statements.

2. The annexed Statement exhibits the result of the working of the Presses in 1872-73, compared with the preceding year :—

	1871-72.		1872-73.		Comparison.			
					Increase.		Decrease.	
	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.	No. of papers.	Value of work.
Office work	259	1,824	294	2,653	35	829	...	...
District Gazettes ...	27	7,573	28	8,358	1	785	...	...
Selections from Records...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Department ...	2	2	11	34	9	32	...	...
Other Public Offices ...	41	132	55	205	14	73	...	...
Private work	20	87	22	71	2	...	...	13
Total...	349	9,618	410	11,324	61	1,719	...	13

3. The cause of the increase is the additional work thrown on the Press by the Local Fund Act and the Forest Department.

4. There is also an increase in the circulation of the District Gazette, as the following Statement will show :—

	1871-72.			1872-73.			Comparison.					
							Increase.			Decrease.		
	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.	On full subscription.	On reduced subscription.	Total.
District Gazette.	703	29,952	30,715	880	30,919	31,799	117	967	1,084	...	...	...

5. The financial results of the year under report is shown in Statement E, from which it will be seen that there was at the close of the year a balance of Rs. 215-5-0 on account of subscriptions to the District Gazette, which has since been almost fully collected.

6. The printing of the selections from the records of this district has not as yet been commenced, pending the completion of the list of papers worthy of publication, as directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th December 1870, No. 7,190. The list will be submitted to the Board as early as possible.

7. The Press Registers have been kept and brought up to date in the prescribed form.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Hosperr, 28th April 1873.

No. 129.

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

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

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of the Press Department of this office during the past official year 1872-73.

2. From the comparative statement of the value of work done in the District Press here during the above period it will be seen that, though the amount of work turned out exceeds that executed in the previous year by twenty-one copies, yet its value is less by Rupees 2,309-6-11, attributable partly to the character of the work executed, there being more of plain work done than of tabular, as in the previous year.

3. Again, in estimating the value of work done, all tabular forms were formerly charged full rates in lieu of half and quarter rates according to the scale. This was due to the ignorance of the office establishment of the principle on which these charges were calculated.

4. The increase in the amount of office work is due to the Press being employed in striking off a larger number of forms required by this office and those of the Divisional Officers. As the number of copies required of each was limited no advantage was taken of the Penitentiary Press at the Presidency. The decrease in its value is the error of calculation referred to in the previous paragraph.

5. All the papers selected from the records and sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings of 9th May 1868, No. 3,446, have now been printed, and, as soon as the assistance of an Assistant Collector or of a Deputy Collector is afforded me, other Selections will be made and submitted to the Board for their approval, to be printed eventually. The description of those now printed, fifty copies of which have already been forwarded to the Board, and other particulars connected with them, will be found in Enclosure A.

6. Enclosure B shows in abstract the number of copies struck off and the number of persons to whom Gazettes were supplied in each month of the official year under report. The total number of issues was twenty-six, the Gazette being issued bi-monthly, and the total number of copies actually struck off was 43,580 against 27 and 38,000, respectively, of the past official year. Of the number of copies appertaining to the year under report, 4,228, or nine per cent., were issued free; 1,811, or a little more than four per cent., were issued on payment of full subscription of Rupees 1-8-0 per mensem; and 35,553, or nearly eighty-one per cent., on the reduced subscription of 12 Annas. Those which were issued free were, of course, those supplied officially to public servants.

7. The addition to the stock since my last report consists of 350 lbs. of English type valued at Rupees 357 and 336 lbs. of Telugu type valued at Rupees 399. About 480 lbs. of Canarese type purchased with the other stock from the London Missionary Society lay useless for some time and until it was sold to a native merchant here at the reduced rate of 6 Annas per lb. under the sanction of the Board of Revenue, contained in their Proceedings, No. 8,243, dated 21st December 1872. The difference of 120 lbs. consisted of spaces and quadrats was not sold as they were of use in this office.

8. The receipts in connection with the Press amount to Rupees 1,118-1-0 against Rupees 866-13-0 of the previous year; the increase being chiefly from subscriptions to District Gazettes amounts to Rupees 206. This is chiefly attributable to Acts, some of which are in great demand, being issued to the subscribers. There is a decrease, however, in the value of work done to private individuals which consists of advertisements inserted in the Gazette. In consequence of the presses being fully engaged with official work it has not been possible to undertake any job work. There is an increase of Rupees 126-14-10 in the item "Suderward" above that of

previous year, but the former item includes also repairs. There is also an increase of Rupees 241-3-1 on account of charges incurred for the extra establishment. As charges of this nature are incurred monthly I would beg the Board to take the matter of permanently increasing the establishment into their favourable consideration. The other charges do not demand special remark. Although in paragraph 7 supra mention is made of the purchase of English and Telugu Type, yet no charge on that account has been incurred in the official year under report, the supply being received late in March.

9. The total demand of the year amounts to Rupees 1,118-1-0, which has all been collected during the year. The differences in the items constituting the demand have already been explained in their respective places.

10. Just as the official year had closed, Mr. Keys, the Deputy Superintendent of the Government Gazette Press, inspected this office, under the orders of the Board of Revenue, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,377, dated 23rd July 1872.

KURNOOL, 31st May 1873.

No. 176.

From J. HOPE, Esq.,
Collector of Kurnool,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1872-73, with explanatory Statements in the prescribed forms.

2. From Statement A it will be seen that there is a small decrease of Rupees 203 in the total value of work turned out, as compared with the preceding year. The prevalence of fever, with unusual severity, throughout the last year has greatly impeded the progress of work in the Printing Office. Like the servants of other departments, the Compositors were almost all of them laid up with fever, and have suffered much from its effects. The Head Compositor was absent for more than four months (in fact, he has not yet returned to duty), and one of the Junior Compositors for a still longer period. The difficulty of procuring workmen in a district like this, where there is no other Printing Establishment, renders it impracticable to provide proper substitutes for absentees.

3. DISTRICT GAZETTE.—The circulation of the District Gazette remains almost the same as in last year. One reason why circulation has not improved is the great delay in the distribution of Gazettes. Since the District Post Offices at the Imperial stations have been abolished, there has been a great delay in the transmission of Gazettes from the Post Office to out-stations. The Postal authorities were addressed on the subject often, but to no effect. The following are some of the instances in which great delay occurred :—

When posted	When reached.	Destination and Distance.
30th April 1872	15th May 1872	Nundial, 45 miles.
20th Sept. ,, ...	24th Oct. ,, ...	
12th Oct. ,, ...	25th ,, ,, ...	
12th ,, ,, ...	7th Nov. ,, ...	Cumbum, 104 ,,
26th ,, ,, ...	15th ,, ,, ...	Nundial, 45 ,,
11th Jan. 1873	24th Jan. 1873	
11th ,, ,, ...	25th ,, ,, ...	Koilkuntla, 60 ,,

4. RECEIPTS.—The collections on account of the Press amount to Rupees 686-10-2, or a little more than the income of the preceding year, which amounted to Rupees 685-12-4. The increase under private work was caused by increase in the work done for the Municipalities of Kurnool and Cumbum.

5. CHARGES.—The total expenditure was Rupees 2,317-6-2, or Rupees 902-6-5 less than that of the previous year. The decrease of nearly Rupees 70 in the item of "Fixed Establishment" is due to savings from continued absence of Compositors, and the decrease in the item of "Purchase of Stock" to the non-receipt of the Press materials within the official year.

6. DEMAND.—The demand on account of subscriptions, etc., including the arrears, was Rupees 882-2-2. Of this amount, Rupees 686-10-2 was collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 195-8-0, of which Rupees 126-6-0 has since been collected.

7. The registers of this department have been correctly kept in the prescribed forms.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

SAIDAPET, 4th July 1873.

No. 256.

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

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

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the operations of the District Press for 1872-73 accompanied by the usual statements.

2. The work, which has been correctly valued this year, amounts to Rupees 8,971-14-3 against Rupees 8,682-7-6 in the preceding year, which last amount, however, it would seem, is under-stated thirty per cent. (*Vide* paragraph 6, Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March last, No. 351).

3. The outturn of work would probably have been larger if the materials necessary for its execution had been obtained by the late Head Compositor, whose want of forethought and judgment in this respect has been noticed by Mr. Keys in paragraph 4 of his report. This has led not only to the accumulation of arrears but has prevented their being subsequently worked off. Mr. Keys states (paragraph 20) that the "supply of materials to this Press has not been commensurate with the demands made upon it for printing," and, this being the case, it is requested that early sanction may be obtained for the indents for materials and furniture recently submitted with my No. 240, dated 20th ultimo, if not in full, at least to such extent as Mr. Keys may consider absolutely necessary, for the efficient working of the Press.

4. The number of copies of the District Gazette printed and issued during the year is considerably below that of the last year, as shown in the margin. The falling off is due to Gazettes having been discontinued to defaulting subscribers.

1872-73	7,697
1871-72	9,420
	1,823

5. The subscriptions realized during 1872-73 including arrears are Rupees 291 in excess of those of the previous year. This is attributable to prompt measures having been adopted to collect the arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1872-73	487	1	0
1871-72	195	14	6

6. The items of arrears marginally noted being irrecoverable on account of the death of the parties sanction is requested for their being written off the accounts.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Saidapet—Mr. Johannes	9	12	0
Trivellore—Appaswamy Iyengar	1	8	0
Do. —Trevengada Churry	1	6	0
Total...	12	10	0

7. The value of work done for private individuals is Rs. 91-12-6 against Rs. 20-9-6 in the year preceding.

8. Little has been done in the way of printing valuable official records owing to existing arrears and the absence of the necessary materials. Mr. Greenway's report on the Chingleput Jaghire was committed to the Press, and fifty-one paragraphs have since been printed.

9. The Press Registers and Accounts are duly kept, the arrears referred to by Mr. Keys at paragraph 23 having been since brought up. The Press has been lately moved into its new quarters and the Deputy Collector will also be on the spot shortly, when, as he will be able to exercise more effective supervision than now, situated, as he is, about a mile away, I have every hope that its working will be satisfactory.

VELLORE, 2nd May 1873.

No. 249.

From H. SEWELL, 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 1872-73, 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 14,162-11-5 against Rupees 13,548-2-8 in the preceding year, being an increase of Rupees 614-8-9. This is attributable to a large number of forms struck off for the use of the Judicial and Police Departments, and to the value of work done to private individuals being greater than that in the year preceding.

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

From the Board, dated 27th June 1811. 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 fixed ahist or permanent settlement upon villages on the principles explained in the papers above referred to.
From the Board, dated 25th July 1811. The continuation of the above letter dated 27th June 1811. A further copy of letter to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 18th July 1811, with Minute on the subject of the fixed village settlement of Land-revenue proposed in their Minute of the 9th May.

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

Types, etc., English, Tamil, and Telugu, in lbs	427 ½
Composing Sticks	2
Chases	3
Roller, Frame, and Stock	3
Type-brush	1
Pick-brush	1
Brass Rules, dozen	6

5. 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.

6. The Press Registers continued to be regularly kept in the forms prescribed by the Board.

Memorandum of Papers mentioned to be printed during the official Year 1873-74.

From the Board, 1st December 1804, stating that in consequence of the failure of the Commissioners deputed to Chittoor for the purpose of adjusting the affairs of the Chittoor Polliems the Right Honourable the Governor in Council had determined to take active measures against them, and had despatched troops to Chittoor under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Moneypenny, and forwards, for information and guidance, extract from the instructions which had been furnished to Lieutenant-Colonel Moneypenny.

From the Board, 28th July 1808, forwards extracts of Proceedings dated 11th July 1808, relating to the substitution of Village Rents on lease in lieu of Ryotwari settlement, with translations of Muchilika and Putta or Cowle.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

TINDEVANUM, 22nd May 1873.

No. 162.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq.,
Acting Collector 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 in this district during the past Official year 1872-73, with the usual explanatory Statements.

2. It will be seen from the Comparative Statement that the value of work turned out during the past year was Rupees 16,072-14-6, or Rupees 7,002-9-5 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 large number of blank forms of Accounts, etc., for use in the taluqs and in the Huzur, as well as Revenue Processes, Puttas, and Kachats, having been printed at this Press, as no forms for the latter were supplied from the Penitentiary Press at Madras.

4. In addition to the Office-work, the Irrigation Registers of eight taluqs were also printed at this Press during last year as required by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 12th July 1871, No. 2,887.

5. In the item of "District Gazettes," there has been an increase of Rupees 2,712-3-0 above that of the previous year, which is due to the publication of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Boards of Cuddalore and Vridachellum Circles and of the Municipality, as well as to increase in the number of Attachment Notices, Form No. 5, under Act II. of 1864.

6. The falling off in the amount of private work is attributable to the large quantity of Office-work turned out this year.

7. The variations in the other items are not of sufficient importance to call for explanation.

8. I regret to state that no progress has been made in the printing of Selections from records during last year, as the presses and establishment were fully occupied in turning out the regular Office-work, which was considerably augmented by the printing of Irrigation Registers. If the purchase of a Caxton Machine for which provision has been made in the budget of the current year, is sanctioned, the printing of Selections from the records would be much facilitated.

9. The number of subscribers to the District Gazette, both on full and reduced subscription, as well as Public officers, was 15,816 against 14,527 in the previous year, showing a net increase of 1,289 as entered in the margin. The average number of subscribers was 1,318, while in the previous year it was 1,212.

	Nos.	Nos.
Increase in the number of persons on reduced subscription		1,647
Decrease in the number of Public officers.	325	
Do. in the number of private individuals on full subscription	33	358
Net Increase...		1,289

	Rs.	A.	P.
1871-72.....	769	1	6
1872-73.....	777	8	10
Increase...	8	7	4

10. The demand for the year on account of subscription to the District Gazettes amounted to Rupees 777-8-10, or Rupees 8-7-4 above that of the preceding year.

11. The demand, including Rupees 91-9-0 paid by certain subscribers in advance for the ensuing year, amounted to Rupees 869-1-10, or Rupees 1,882-10-8, including the balance brought forward from last year's account. Of this Rupees 988-11-4 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 893-15-4 at the end of the year, which was reduced to Rupees 648-1-0 by subsequent collections in April, amounting to Rupees 245-14-4. Measures have been adopted for the speedy recovery of the arrears. Of the balance of Rupees 648-1-0, Rupees 13-8-6 was reported by the Tahsildar of Cuddalore to be irrecoverable owing to the death, desertion, and poverty of certain subscribers. I solicit sanction for writing off the accounts the above sum of Rupees 13-8-6.

12. The value of private work done has been fully recovered.

13. The charges on account of fixed establishment call for no remark. In the item of Saderward, including Contingencies, there is a large increase of Rupees 1,268-10-0 which is due to the charges incurred in the purchase of Service Postage Labels used for despatching the District Gazettes intended for Village Officers. In 1871-72 the new Postal Rules were in operation only during a portion of the year.

14. The increase of Rupees 743-14-9 in the item of Extra Establishment is due to charges incurred for Temporary Establishment entertained for printing the Irrigation Registers, as directed by the Board in their Proceedings dated 12th July 1871, No. 2,887. The cost of the establishment was Rupees 911-14-9, while the estimated value of the work done in connection with the Registers was Rupees 1,772-8-0.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1871-72	168	0	0
1872-73	911	14	9
Increase...	743	14	9

15. The Press Registers have been carefully and correctly kept in the prescribed forms.

VELLAM, 28th April 1873.

No. 150.

From the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Acting 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 1872-73 together with the prescribed tabular statements.

2. From the subjoined abstract it will be seen that the value of the work turned out during the year under report exhibits an increase of Rupees 346 over that of the preceding year:—

	1871-72.		1872-73.		Increase.	Decrease.
	No. of papers.	Value.	No. of papers.	Value.		
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office work	803	3,475	613	2,831	...	644
District Gazette	23	13,067	24	14,188	1,121	...
Judicial Department	292	1,126	228	837	...	289
Other public offices	236	801	237	775	...	26
Private work	141	448	171	632	184	...
Total...	...	18,917	...	19,263	1,305	959
Net increase...	...	...	...	...	346	...

3. The number of issues of the District Gazette was twenty-four against twenty-three in the previous year, to which circumstance, as well as to the publication of a large number of tabular land sale notices and extensive supplements on account of the Municipal and Local Fund Boards, the increase under this head is due.

4. The circulation of the District Gazette is about the same as in last year, and the subscribers are all regularly supplied with copies of the Gazette.

5. The gross demand on account of the Press was Rupees 3,232-15-9 against Rs. 2,429-6-3 in the year preceding. The increase of Rupees 803-9-6 is owing to a certain amount of subscription to the Gazette having been paid in advance for the coming year.

6. The difference between the working charges of 1871-72 and 1872-73 is, as shown in the margin, Rs. 1,778-3-6. This is chiefly owing to the value of a Gripper Machine having been paid during the year.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1871-72	3,514	6	8
1872-73	5,292	10	2
Increase ...	1,778	3	6

7. Deducting the entire expenditure from the value of work there is a balance of Rupees 13,970-8-3 left in favour of the Press.

8. Forms of Taluq Treasury account, and abstracts of receipts and disbursements and a large number of processes under Act II. of 1864, and summonses under Act III. of 1869, have, besides various other forms, been struck off in the local Press. These forms were obtained from the Madras Penitentiary during the year before last. No Selections from old records were printed this year owing to the heavy work which devolved upon the Press. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Press, however, hopes to be able to undertake the printing of some Selections in the current year.

9. The Press Registers have been regularly kept up.

10. The Register of Stationery received and expended by the Superintendent of the Press is also maintained.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Voytullagudalur, 27th June 1873.

No. 130.

From J. B. PENNINGTON, 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 1872-73, and to submit the statements required in the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th April 1868, No. 478.

2. The outturn of work shows a decrease of Rupees 1,607, as compared with the previous year; but this decrease is entirely attributable to the previous over-charge for work by a wrong interpretation of the table of charges in use, as shown by the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government Press in his report.

3. The actual receipts, consisting of subscription to the Gazette, value of work done for private individuals, and sundry receipts, amount to Rupees 1,033, being a decrease of 178 against the previous year. This falling off is due chiefly to less private work having been undertaken.

4. The charges including, establishment, purchase of stock, and saderwarid, amount to Rupees 2,754 against 2,840 in the previous year.

5. There was an increase of full-rate subscribers from 26 to 50 and of reduced-rate ones from 945 to 977. These persons became subscribers in January and February for one quarter only, and evidently for the sole purpose of obtaining the amended Criminal Procedure Code Act No. 10 of 1872, in Tamil, issued as a Supplement.

6. No selections were printed during the year. There is a difficulty of finding anything on record worth printing. The little there was of any value has already been printed.

7. The new register of stationery, supplied by the Superintendent of the Press as directed by the Board in their Proceedings dated 23rd August 1871, No. 3,640, has been kept up and inspected by the officer in charge of the Press.

8. The registers have been all neatly kept in the prescribed forms, and are a great improvement on the previous year.

9. The recent inspection of this District Press by Mr. Keys, the Deputy-Superintendent of the Government Press, has been much valued by the Deputy-Collector and by the Foreman of the Press, in the beneficial result of which I fully concur. The various suggestions by Mr. Keys for Press-management have been introduced, and are being carried out.

SHEMBAGANORE, 28th May 1873.

No. 160.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq.,
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 1872-73 together with the prescribed statements.

2. In the value of the work performed during the year there is a decrease of Rs. 281-7-4, which is owing to the Press establishment having been attacked with dengue fever. This decrease occurs under several heads, the principal of which are noted in the margin. There is, on the other hand, an increase in certain items.

	1871-72.	1872-73.
Office Work.....	2,467	2,362
District Gazette.....	6,493	5,867
Police Department.....	294	217

——	Public Officers.	Full Subscription.	Reduced Subscription.	Total.
For 1871-72.....	1,859	1,030	4,105	6,993
,, 1872-73.....	1,987	947	3,531	6,464
Increase.....	128	...	...	193
Decrease.....	...	83	574	657
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	529

3. The comparative statement in the margin shows a net decrease of 529 copies in the circulation of the District Gazettes, which is caused by many of the subscribers having discontinued their subscriptions. The increase in the number issued to public officers is caused by the fact that Gazettes were newly supplied to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Forest Overseers, Assistant Engineer on Special Duty, and Deputy Inspector of Schools, 5th Division.

4. The Selection from the Records shown in Enclosure A is under preparation and will shortly be finished. Its completion within the year has been delayed by the servants of the Press being laid up with dengue one after the other.

5. Statement D shows the financial transactions of the Press Department during the year. There is an increase both in the receipts and charges. The increase in the former principally occurs in the items "Value of work done for private individuals" and "Sundry receipts," and is owing to a large number of putta receipts, muchilka forms, etc., having been printed for the Bodinaikanur and other estates under the Court of Wards. The increase under "Charges" is the result of the employment of extra establishment and of the use of service postage labels.

6. The total demand of the year, Rupees 1,404-3-11, was collected within the year with the exception of Rupees 5, which has since been realized.

7. The value of the work turned out in the year is Rupees 10,052-13-5, from which the charges, Rupees 3,025-4-7, being deducted there is a net saving of Rupees 7,027-8-10 in favour of Government.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

TINNEVELLY, 21st April 1873.

No. 204.

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

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

I HAVE the honour to report on the operations of the Collectorate Press during the official year 1872-73.

2. The value of work turned out by the Press amounts to Rupees 9,169, or Rupees 1,342 in excess of the previous year.

3. Selections from Government records were printed at the Church Mission Press, Palamcottah, with the Board's sanction, the District Press and Establishment having been otherwise fully employed in printing Gazettes, blank forms for office use, the Village Officers' Catechism, and a large number of puttas. These items account for the increase shown in paragraph 2.

4. There is also an increase in the number of paying subscribers, chiefly in the Sattur and Tinnevelly Talugs. More than 2,000 names have been added to the list. The quarterly publication of a Notification containing the names of those whose subscriptions have lapsed and calling on them to renew their subscriptions for the ensuing quarter may partly account for this increase.

5. The cash receipts for the year exceed those of the last year by Rupees 163, which was realized by the sale of Acts and receipt puttas and by subscriptions to the Gazette.

6 The Press Registers are kept in the forms prescribed by the Board, and the mode of calculating the value of work done (Register A) was correctly understood.

COIMBATORE, 10th June 1873.

No. 111.

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 for the Official year 1872-73, together with the usual Statements.

2. The value of the work turned out during the year under report was Rupees 10,163-14-10 against Rupees 10,232-0-2, showing a net increase of Rupees 231-14-8 as shown in Statement A. There is a decrease of Rupees 533-14-3 in the "Office-work," which is due to the larger number of Revenue and Magisterial forms and Pattas having been printed in the preceding year than in the year under review. The increase in the item "District Gazettes" is owing to the publication of greater quantity of matter in the present than in the last year, and of the Proceedings of the Local Board as supplements for the whole year, instead of for five months as in the preceding year. The other items call for no remark.

3. The number of subscribers has increased this year by 121 as contrasted with those in the last year; some interesting subjects published in the Gazette having attracted the attention of new subscribers both within and beyond* the district.

* Number of subscribers, including free, at the close of the year 1871-72.....	1,033	
Do. do. 1872-73.....	1,154	
		+ 121

* 2 in Madura District.
1 in Tanjore.
1 in Madras.
1 in Cannoor.
1 in Mysore.

4. A portion of the Selections from the records of this Office was printed during the year, as shown in Statement A. The remaining portions will be completed as early as practicable.

5. Statement C shows the value of stock on hand. The types sanctioned by the Revenue Board, in their Proceedings of the 1st August 1872, Miscellaneous No. 5,271, have been duly received from Messrs. Arooloanantham and Sons at Madras, and the wooden materials sanctioned therein have also been prepared in the district.

6. The receipts and charges on account of the Press Department are shown in Statement D.

7. The total demand for the year, including the last year's arrears, amounts to Rs. 944-12-8; deducting therefrom the recoveries made, there is a small balance of Rupees 18-11-9, which will be collected at an early date.

8. The value of the work done during the year under review amounted to Rs 10,163-14-10, which, after deducting the expenditure, viz., Rupees 4,499-6-10, shows a balance of Rs 5,664-8-0 in favour of Government.

9. The Registers, etc., of the Press Department, are kept in the prescribed form.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

OOTACAMUND, 16th June 1873.

No. 53.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner, in charge of Nilgiri District Gazette,

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 1872-73, with the statements prescribed by the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 27th April 1868, No. 478.

2. The fortnightly District Gazette was printed by the Nilgiri Press Company as usual, and the total charges during the year on account of the publication amount to Rupees 1,414-3-3. This excess is attributable to the publication of Municipal and Local Fund Board's Proceedings, *vide* paragraph 2 of my letter, No. 81, of 22nd July last.

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Kathiawar Agency, 20th June 1873.

No. 177.

From F. PRICE, Esq.,
Acting 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 1872-73, and to transmit the usual statements.

2. The total value of the work done during the year was Rupees 13,751, giving a decrease of Rupees 667 as compared with the preceding year.

The particulars of the work performed are shown in the subjoined statement :—

Items.	1871-72.		1872-73.		Increase or Decrease.
	Number of Papers.	Value.	Number of Papers.	Value.	
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Office-work	968	6,661	579	5,497	— 1,164
District Gazettes...	25	6,613	25	6,712	+ 99
Selections from records	4	60	6	108	+ 48
Judicial Department	50	170	60	157	— 13
Other Public Offices	126	726	228	1,077	+ 351
Private work	99	180	98	200	+ 14
Total...	1,212	14,416	996	13,751	667

3. There was an increase in the work done under all heads, excepting "Office" and "Judicial".

The decrease in the former is attributable to the Revenue Puttas having, during the past year, been printed at, and supplied from, the Madras Penitentiary. The falling off in the latter item is too small to call for notice.

4. The increase under the head of District Gazettes is owing to the reduction in the rate of subscription and the more useful style of the publication having induced more persons to subscribe. In 1871-72 the number of Gazettes issued was 23,636, valued at Rupees 6,613. During the year under report the figures were 27,581 and Rupees 6,712, thus giving the satisfactory increase of 4,945 copies, valued at Rupees 99.

5. The number of subscribers to the Gazette at the close of last year was 93 "full" and 927 "reduced," as against 89 "full" and 876 "reduced" in 1871-72.

6. The printing of the Irrigation Registers of the nine talaqs of the district as Supplements to the Gazette has been the cause of the small amount of selections from the district records turned out during the year. The actual work done, however, was greater than in 1871-72, and measures will be taken for more extended operations under this head during the current year.

7. The increase in the work done for other departments is attributable to the Engineering, Police, and Forest Departments, availing themselves more of the services of the District Press than in former years.

8. The increase in private work was caused by the printing of a large number of forms for the Municipality.

9. The cash receipts of the year under report are shown in the following abstract statement :—

Items.	Balance.	Deduct commission.	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 Dist. Gazettes.	15 7 0	.....	15 7 0	795 9 0	811 0 0	744 11 0 2 14 0	63 7 0
Private work ...	37 14 0	2 9 0	35 5 0	200 10 2	235 15 2	216 8 8	19 6 6
Sundry receipts.	.....	.....	.....	94 13 6	94 13 6	94 13 6	.....
Total ...	53 5 0	2 9 0	50 12 0	1,091 0 8	1,141 12 8	1,058 15 2	82 13 6

10. Inclusive of the balance of Rupees 53-5-0 in 1871-72, the demand for last year was Rupees 1,141-12-8 as against Rupees 967-6-10 in the preceding year.

Of the demand, Rupees 1,059, including the sum of Rupees 2-14-0, being subscription in advance to the Gazette for 1871-72, and entered in the last year's accounts under "Sundry Receipts," and Rupees 94-13-6, being the proceeds of the sale of worn-out type, have been realized, leaving a balance of Rupees 82-13-6, of which Rupees 63-7-6 falls under "Subscription to District Gazette," and Rupees 19-6-6 under "Private Work." A considerable portion of the former item has since been brought to account, and immediate steps will be taken to collect the latter, which should not have been allowed to arise.

The actual collections of the year were Rupees 961-3-8 (including the sum of Rupees 2-14-0 alluded to above), as against Rupees 854 in 1871-72.

11. The demand on account of subscriptions to the District Gazette during the past year was Rupees 811, including the balance from previous years. The collections amounted to Rupees 747-9-0, including the Rupees 2-14-0 previously alluded to, leaving a balance of Rupees 63-7-0. Of this, Rupees 32-7-0 have since been collected.

12. The demand on account of private work, with the balance at the end of last year, was Rupees 237-15-2, of which Rupees 216-8-8 were collected. Of the balance (Rupees 19-6-6), Rupees 6-10-6 have since been collected; Rupees 3-12-0 are irrecoverable. This amount is due by two persons, named Burton and Freeman, who had some Circulars printed, put off payment whenever asked, and finally decamped. Their whereabouts cannot be ascertained, and there is no chance whatever of our obtaining the money from them. I have directed that the instructions in the Press Rules with regard to private work are to be strictly observed, and that wherever there is any doubt as to the solvency or respectability of private persons seeking to have printing done, a deposit must be made before the required work is put in hand. The remainder will be collected as soon as possible.

13. The charges for the year were Rupees 4,750-3-7 as against Rupees 2,351-10-5 in 1871-72. The large increase is almost entirely due to the purchase of Service Labels for the passage of printed forms and District Gazettes, which cost Rupees 2,317-11-0.

14. The subjoined statement shows the results of the past year as compared with that preceding it:—

Year.	Gross Charges.	Private Work.	Estimated Value of Work performed for Government.	Total of the preceding Columns.	Estimated net Profits to Government as calculated in Columns 2 and 3.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1871-72	2,332	186	14,231	14,417	12,085
1872-73	4,751	200	13,551	13,751	9,000

From this, it will be seen that work valued at Rupees 13,751, and representing a working profit to Government of Rupees 9,000 and an actual net profit of Rupees 2,174, was executed at a total cost of Rupees 4,751, or about 34½ per cent.

Particulars are given below:—

	Rs.
Establishments and Saderwarid	4,635
Collections	1,056
Value of Judicial work	157
Other departments	1,077
Total	6,925
Deduct Charges	4,751
Net profit to Government ...	2,174

The increase in cash receipts was chiefly due to the sale of worn-out type which produced Rupees 95, and to the increased collections (Rupees 160) on account of subscriptions to the District Gazette.

15. The registers and accounts connected with the work of the Press are regularly and correctly kept, and the greater part of the forms of accounts and abstracts for the head-quarter office and taluqs are printed at, and supplied from, the Press. I find, however, that there is a great deal of unnecessary manuscript work still done in the way of forms, etc. The excuse made is that the Press Establishment has not time to turn out all the forms required, but I propose to, in future, make better arrangements on this point.

16. The instructions conveyed in the Board's Proceedings, No. 351, dated 11th March 1873, have been attended to and the alterations directed therein carried out.

17. In conclusion, I beg to submit, for the Board's consideration, the proposal to transfer the whole of the work of the District Press to the Central Jail at Salem. I am not aware that any such proposition has been made before, and I am induced to bring it forward owing to my having gone over the Press at the Bangalore Jail some two or three years ago. The work turned out there is, in my opinion, infinitely superior in every way to what is produced either in this district or to what used to be done at the North Arcot Press some eight or nine years ago. The finer work would not do discredit to an English Printing Establishment of a superior class.

18. It may be said that it is impossible to get men to do the work; but I found that at Bangalore (the Superintendent, Dr. Heard, was my informant) they began with only a Foreman and one or two hands; that the present Compositors, who are men selected on account of their long sentences, did not know a word of English when they began, and that the whole of the present printing staff was taught entirely in the Jail. I believe that the Bangalore Jail turns out the greater part of the forms, etc., for the Mysore Commission, and that it prints all reports, etc., and also binds, which latter work is as neat and good as the printing.

19. I have spoken to the Acting Superintendent of the Jail, Mr. Johnston, who is peculiarly fitted to start printing operations, and he agrees with me in considering the work at the Bangalore Jail far better than ours. He has several educated Natives and Chinamen in the Jail, and anticipates that there would be no difficulty, except in the matter of room, in taking over and satisfactorily working our Press.

20. Whether the transfer would be one which would effect a saving, I do not know at present enough of Press-matters or Jail management to say; but it certainly would be a great relief to the Treasury Deputy-Collector, and it would give us more room which is much required in the Cutcherry.

Exd. F. R. Bandeman.

MANGALORE, 20th June 1873.

No. 976.

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 1872-73 accompanied by the usual returns.

2. The following abstract statement exhibits the total value of the work turned out by the Press in the year under report as compared with that of the previous year, the result being a net falling off of Rupees 1,778 :—

	1871-72.		1872-73.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work	337	4,529	270	3,525	...	1,004
District Gazette ...	26	9,393	25	8,544	...	849
Selections from Records	1	20	...	...	...	20
Judicial Department..	51	412	53	457	45	...
Other Public Offices..,	47	556	33	484	...	72
Private work	69	81	123	203	122	...
Total...	531	14,991	504	13,213	...	Net 1,778

3. The decrease chiefly occurred under "Office work" and "District Gazettes" and is attributable to various causes. The decrease in the value of the "District Gazette" work is partly due to the reduction in the bulk of the Gazettes and partly to their being issued fortnightly instead of once a week.

4. There is an increase of Rupees 122 in the value of "Private work." This is chiefly the result of a large number of Abkari Engagement Forms having been printed during the year.

5. The fluctuations under the other heads are too trifling to require notice.

6. The circulation of the District Gazettes is steadily improving, and during the year there was an addition of forty-eight names to the List of Subscribers.

7. I regret having again to report to the Board that nothing was done towards printing the Selections. The manuscripts were received back from the Board's office in the beginning of October last, and one of them, viz., that of a letter, dated 1st December 1800, which was the first of the connected series, has not as yet been received. The manuscripts alluded to could not, therefore, be taken in hand till the letter of 1st December 1800 had been put in type. Even if it had been received we have been too much in arrears of current work to be in a position to enter upon extra work. These arrears are, however, fast disappearing under extra hands.

8. The quantity of Canarese types entered in Statement C includes the 285 lbs. of types which were separated for disposal last year. These types were originally received from North Canara in 1862 and are now much worn. They are also of quite a different cast and size to the type now used. Their disposal was, therefore, recommended in last year's report, in view to their being replaced by other type of a new description and size. The Board having passed no orders for their disposal the types remain undisposed of. Mr. Keys on his recent visit suggested that these may be set apart for any special and very ordinary work, and I have accordingly retained the type as "Serviceable Stock."

9. The financial result of the operations of the Press in the year under report is exhibited in Statements D and E. The total receipts amount to Rs. 1,437-10-6 against Rs. 1,081-0-10 of the previous year. The causes which chiefly contributed to this satisfactory result are explained below.

The greatest increase occurs in the amount of subscriptions to the District Gazette, owing partly to the addition to the number of subscribers, and partly to almost the whole amount of subscriptions having been collected within the year, as well as to the fact that a smaller sum was collected in advance during the year preceding.

The increase in "Private work" is attributable to the cause already explained in paragraph 4. When in arrears of public work, private work is not desirable, especially when there is a private printing establishment in the place to which persons can resort. It is more convenient at such seasons to discourage private work by charging an enhanced rate than by actually refusing it. All such work as the private Press will undertake is thus calculated to be driven to them, and such only as from Mission grounds they will not undertake will remain with us. If this course were always adopted there would be a better prospect of Selections being printed. I shall be glad to be informed if I am at liberty to follow it.

The decrease in the item of "Sundry receipts" was brought about by fewer receipt books and puttas having been sold during the year than in the preceding one.

10. The charges in Statement D exhibit an increase of Rupees 634-0-10. This is owing to a stock of printing materials having been purchased during the year, and to the payment of Rupees 242-9-1 on account of carriage of the printed copies of Canarese Act X. of 1872 from Bangalore to Mangalore.

11. Statement E shows an increase in the demand for the year under report over that for the last year. This is sufficiently explained in paragraph 9.

12. The net unrealized amount at the close of the official year was only Rupees 90-9-6, of which Rupees 42-15-0 have been since collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 47-10-6 to be realized hereafter.

13. The Press Registers were kept in the prescribed forms and were examined by the Treasury Deputy Collector.

CALICUT, 28th June 1873.

No. 164.

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 1872-73, and the statement connected with it in the form prescribed by the Board.

2. The receipts during the year on account of the Press amounted to Rupees 2,191-14-3 against Rupees 1,639-6-8 of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 552-7-7 is mainly attributable to the large quantity of private work done in connection with the Kavalapara Minor's estate and to the sale of putta books.

3. The total demand on account of the year under report was Rupees 2,332, being Rupees 480 in excess of that of the previous year. It was all collected within the year, except Rupees 226, printing charges due from private individuals, and Rupees 93-12-0, subscription from reduced subscribers (village-servants). Of these, Rupees 73 excepted, all have been subsequently realized.

4. There is a slight falling off in the number of private subscribers, which is, in some measure, due to the Government order enjoining the Gazettes to be sent to the parties through the Tahsildar of each taluq, and not direct, unless an extra [illegible] be paid for postage.

5. A comparative statement, showing the value of work done for the several departments during the year under report and in the previous one, is subjoined:—

	Office-work.		District Gazette.		Selections from Record.		Judicial Department.		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.
For 1872-73 ...	510	3,331	50	7,756	...	...	283	979	371	1,942	159	805	1,373	14,813
„ 1871-72 ...	400	3,637	49	7,900	2	50	203	721	308	924	144	605	1,106	13,837
Increase ...	110	...	1	...	...	...	80	258	63	1,018	15	200	267	976
Decrease...	...	306	...	144	2	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

6. Under the head of Office-work, a decrease in the value and an increase in the number of papers is observable. This is owing to the forms which had to be printed being very small and in small quantities. It was on account of the large number of Local Fund and Census forms which had to be struck off that the value increased to such an extent the year before the last.

7. The falling off perceptible in the value of the District Gazette is chiefly due to the decrease in its bulk.

8. There is a marked increase in the value of work turned out under the head of Other Public Offices, which was occasioned by the abolition of the Superintending Engineer's Office at Coimbatore and the establishment of a District Engineer's Office in this district, whereby all forms required for the use of that department had to be struck off at this Press, and not at Coimbatore as hitherto; and also to the increase and more extensive use of printed forms in the Police Department.

9. The charges for the year are Rupees 4,815-3-11, showing an increase of Rs. 1,500-3-10 over those of the last year, occasioned by the purchase of a stock of press-materials in excess of the amount purchased last year, and of Service Labels, as from last year they were ordered to be used by Government.

10. Out of the unexpended balance of Rupees 14, shown in my last report, Rupees 7 has been paid to a type-founder for casting Malayalam types and Rupees 7 is still left unutilized.

11. Most part of Mr. Hodgson's Report on the Cannanore and Cherakal Districts, dated 9th March 1801, has been printed during the year.

12. The Press Registers have been regularly kept throughout the year according to the mode prescribed by the Board of Revenue.

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