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No. 75. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1874, No. 3,136 :—

Read the following letters from the Collectors, reporting upon the District Presses for the year 1873-74 :—

From Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated 1st May 1874, No. 1,030.
„ Ag. Principal Assistant Collector, in charge of Vizagapatam District, dated 2nd May 1874, No. 653.
„ „ Collector of the Godavery District, „ 12th „ „ „ 135.
„ „ of the Kistna, „ „ 11th June „ „ 1,001.
„ „ of Nellore, „ „ 20th May „ „ 1,056.
„ „ of Cuddapah, „ „ 5th June „ „ 133.
„ „ „ of Bellary, „ „ 4th May „ „ 125.
„ „ „ of Kurnool, „ „ 9th June „ „ 199.
„ „ of Chingleput, „ „ 25th „ „ „ 294.
„ „ of North Arcot, „ „ 23rd April „ „ 220.
„ „ of South Arcot, „ „ 24th June „ „ 315.
„ „ of Tanjore, „ „ 12th May „ „ 123.
„ „ „ of Trichinopoly, „ „ 28th „ „ „ 119.
„ „ of Madura, „ „ 2nd „ „ „ 159.
„ „ „ of Tinnevelly, „ „ 27th April „ „ 223.
„ „ of Coimbatore, „ „ 19th June „ „ 145.
„ Asst. Comr. of the Nilgiris, „ „ 13th „ „ „ 47.
„ Collector of Salem, „ „ 20th May „ „ 173.
„ „ of South Canara, „ „ 4th Aug. „ „ 1,493.
„ „ of Malabar, „ „ 31st July „ „ 177.

The Board resolve to submit to Government a file of the printed reports of the Collectors on the working of the District Presses during 1873-74 accompanied by the usual statements illustrative of the results.

2. The total value of the work turned out during the year was Rupees 1,43,028, which, compared with the results of the preceding year, shows a decrease of Rupees 90,546. This decrease, however, is merely nominal, it being due to the introduction of the revised scale for valuing work drawn up by Mr. Keys, the Superintendent of the Government Press. It is probable that, if the work were valued at the old rates, the result would be an increase; but the reports of all Collectors do not show what the valuation would be at the old rates :—

Items.	Value of Work turned out in		
	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office work	66,528	42,616	23,912
District Gazette	1,39,936	82,566	57,370
Selections from Records	610	228	382
Judicial Department	6,607	5,288	1,319
Other Public Offices	15,339	8,790	6,549
Private work	4,554	3,540	1,014
Total...	2,33,574	1,43,028	90,546

3. District Gazette.—The annexed table exhibits the extent of the circulation of the District Gazettes in comparison with that of the preceding year :—

Districts.	1872-73.			1873-74.		
	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.
Ganjam	81	104	185	86	136	222
Vizagapatam	31	39	70	48	220	268
Godavery	175	1,148	1,323	189	1,192	1,381
Kistna	109	1,342	1,451	101	1,189	1,290
Nellore	39	733	772	49	775	824
Cuddapah	31	1,104	1,135	31	1,117	1,148
Bellary	69	1,364	1,433	86	1,038	1,124
Kurnool	23	757	780	23	755	778
Chingleput	45	259	304	47	237	284
North Arcot	40	229	269	63	341	404
South Arcot	37	1,138	1,175	28	1,119	1,147
Tanjore	83	3,010	3,093	93	3,022	3,115
Trichinopoly	37	958	995	46	1,023	1,069
Madura	79	294	373	81	243	324
Tinnevelly	120	514	634	118	623	741
Coimbatore	62	897	959	71	964	1,035
Nilgiris	29	11	40	33	11	44
Salem	85	888	973	85	862	947
South Canara	205	677	882	228	696	924
Malabar	131	616	747	61	614	675
Total...	1,511	16,082	17,593	1,567	16,177	17,744

4. From the above it will be observed that on the whole there is a slight increase in the circulation of the District Gazettes. The increase is chiefly noticeable in the districts of Vizagapatam, North Arcot, and Tinnevelly, whilst a decrease occurred in the districts noted in the margin. The Collector of Bellary, where the decrease is the largest, states that it is owing to a falling off in the number of village subscribers, and promises to adopt measures for improving the circulation. As regards the Kistna District, the Collector states that probably Village Munsiffs are tired of taking in and paying for what they cannot read, and in Malabar the Collector attributes the falling off to the tardy but unavoidable process of sending Gazettes to private subscribers through Tahsildars unless the former agree to pay an extra sum for postage. The decrease in the other districts is small, and does not call for remark.

Vizagapatam	198
North Arcot	135
Tinnevelly	107
Bellary	309
Kistna	161
Malabar	72
Madura	49
South Arcot	28
Salem	26
Chingleput	20

5. The Board trust that the attention which is now being given to the extension of postal communication will soon obviate delays and improve the circulation. The Board notice with approval the interest taken by the Collector of Kurnool in the matter and the measures adopted by him for expediting the distribution of the Gazettes.

6. *Printing of Selections from Records.*—The progress made under this head is not quite satisfactory. Selections from Records were printed in seven districts only during the year, as noted below :—

Kistna.—Mr. Oram's report upon the Havalies under Masulipatam.

Nellore.—Correspondence relative to the Ryotwar system—

1. Letter from Board to Collector, dated 19th November 1818, No. 56.
2. „ to Board from „ „ 27th April 1819.
3. „ from Board to „ „ 17th August 1846.

Chingleput.—Mr. Greenway's report, dated 29th March 1801, on the Permanent Settlement of the district (only a portion printed).

North Arcot.—Letter from the Board, dated 1st December 1804, on Chittoor Polliems.

2. Letter from the Board, dated 28th July 1808, forwarding extracts from Proceedings, dated 11th July 1808, relating to the substitution of village-rents on lease in lieu of Ryotwari Settlement.

Tanjore.—Papers relating to the introduction of a new mode of settlement of the Land Revenue for the District of Tanjore, by Mr. J. Hepburn, Collector of Tanjore.

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

South Canara.—Sir T. Munro's letter relating to the early administration of Canara (commenced, but not completed).

7. The Collectors of South Arcot, Trichinopoly, and Tinnevelly state that pressure of other work prevented their printing any Selections, and the Collectors of Cuddapah and Madura that the papers which were selected for publication were required for reference elsewhere. The other Collectors do not notice the subject at all. The Board hope that Collectors will endeavor to do more in this respect during the current year, and some explanation should be afforded whenever no progress is made.

8. The financial results of the year are exhibited in the subjoined table :—

Items.	Balance at the end of 1872-73.	Deduct remission.	Remainder.	Demand of 1873-74.	Total.	Collection.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Work done for private individuals	359	6	353	3,567	3,920	3,486	434
2. Subscription to District Gazettes	2,540	13	2,527	14,977	17,504	14,715	2,789
3. Sundry receipts	1	...	1	2,360	2,361	2,355	6
Total...	2,900	19	2,881	20,904	23,785	20,556	3,229

9. Compared with the demand of the preceding year there is a decrease in every one of the three items, as shown in the margin. The decrease under "Private work" is due to the introduction of the new rates of valuation and that under "District Gazette" to a falling off in the subscriptions paid in advance. The decrease under "Sundry receipts" is due to various causes, such as smaller returns from the sale of useless type, books, *etc.*

——	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Private work ...	4,652	3,567	1,085
District Gazette..	15,056	14,977	79
Sundry receipts..	2,470	2,360	110
Total...	22,178	20,904	1,274

10. The balance* outstanding at the end of the year was slightly in excess of that in the preceding year, and the districts in which the outstandings were largest are noted in the margin. Of these items, Rupees 247 in Kistna, Rupees 40 in Cuddapah, Rupees 120 in Trichinopoly, and Rupees 135 in South Canara, have been since collected, and the Collectors of the other districts state that measures have been adopted for the speedy recovery of the arrears.

	Rs.
* 1872-73	2,900
1873-74	3,229

	Rs.	A.	P.
Godavery	212	2	0
Kistna	415	2	6
Nellore	151	12	0
Cuddapah	275	11	0
Kurnool	132	12	0
Chingleput	271	5	5
South Arcot	931	10	8
Trichinopoly	259	11	6
Salem	297	9	6
South Canara	189	0	0

11. The amounts noted in the margin are reported to be irrecoverable; the Board therefore accord sanction for their being written off the accounts.

	Subscription to District Gazette. Rs.	A.	P.
Godavery	13	3	0
Chingleput	47	4	0
South Arcot	25	12	0
Coimbatore	3	10	0
Salem	1	12	0

		Rs.
Fixed establishment		44,890
Saderward inclusive of Postage labels.		11,246
Contingencies—		
Extra establishments ...	2,314	
Repairs of Press materials.	464	
Purchase of stock	9,050	
		11,828
Total...		67,964

12. The charges of the year under notice amounted to Rupees 67,964, being Rupees 4,804 less than those of the previous year. The decrease is chiefly owing to the reduction of temporary establishments.

13. The returns show that work valued at Rupees 1,43,028 was executed at a total cost of Rupees 67,964, representing a working profit to Government of Rupees 75,064. The cost above shown, however, does not include the interest on capital sunk on the plant. The value of stock in the several districts at the end of the year is estimated at Rupees 1,25,550.

14. Mr. Keys, the Superintendent of the Government Press, inspected the Presses of the eight districts noted in the margin during the year under review, and the Board believe that much good will result from his inspection. He examined the various Presses in a practical manner, and brought to light many abuses which have been since rectified. The establishments have been revised at his suggestion, and a uniform and improved system of valuing work introduced. A copy of the Board's review of Mr. Keys' report was submitted to Government with their Proceedings of the 19th February 1874, No. 364.

Ganjam.	Nellore.
Vizagapatam.	South Arcot.
Godavery.	Madura.
Kistna.	Tinnevelly.

15. The Collectors of Ganjam and Bellary have omitted to state how the registers and accounts of the Press Department have been kept in their districts; the Collectors of all other districts report that they have been regularly kept.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
For Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. I.—Statement showing the Value of the Work turned out in each Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during the Year 1873-74.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Districts.	District Gazette			Office work.	Judicial Department.	Other Public Offices.	Total Government work.	Private work.	Total.
	Supplied to Government officials free of charge.	Supplied to Subscribers.	Total.						
1	3	4	5	2	8	9	10	11	12
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Ganjam	1,075	1,816	2,891	3,589	184	610	7,274	326	7,600
2. Vizagapatam ...	1,022	2,008	3,030	1,219	...	47	4,296	45	4,341
3. Godavery ...	346	3,003	3,349	1,318	...	135	4,919	46	4,965
4. Kistna	409	3,515	3,924	1,372	117	316	5,721	23	5,744
5. Nellore	617	3,630	4,247	4,156	101	883	9,523	130	9,653
6. Cuddapah ...	490	4,064	4,554	1,433	227	130	6,131	37	6,168
7. Bellary	642	4,150	4,792	2,364	14	63	7,219	19	7,238
8. Kurnool	448	3,246	3,694	1,205	... 269	391	5,559	91	5,650
9. Chingleput ...	1,026	2,250	3,276	2,557	285	444	6,589	69	6,658
10. North Arcot ...	1,632	4,031	5,663	2,969	514	566	9,734	389	10,123
11. South Arcot ...	488	3,839	4,327	1,963	527	360	7,177	153	7,330
12. Tanjore	438	6,862	7,300	2,420	1,216	790	11,755	443	12,198
13. Trichinopoly ...	378	3,691	4,069	1,169	217	403	5,858	292	6,150
14. Madura	1,543	3,007	4,550	2,852	575	489	8,466	412	8,878
15. Tinnevelly ...	642	2,940	3,582	2,039	72	245	5,938	176	6,114
16. Coimbatore ...	493	3,538	4,031	1,458	87	756	6,332	86	6,418
17. Nilgiris	701	563	1,264	...	...	...	1,264	...	1,264
18. Salem	407	3,013	3,420	3,053	135	1,104	7,830	198	8,028
19. South Canara ...	560	3,958	4,518	2,742	215	151	7,640	190	7,830
20. Malabar	1,449	4,636	6,085	2,738	533	907	10,263	415	10,678
Total...	14,806	67,760	82,566	42,616	5,288	8,790	1,39,488	3,540	1,43,028

Districts.	Selection from Records.	Total.
	6	7
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Ganjam	...	6,480
2. Vizagapatam ...	...	4,249
3. Godavery ...	...	4,667
4. Kistna	8	5,304
5. Nellore	10	8,413
6. Cuddapah ...	...	5,987
7. Bellary	...	7,156
8. Kurnool	...	4,899
9. Chingleput ...	27	5,860
10. North Arcot ...	22	8,654
11. South Arcot ...	...	6,290
12. Tanjore	29	9,749
13. Trichinopoly ...	...	5,238
14. Madura	...	7,402
15. Tinnevelly ...	...	5,621
16. Coimbatore ...	...	5,489
17. Nilgiris	...	1,264
18. Salem	118	6,591
19. South Canara ...	14	7,274
20. Malabar	...	8,823
Total...	228	1,25,410

ENCLOSURE A, IN No. I.

Statement showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during the Official Year 1873-74

Districts.	Fixed Establishment.	Saderward and Postage Service Labels.	Contingencies.			Total.	Grand Total.
			Extra Establishment.	Repairs of Press Materials.	Purchase of Stock.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ganjam	2,468 7 2	34 4 1	... ...	100 0 4	522 2 6	622 2 10	3,124 14 1
2. Vizagapatam	2,211 4 5	318 7 11	... ...	67 11 7	... ...	67 11 7	2,597 7 11
3. Godavery	2,243 9 1	342 9 0	65 15 7	3 4 0	... ...	69 3 7	2,655 5 8
4. Kistna	2,253 8 5	668 2 1	43 0 0	2 6 6	359 8 0	404 14 6	3,326 9 0
5. Nellore	2,188 8 5	43 8 8	249 6 11	30 9 1	789 2 0	1,069 2 0	3,301 3 1
6. Cuddapah	2,111 2 3	47 2 6	93 0 0	0 3 0	137 6 0	230 9 0	2,388 13 9
7. Bellary	2,339 9 2	48 2 6	437 15 0	11 8 0	803 6 6	1,252 13 6	3,640 9 2
8. Kurnool	2,062 10 6	74 0 8	79 2 10	... ...	870 2 9	949 5 7	3,086 0 9
9. Chingleput	2,253 10 10	806 5 2	144 0 0	... ...	62 8 0	206 8 0	3,266 8 0
10. North Arcot	2,777 15 2	1,062 11 9	... ...	... ...	1,341 5 0	1,341 5 0	5,181 15 11
11. South Arcot	2,229 15 4	1,172 4 2	302 10 3	... ...	... ...	302 10 3	3,704 13 9
12. Tanjore	2,262 0 0	45 0 11	462 0 0	186 10 0	736 3 0	1,384 13 0	3,691 13 11
13. Trichinopoly	2,254 8 10	58 4 0	... ...	... ...	1,809 0 0	1,809 0 0	4,121 12 10
14. Madura	2,250 6 3	411 7 11	181 13 1	... ...	523 10 0	705 7 1	3,367 5 3
15. Tinnevelly	2,248 8 7	1,026 6 10	... ...	... ...	524 5 3	524 5 3	3,799 4 8
16. Coimbatore	2,251 8 2	1,153 14 4	... ...	11 8 9	43 0 0	54 8 9	3,459 15 3
17. Nilgiris	1,264 4 11	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,264 4 11
18. Salem	2,251 3 7	2,042 8 6	74 13 5	... ...	513 3 0	588 0 5	4,881 12 6
19. South Canara	2,256 0 0	82 6 0	180 0 0	... ...	15 8 0	195 8 0	2,533 14 0
20. Malabar	2,710 15 5	1,808 10 5	... ...	50 0 0	... ...	50 0 0	4,569 9 10
Total...	44,889 12 6	11,246 5 5	2,313 13 1	463 13 3	9,050 6 0	11,828 0 4	67,964 2 3

No. II.—*Statement showing the Receipts of the several Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during* 1873-74.

Districts.	Outstanding Balance at the close of 1872-73.			Demand of the Year.				Total of Columns 4 and 8.	Collection during the Year.	Balance.
	Actual Balance.	Deduct amount of irrecoverable Balance written off.	Remainder.	On account of Private Work.	Subscriptions to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	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.
1. Ganjam	40 7 7	... ...	40 7 7	326 4 5	250 7 6	266 8 6	843 4 5	883 12 0	841 6 0	42 6 0
2. Vizagapatam	... ...	... ...	... ...	45 3 0	368 15 0	... ...	414 2 0	414 2 0	405 2 0	9 0 0
3. Godavery	243 2 0	... ...	243 2 0	46 2 6	1,039 4 0	47 11 9	1,133 2 3	1,376 4 3	1,164 2 3	212 2 0
4. Kistna	132 11 6	2 0 0	130 11 6	22 12 0	1,040 14 0	46 12 1	1,110 6 1	1,241 1 7	825 15 1	415 2 6
5. Nellore	68 14 0	... ...	68 14 0	129 10 6	655 2 0	99 8 10	884 5 4	953 3 4	801 7 4	151 12 0
6. Cuddapah	356 13 0	... ...	356 13 0	36 14 0	952 9 0	10 14 8	1,000 5 8	1,357 2 8	1,081 7 8	275 11 0
7. Bellary	... ...	... ...	... ...	46 12 0	825 10 0	0 1 0	872 7 0	872 7 0	872 7 0	... ...
8. Kurnool	195 8 0	... ...	195 8 0	84 7 0	669 9 6	0 8 0	754 8 6	950 0 6	817 4 6	132 12 0
9 Chingleput	277 0 11	... ...	277 0 11	69 2 0	212 5 0	5 13 9	287 4 9	564 5 8	293 0 3	271 5 5
10. North Arcot	... ...	... ...	... ...	389 4 0	349 15 0	5 7 0	744 10 0	744 10 0	744 10 0	... ...
11. South Arcot	893 15 4	13 8 6	880 6 10	152 15 0	832 5 2	... ...	985 4 2	1,865 11 0	934 0 4	931 10 8
12. Tanjore	... ...	... ...	... ...	442 9 4	2,374 2 0	150 5 7	2,967 0 11	2,967 0 11	2,967 0 11	... ...
13. Trichinopoly	165 2 0	... ...	165 2 0	292 6 0	837 6 0	225 15 7	1,355 11 7	1,520 13 7	1,261 2 1	259 11 6
14. Madura	... ...	... ...	... ...	411 10 6	418 15 6	631 0 11	1,461 10 11	1,461 10 11	1,456 10 6	... ...
15. Tinnevelly	14 11 0	... ...	14 11 0	175 5 0	604 15 0	272 6 6	1,052 10 6	1,067 5 6	1,056 10 6	10 11 0
16. Coimbatore	18 11 9	... ...	18 11 9	86 3 0	825 9 0	79 3 8	990 15 8	1,009 11 5	992 13 3	16 14 2
17. Nilgiris	... ...	... ...	... ...	7 2 6	58 0 0	0 8 0	65 10 6	65 10 6	65 10 6	... ...
18. Salem	82 13 0	3 12 0	79 1 0	198 6 0	773 11 0	... ...	972 1 0	1,051 2 0	753 8 6	297 9 6
19. South Canara	90 9 6	... ...	90 9 6	190 5 0	829 11 0	373 3 10	1,393 3 10	1,483 13 4	1,294 13 4	189 0 0
20. Malabar	319 12 8	... ...	319 12 8	413 14 6	1,057 14 0	143 11 0	1,615 7 6	1,935 4 2	1,922 7 2	12 13 0
Total...	2,900 4 3	19 4 6	2,880 15 9	3,567 4 3	14,977 3 8	2,359 12 8	20,904 4 7	23,785 4 4	20,556 11 7	3,228 8 9

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1875, No. 190.

Miscellaneous.

		RS.
1872-73		2,33,574
1873-74		1,43,028
Decrease ...		90,546

THE value of work done in the Collectorate Presses during 1873-74 shows a decrease of Rs. 90,546 below the outturn of the previous year. The Board ascribe this result to the adoption of the new scale for valuing work drawn up by Mr. Keys, and the report for the current year will no doubt furnish correct data for instituting the comparison and ascertaining the extended usefulness of the Presses.

2. The circulation of the District Gazettes shows, on the whole, a small increase;* but the decrease in the Bellary and Kistna Districts is large, and the Government trust that the Collectors will do all in their power to improve the circulation of this useful periodical.

		RS.
*1872-73		17,593
1873-74		17,744
Increase ...		151

3. The Government regret that very little progress has been made in printing selections from records. They have too frequently pointed out the importance of this portion of the work of the District Presses to render it again necessary to impress on the Collectors the desirability of giving their attention to the subject.

4. The financial result of the workings of the Presses is, on the whole, satisfactory. The Board point out that work valued according to the new scale at Rs. 1,43,028 was executed at a total cost of Rs. 67,964, exclusive of the interest on capital sunk on the plant. The Board will endeavor to add the interest to the charges, and show the net profit in their future reports.

5. The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1874, No. 364, regarding the revision of the District Press Establishments were disposed of in G. O., dated 6th July 1874, No. 840.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. I.—*Statement showing the Value of the Work turned out in each Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during the Year* 1873-74.

Districts.	REVENUE DEPARTMENT.						Judicial Department.	Other Public Offices.	Total Government work.	Private work.	Total.
	Office work.	District Gazette			Selection from Records.	Total.					
		Supplied to Government officials free of charge.	Supplied to Subscribers.	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	3,589	1,075	1,816	2,891	...	6,480	184	610	7,274	326	7,600
2. Vizagapatam ...	1,219	1,022	2,008	3,030	...	4,249	...	47	4,296	45	4,341
3. Godavery ...	1,318	346	3,003	3,349	...	4,667	117	135	4,919	46	4,965
4. Kistna	1,372	409	3,515	3,924	8	5,304	101	316	5,721	23	5,744
5. Nellore	4,156	617	3,630	4,247	10	8,413	227	883	9,523	130	9,653
6. Cuddapah ...	1,433	490	4,064	4,554	...	5,987	14	130	6,131	37	6,168
7. Bellary	2,364	642	4,150	4,792	...	7,156	...	63	7,219	19	7,238
8. Kurnool	1,205	448	3,246	3,694	...	4,899	269	391	5,559	91	5,650
9. Chingleput ...	2,557	1,026	2,250	3,276	27	5,860	285	444	6,589	69	6,658
10. North Arcot ...	2,969	1,632	4,031	5,663	22	8,654	514	566	9,734	389	10,123
11. South Arcot ...	1,963	488	3,839	4,327	...	6,290	527	360	7,177	153	7,330
12. Tanjore	2,420	438	6,862	7,300	29	9,749	1,216	790	11,755	443	12,198
13. Trichinopoly ...	1,169	378	3,691	4,069	...	5,238	217	403	5,858	292	6,150
14. Madura	2,852	1,543	3,007	4,550	...	7,402	575	489	8,466	412	8,878
15. Tinnevelly ...	2,039	642	2,940	3,582	...	5,621	72	245	5,938	176	6,114
16. Coimbatore ...	1,458	493	3,538	4,031	...	5,489	87	756	6,332	86	6,418
17. Nilgiris	...	701	563	1,264	...	1,264	...	...	1,264	...	1,264
18. Salem	3,053	407	3,013	3,420	118	6,591	135	1,104	7,830	198	8,028
19. South Canara ...	2,742	560	3,958	4,518	14	7,274	215	151	7,640	190	7,830
20. Malabar	2,738	1,449	4,636	6,085	...	8,823	533	907	10,263	415	10,678
Total...	42,616	14,806	67,760	82,566	228	1,25,410	5,288	8,790	1,39,488	3,540	1,43,028

ENCLOSURE A, IN No. I.

Statement showing the Charges of the several Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during the Official Year 1873-74

Districts.	Fixed Establishment.	Saderward and Postage Service Labels.	Contingencies.			Total.	Grand Total.
			Extra Establishment.	Repairs of Press Materials.	Purchase of Stock.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Ganjam	2,468 7 2	34 4 1	... ...	100 0 4	522 2 6	622 2 10	3,124 14 1
2. Vizagapatam	2,211 4 5	318 7 11	... ...	67 11 7	... ...	67 11 7	2,597 7 11
3. Godavery	2,243 9 1	342 9 0	65 15 7	3 4 0	... ...	69 3 7	2,655 5 8
4. Kistna	2,253 8 5	668 2 1	43 0 0	2 6 6	359 8 0	404 14 6	3,326 9 0
5. Nellore	2,188 8 5	43 8 3	249 6 11	30 9 1	789 2 0	1,069 2 0	3,301 3 1
6. Cuddapah	2,111 2 3	47 2 3	93 0 0	0 3 0	137 6 0	230 9 0	2,388 13 9
7. Bellary	2,339 9 2	48 2 3	437 15 0	11 8 0	803 6 6	1,252 13 6	3,640 9 2
8. Kurnool	2,062 10 6	74 0 3	79 2 10	... ...	870 2 9	949 5 7	3,086 0 9
9. Chingleput	2,253 10 10	806 5 2	144 0 0	... ...	62 8 0	206 8 0	3,263 8 0
10. North Arcot	2,777 15 2	1,062 11 9	... ...	... ...	1,341 5 0	1,341 5 0	5,181 15 11
11. South Arcot	2,229 15 4	1,172 4 2	302 10 3	... ...	... ...	302 10 3	3,704 13 9
12. Tanjore	2,262 0 0	45 0 11	462 0 0	186 10 0	736 3 0	1,384 13 0	3,691 13 11
13. Trichinopoly	2,254 8 10	58 4 0	... ...	... ...	1,809 0 0	1,809 0 0	4,121 12 10
14. Madura	2,250 6 3	411 7 11	181 13 1	... ...	523 10 0	705 7 1	3,367 5 3
15. Tinnevelly	2,248 8 7	1,026 6 10	... ...	... ...	524 5 3	524 5 3	3,799 4 8
16. Coimbatore	2,251 8 2	1,153 14 4	... ...	11 8 9	43 0 0	54 8 9	3,459 15 3
17. Nilgiris	1,264 4 11	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,264 4 11
18. Salem	2,251 3 7	2,042 8 6	74 13 5	... ...	513 3 0	588 0 5	4,881 12 6
19. South Canara	2,256 0 0	82 6 0	180 0 0	... ...	15 8 0	195 8 0	2,533 14 0
20. Malabar	2,710 15 5	1,808 10 5	... ...	50 0 0	... ...	50 0 0	4,569 9 10
Total...	44,889 12 6	11,246 5 5	2,313 13 1	463 13 3	9,050 6 0	11,828 0 4	67,964 2 3

No. II.—*Statement showing the Receipts of the several Collectorate Presses of the Madras Presidency during* 1873-74.

Districts.	Outstanding Balance at the close of 1872-73.			Demand of the Year.				Total of Columns 4 and 8.	Collection during the Year.	Balance.
	Actual Balance.	Deduct amount of irrecoverable Balance written off.	Remainder.	On account of Private Work.	Subscriptions to the District Gazette.	Sundry Receipts.	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.
1. Ganjam	40 7 7	... ...	40 7 7	326 4 5	250 7 6	266 8 6	843 4 5	883 12 0	841 6 0	42 6 0
2. Vizagapatam	... ...	... ...	... ...	45 3 0	368 15 0	... ...	414 2 0	414 2 0	405 2 0	9 0 0
3. Godavery	243 2 0	... ...	243 2 0	46 2 6	1,039 4 0	47 11 9	1,133 2 3	1,376 4 3	1,164 2 3	212 2 0
4. Kistna	132 11 6	2 0 0	130 11 6	22 12 0	1,040 14 0	46 12 1	1,110 6 1	1,241 1 7	825 15 1	415 2 6
5. Nellore	68 14 0	... ...	68 14 0	129 10 6	655 2 0	99 8 10	884 5 4	953 3 4	801 7 4	151 12 0
6. Cuddapah	356 13 0	... ...	356 13 0	36 14 0	952 9 0	10 14 8	1,000 5 8	1,357 2 8	1,081 7 8	275 11 0
7. Bellary	... ...	... ...	... ...	46 12 0	825 10 0	0 1 0	872 7 0	872 7 0	872 7 0	... ...
8. Kurnool	195 8 0	... ...	195 8 0	84 7 0	669 9 6	0 8 0	754 8 6	950 0 6	817 4 6	132 12 0
9 Chingleput	277 0 11	... ...	277 0 11	69 2 0	212 5 0	5 13 9	287 4 9	564 5 8	293 0 3	271 5 5
10. North Arcot	... ...	... ...	... ...	389 7 0	349 15 0	5 7 0	744 10 0	744 10 0	744 10 0	... ...
11. South Arcot	893 15 4	13 8 6	880 6 10	152 13 0	832 5 2	... ...	985 4 2	1,865 11 0	934 0 4	931 10 8
12. Tanjore	... ...	... ...	... ...	442 5 4	2,374 2 0	150 5 7	2,967 0 11	2,967 0 11	2,967 0 11	... ...
13. Trichinopoly	165 2 0	... ...	165 2 0	292 6 0	837 6 0	225 15 7	1,355 11 7	1,520 13 7	1,261 2 1	259 11 6
14. Madura	... ...	... ...	... ...	411 10 6	418 15 6	631 0 11	1,461 10 11	1,461 10 11	1,461 10 11	... ...
15. Tinnevelly	14 11 0	... ...	14 11 0	175 5 0	604 15 0	272 6 6	1,052 10 6	1,067 5 6	1,056 10 6	10 11 0
16. Coimbatore	18 11 9	... ...	18 11 9	86 3 0	825 9 0	79 3 8	990 15 8	1,009 11 5	992 13 3	16 14 2
17. Nilgiris	... ...	... ...	... ...	7 2 6	58 9 0	0 8 0	65 10 6	65 10 6	65 10 6	... ...
18. Salem	82 13 0	3 12 0	79 1 0	198 6 0	773 11 0	... ...	972 1 0	1,051 2 0	753 8 6	297 9 6
19. South Canara...	90 9 6	... ...	90 9 6	190 5 0	829 11 0	373 3 10	1,393 3 10	1,483 13 4	1,294 13 4	189 0 0
20. Malabar	319 12 8	... ...	319 12 8	413 14 6	1,057 14 0	143 11 0	1,615 7 6	1,935 4 2	1,922 7 2	12 13 0
Total...	2,900 4 3	19 4 6	2,880 15 9	3,567 4 3	14,977 3 8	2,359 12 8	20,904 4 7	23,785 4 4	20,556 11 7	3,228 8 9

No. 3,136.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th October 1874.

Read the following letters from the Collectors reporting upon the District Presses for the year 1873-74 :—

From	Acting	Collector	of Ganjam,	dated	1st May 1874,	No.	1,030.
,,	Ag.	Principal Assistant Collector,	in charge of Vizagapatam,	,,	2nd ,,	,,	653.
,,	,,	Collector	of the Godavery District,	,,	12th ,,	,,	135.
,,	,,	,,	of the Kistna	,,	11th June	,,	1,001.
,,	,,	,,	of Nellore,	,,	20th May	,,	1,056.
,,	,,	,,	of Cuddapah,	,,	5th June	,,	133.
,,	,,	,,	of Bellary,	,,	4th May	,,	125.
,,	,,	,,	of Kurnool,	,,	9th June	,,	199.
,,	,,	,,	of the Chingleput	,,	25th ,,	,,	294.
,,	,,	,,	of North Arcot,	,,	23rd April	,,	220.
,,	,,	,,	of South Arcot,	,,	24th June	,,	315.
,,	,,	,,	of Tanjore,	,,	12th May	,,	123.
,,	,,	,,	of Trichinopoly,	,,	28th ,,	,,	119.
,,	,,	,,	of Madura,	,,	2nd ,,	,,	159.
,,	,,	,,	of Tinnevelly	,,	27th April	,,	223.
,,	,,	,,	of Coimbatore,	,,	19th June	,,	145.
,,	,,	Asst. Comr.	of the Nilgiris,	,,	13th ,,	,,	47.
,,	,,	Collector	of Salem,	,,	20th May	,,	173.
,,	,,	,,	of South Canara,	,,	4th August	,,	1,493.
,,	,,	,,	of Malabar,	,,	31st July	,,	177.

THE Board resolve to submit to Government a file of the printed reports of the Collectors on the working of the District Presses during 1873-74 accompanied by the usual statements illustrative of the results.

2. The total value of the work turned out during the year was Rupees 1,43,028, which, compared with the results of the preceding year, shows a decrease of Rupees 90,546. This decrease, however, is merely nominal, it being due to the introduction of the revised scale for valuing work drawn up by Mr. Keys, the Superintendent of the Government Press. It is probable that, if the work were valued at the old rates, the result would be an increase; but the reports of all Collectors do not show what the valuation would be at the old rates:—

Items.	VALUE OF WORK TURNED OUT IN		
	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Office work	66,528	42,616	23,912
District Gazette	1,39,936	82,566	57,370
Selections from Records	610	228	382
Judicial Department	6,607	5,288	1,319
Other Public Offices	15,339	8,790	6,549
Private work	4,554	3,540	1,014
Total...	2,33,574	1,43,028	90,546

3. District Gazette.—The annexed table exhibits the extent of the circulation of the District Gazettes in comparison with that of the preceding year :—

Districts.	1872-73.			1873-74.		
	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.
Ganjam	81	104	185	86	136	222
Vizagapatam	31	39	70	48	220	268
Godavery	175	1,148	1,323	189	1,192	1,381
Kistna	109	1,342	1,451	101	1,189	1,290
Nellore	39	733	772	49	775	824
Cuddapah	31	1,104	1,135	31	1,117	1,148
Bellary	69	1,364	1,433	86	1,038	1,124
Kurnool	23	757	780	23	755	778
Chingleput	45	259	304	47	237	284
North Arcot	40	229	269	63	341	404
South Arcot	37	1,138	1,175	28	1,119	1,147
Tanjore	83	3,010	3,093	93	3,022	3,115
Trichinopoly	37	958	995	46	1,023	1,069
Madura	79	294	373	81	243	324
Tinnevelly	120	514	634	118	623	741
Coimbatore	62	897	959	71	964	1,035
Nilgiris	29	11	40	33	11	44
Salem	85	888	973	85	862	947
South Canara	205	677	882	228	696	924
Malabar	131	616	747	61	614	675
Total...	1,511	16,082	17,593	1,567	16,177	17,744

4. From the above it will be observed that on the whole there is a slight increase in the circulation of the District Gazettes. The increase is chiefly noticeable in the districts of Vizagapatam, North Arcot, and Tinnevelly, whilst a decrease occurred in the districts noted in the margin. The Collector of Bellary, where the decrease is the largest, states that it is owing to a falling off in the number of village subscribers, and promises to adopt measures for improving the circulation. As regards the Kistna District, the Collector states that probably Village Munsiffs are tired of taking in and paying for what they cannot read, and in Malabar the Collector attributes the falling off to the tardy but unavoidable process of sending Gazettes to private subscribers through Tahsildars unless the former agree to pay an extra sum for postage. The decrease in the other districts is small and does not call for remark.

Vizagapatam	198
North Arcot	135
Tinnevelly	107
Bellary	309
Kistna	161
Malabar	72
Madura	49
South Arcot	28
Salem	26
Chingleput	20

5. The Board trust that the attention which is now being given to the extension of postal communication will soon obviate delays and improve the circulation. The Board notice with approval the interest taken by the Collector of Kurnool in the matter and the measures adopted by him for expediting the distribution of the Gazettes.

6. *Printing of Selections from Records.*—The progress made under this head is not quite satisfactory. Selections from Records were printed in seven districts only during the year, as noted below :—

Kistna.—Mr. Oram's report upon the Havalies under Masulipatam.

Nellore.—Correspondence relative to the Ryotwar system—

1. Letter from Board to Collector, dated 19th November 1818, No. 56.
2. „ to Board from do. „ 27th April 1819.
3. „ from Board to do. „ 17th August 1846.

Chingleput.—Mr. Greenway's report, dated 29th March 1801, on the Permanent Settlement of the district (only a portion printed).

North Arcot.—Letter from the Board, dated 1st December 1804, on Chittoor Polliems.

2. Letter from the Board, dated 28th July 1808, forwarding extracts from Proceedings dated 11th July 1808 relating to the substitution of village-rents on lease in lieu of Ryotwari Settlement.

Tanjore.—Papers relating to the introduction of a new mode of settlement of the Land Revenue for the District of Tanjore, by Mr. J. Hepburn, Collector of Tanjore.

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

South Canara.—Sir T. Munro's letter relating to the early administration of Canara (commenced, but not completed).

7. The Collectors of South Arcot, Trichinopoly, and Tinnevelly state that pressure of other work prevented their printing any Selections, and the Collectors of Cuddapah and Madura that the papers which were selected for publication were required for reference elsewhere. The other Collectors do not notice the subject at all. The Board hope that Collectors will endeavor to do more in this respect during the current year, and some explanation should be afforded whenever no progress is made.

8. The financial results of the year are exhibited in the subjoined table :—

Items.	Balance at the end of 1872-73.	Deduct remission.	Remainder.	Demand of 1873-74.	Total.	Collection.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Work done for private individuals	359	6	353	3,567	3,920	3,486	434
2. Subscription to District Gazettes	2,540	13	2,527	14,977	17,504	14,715	2,789
3. Sundry receipts	1	...	1	2,360	2,361	2,355	6
Total...	2,900	19	2,881	20,904	23,785	20,556	3,229

9. Compared with the demand of the preceding year there is a decrease in every one of the three items, as shown in the margin. The decrease under "Private work" is due to the introduction of the new rates of valuation and that under "District Gazette" to a falling off in the subscriptions paid in advance. The decrease under "Sundry receipts" is due to various causes, such as smaller returns from the sale of useless type, books, *ect.*

——	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Private work ...	4,652	3,567	1,085
District Gazette..	15,056	14,977	79
Sundry receipts..	2,470	2,360	110
Total...	22,178	20,904	1,274

10. The balance* outstanding at the end of the year was slightly in excess of that in the preceding year, and the districts in which the outstandings were largest are noted in the margin. Of these items, Rupees 247 in Kistna, Rupees 40 in Cuddapah, Rupees 120 in Trichinopoly, and Rupees 135 in South Canara, have been since collected, and the Collectors of the other districts state that measures have been adopted for the speedy recovery of the arrears.

	Rs.
* 1872-73	2,900
1873-74	3,229

	Rs.	A.	P.
Godavery	212	2	0
Kistna	415	2	6
Nellore	151	12	0
Cuddapah	275	11	0
Kurnool	132	12	0
Chingleput	271	5	5
South Arcot	931	10	8
Trichinopoly	259	11	6
Salem	297	9	6
South Canara	189	0	0

11. The amounts noted in the margin are reported to be irrecoverable; the Board therefore accord sanction for their being written off the accounts.

	Subscription to District Gazette. Rs.	A.	P.
Godavery	13	3	0
Chingleput	47	4	0
South Arcot	25	12	0
Coimbatore	3	10	0
Salem	1	12	0

	Rs.	Rs.
Fixed establishment		44,890
Saderward inclusive of Postage labels.		11,246
Contingencies—		
Extra establishments ...	2,314	
Repairs of Press materials.	464	
Purchase of stock	9,050	
		11,828
Total...		67,964

12. The charges of the year under notice amounted to Rupees 67,964, being Rupees 4,804 less than those of the previous year. The decrease is chiefly owing to the reduction of temporary establishments.

13. The returns show that work valued at Rupees 1,43,028 was executed at a total cost of Rupees 67,964, representing a working profit to Government of Rupees 75,064. The cost above shown, however, does not include the interest on capital sunk on the plant. The value of stock in the several districts at the end of the year is estimated at Rupees 1,25,550.

14. Mr. Keys, the Superintendent of the Government Press, inspected the Presses of the eight districts noted in the margin during the year under review, and the Board believe that much good will result from his inspection. He

Ganjam.	Nellore.
Vizagapatam.	South Arcot.
Godavery.	Madura.
Kistna.	Tinnevelly.

examined the various Presses in a practical manner and brought to light many abuses which have been since rectified. The establishments have been revised at his suggestion and a uniform and improved system of valuing work introduced. A copy of the Board's review of Mr. Keys' report was submitted to Government with their Proceedings of the 19th February 1874, No. 364.

15. The Collectors of Ganjam and Bellary have omitted to state how the registers and accounts of the Press Department have been kept in their districts; the Collectors of all other districts report that they have been regularly kept.

(A true Extract.)

P Grole

For Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two statements and a file of printed reports of Collectors.

Copy to all Collectors.
" to the Superintendent of the Government Press.

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Read 1874. Abstract

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH OCTOBER 1874, No. 3,136.

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Received 30 April 1874.

OCTOBER.

No. 3,136.

District Presses—in Madras Presidency.—Reports of Collectors on working of — during 1873-74, accompanied by the usual statements illustrative of the results, reviewed and submitted to Government. Sanction granted for writing off the accounts the subscription to District Gazettes reported to be irrecoverable in certain districts.

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CHETTEEPORE, 1st May 1874.

No. 1,030.

From R. DAVIDSON, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Ganjam.

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

I HAVE the honor to forward the annual statements of the operation of the District Press for 1873-74, prepared according to the forms received with the Board's Proceedings, dated the 19th February 1872. 1

2. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF WORK.—The following abstract shows the value of work turned out under the several heads during the year under report, compared with results of the preceding year :—

Abstract showing the Value of Work turned out in the District Press during the year 1873-74, compared with that of 1872-73.

Description of Work.	1872-73.		1873-74.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Office work ...	544	4,849 9 8	600	3,589 5 0	56	.....	...	1,260 4 8
Gazette ...	26	4,133 14 10	25	2,890 6 6	...	.....	1	1,243 8 4
Other Public Offices ...	209	1,278 12 7	231	794 2 0	22	.....	...	484 10 7
Private work..	184	407 13 8	236	326 4 5	52	.....	...	81 9 3
Total ...	963	10,670 2 9	1,092	7,600 1 11	129	.....	...	3,070 0 10

3. The large apparent decrease is chiefly due to the introduction of the new mode of calculating the value under the Board's Proceedings, dated the 26th March 1873, No. 463.

4. *Form B.*—The following is a Memorandum showing the number of copies of the District Gazette supplied both to officials and to non-officals :—

To whom distributed.	NUMBER OF COPIES ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTED IN		Increase.	Decrease.
	1872-73.	1873-74.		
Public Officers	1,583	1,582	...	1
Subscribers {Full	970	1,038	68	...
Subscribers {Reduced	1,243	1,634	391	...
Total ...	3,796	4,254	458	...

5. *Form C.*—Return C. has been prepared by simply adding to the number, quantity, and value of the stock shown in the Return for 1872-73 those of the type received during the year under report. The register of stock ordered to be opened in the Board's Proceedings, No. 364, dated the 19th February, and received only at the latter end of March last, has not been opened for the present, in consequence of the difficulty and confusion that would be occasioned in ascertaining the weight, etc., of the stock in the height of the working season, as all the standing and other important forms (some of them being diglot and triglot) would have to be distributed, at the commencement of the official year, which is the busiest season ; besides which, the records

from 1856 would have to be referred to to ascertain the original weight and cost of the materials, as the present registers do not contain all the details required for their preparation under the new forms. I, therefore, propose, with the Board's approval, to take stock during the ensuing Christmas holidays when there will be a cessation of work.

6. *Form D.*—The following Memorandam shows the Receipts and Disbursements of the year under report, compared with those of the year preceding :—

Items.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase.	Decrease.
Receipts.				
Subscriptions to District Gazette ...	Rs. A. P. 195 5 0	Rs. A. P. 250 7 6	Rs. A. P. 55 2 6	Rs. A. P. ... ...
Private work	382 9 7	324 6 0	... ...	58 3 7
Sundry Receipts	206 9 1	266 8 6	59 15 5	... ...
Total...	784 7 8	841 6 0	56 14 4	... ...
Disbursements.				
Establishments	2,444 5 5	2,468 7 2	24 1 9	... ...
Saderward	46 0 10	34 4 1	... ...	11 12 9
Extra Establishment	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Repairs	8 5 3	100 0 4	91 10 9	... ...
Purchase of Stock	412 8 0	522 2 6	109 10 6	... ...
Total...	2,911 3 6	3,124 14 1	213 10 3	... ...

7. The increase in the "subscriptions" to District Gazette is owing to the additional numbers who became subscribers, in consequence of the reduction in the rate of subscription, and the decrease in "private work" is due to the new mode of valuing the work in reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 463, dated 26th March 1873, while the increase in sundry receipts is the result of the large sale of Sea Customs forms in reference to increased trade.

8. The trifling variations in the "establishment" and "saderward" call for no remark, and increase in repairs and purchase of stock has resulted from the important repairs and improvements made to the Press materials in reference to the suggestions made by Mr. Keys, and from the receipt of the requisite supply of type, etc.

9. *Form E.*—From this Return, it will be found that the balance at the beginning of the year under report was Rupees 40-7-7, and that the demand of the year was Rupees 843-4-5 ; thus making a total of Rupees 883-12-0, of which Rupees 841-6-0, were collected before the close of the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 42-6-0, which, it is expected, will be shortly levied.

No. 653.

VIZAGAPATAM, 2nd May 1874.

From J. F. SNAITH, Esq.,

Acting Principal Assistant Collector, in charge of the District,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of the Press Department for the year 1873-74, together with the usual statements.

2. The statement below shows the number of papers printed and copies struck off as well as their value, under different heads, compared with the preceding year. It will be observed that the number of copies struck off is greater in the year under review than that of the preceding year ; and that in the case of the District Gazette the number of copies is more than double owing to the larger number of private subscribers. The value of the whole work executed during the year amounts to Rupees 4,341, showing a decrease of Rupees 2,138 in comparison with the preceding year. This is chiefly due to the less quantity of tabular work, the value of which is greater than that of the plain work :—

	1872-73.			1873-74.			Comparison of the value of Work.	
	No. of Papers.	No. of Copies.	Value of Work.	No. of Papers.	No. of Copies.	Value of Work.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Office Work ...	225	1,43,199	1,478	210	1,59,943	1,219	...	259
District Gazettes..	26	9,100	4,917	25	20,800	3,030	...	1,887
Selections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Public Offices...	15	...	36	42	6,514	47	18	...
Private Work ...	16	9,124	48	21	570	43	...	...
Total...	282	1,46,869	6,479	268	1,87,827	4,341	18	2,149
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,138

a. No Selections from Records were printed during the year under report.

b. Out of 12,100 copies of the District Gazette struck off, 10,990 were actually issued to 4,853 persons, some of whom receive more than one copy.

c. Out of the stock remaining on hand on the 31st March 1873, one wooden Press was sold having become useless, and the double Crown Albion Press was sent to Chingleput under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1873, No. 2,539, agreeably to the recommendation of Mr. Keys.

d. The increase in receipts compared with the preceding year, as per margin, is due to the larger amount of private subscriptions to the District Gazette. In the charges there was a decrease as per margin, as no stock was purchased in the year under review.

Receipts	Rs.
1872-73.....	137
1873-74.....	406
Increase	268
Charges.	Rs.
1872-73.....	3,170
1873-74.....	2,597
Decrease...	573

e. The whole of the demand on account of subscription to the District Gazette was collected within the end of the year. Of the balance of Rs. 9 against "Private Work" Rupees 7-8-0 was subsequently collected in April, and Rupees 1-8-0 is still due by Messrs. Graves, Cookson, and Co.

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

4. In the last year's report the cause for not printing Selections from Records was stated to be the insufficiency of type and establishment. Out of that establishment one more hand (a compositor) has since been reduced on the recommendation of Mr. Keys.

5. An indent for fresh supply of type was despatched to the Board of Revenue, and its supply was ordered in their Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,421, dated 11th April 1874.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

COCANADA, 12th May 1874.

No. 135.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq.,
Acting Collector of the Godavery District,

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

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the working of the Printing Presses during the year 1873-74, accompanied by an explanatory statement according to 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 1873-74 and the year preceding it :—

—	1872-73.	1873-74, calculated according to the new scale.	Increase or Decrease.	Value calculated according to the old scale.
1	2	3	4	5
				RS.
Office work	2,526	1,318	— 1,208	2,184
District Gazettes	8,302	3,349	— 4,953	6,883
Judicial Department ...	401	117	— 284	206
Engineer do.	12	4	— 8	3
Police do.	176	86	— 90	107
Jail do.	6	3	— 3	3
Medical do.	...	12	+ 12	11
Ecclesiastical do.	...	3	+ 3	4
Marine do.	30	27	— 3	28
Private work	63	46	— 17	41
Total ...	11,516	4,965	— 6,551	9,470

The value of the work done in 1873-74, which was calculated according to the new rates proposed by Mr. Keys, the Deputy Superintendent of Government Press, and sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings of the 26th March 1873, No. 463, is Rupees 4,965.

3. The new scale proposed in the Board's Proceedings above alluded to was brought into operation from the beginning of the last official year; and hence the difference of Rupees 6,551 between the value of the work done during the previous year and the one under report as particularized in the statement. Column 4 shows what the value of work done in 1873-74 would have been if charged according to the old scale.

4. There is a large difference between the value of the District Gazettes printed in 1872-73 and that of 1873-74, and this is to be accounted for, not only by a less number of pages (125) in the Gazettes printed in the latter year, the value of which alone would be Rupees 1,409-1-0, but the valuation in 1872-73 was also erroneously calculated at only two rates, viz., 2½ and 5 rupees the page, whereas that of 1873-74, as shown in Column 4, is calculated at four rates, viz., Rupees 2-8-0, Rupees 3-2-0, Rupees 3-5-4, and Rupees 5, in conformity with the orders of the Board in their Proceedings, dated 16th January 1860, No. 212.

Years.	Average.
1869-70	1,283
1870-71	1,383
1871-72	1,425
1872-73	1,479
1873-74	1,542

5. It will be seen from the marginal statement that there is an increase in the circulation of the District Gazettes.

6. The following abstract will show the charges connected with the Press for the years, present and past:—

——	1872-73.	1873-74.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Fixed Establishment	2,263	2,244	...	19
Saderward and Contingencies.	301	342	41	...
Stock newly purchased... ...	303	...	...	303
Repairs of Press materials ...	20	3	...	17
Extra Establishment	290	66	...	224
Total ...	3,177	2,655	41	563
Deduct Increase ...	...	...	...	41
Net Decrease ...	...	...	...	522

After deducting the actual receipts, the net charge to Government is Rupees 1,387.

7. The increase of Rupees 41 "in the item of Saderward and Contingencies" is on account of a larger use of postage labels.

8. The decrease of Rupees 303 (in the item of stock purchased) is owing to the Press materials not having been indented for during the year under report.

9. The decrease of Rupees 224 "in the item of Extra Establishment" is on account of extra hands having been entertained only for three months in this year to work off heavy arrears.

10. The demand, collection, and balance for the year are shown below :—

Items.	Balance brought forward from the last year's account.	Deduct remission sanctioned to be written off.	Remainder.	Demand in the year.	Total.	Collected in the year.	Balance.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Subscription to District Gazettes...	243 2 0	... ...	243 2 0	1,039 4 0	1,282 6 0	1,070 4 0	212 2 0
Private work	... ...	... ...	... ...	46 2 6	46 2 6	46 2 6	... ...
Sundry Receipts	... ...	... ...	... ...	47 11 9	47 11 9	47 11 9	... ...
Subscription in advance	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	104 4 0	... ...
Total ...	243 2 0	... ...	243 2 0	1,133 2 3	1,376 4 3	1,268 6 3	212 2 0
	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	104 4 0	... ...
Collections in the year for the year	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... .	1,164 2 3	... ...

On issuing strict orders to the Tahsildars for the speedy collection of the balance of Rupees 212-2-0 outstanding on account of subscription to the District Gazettes to the end of the official year, a sum of Rupees 13-3-0 has been reported by them to be irrecoverable for the following reasons :—

(1.) Some subscribers have died, and some have left the locality.

(2.) Of the above sum of Rupees 13-3-0, a sum of Rupees 7-14-0 is erroneously included in the demand for the official years 1870-71, 1871-72, and 1872-73. I, therefore, request the Board's sanction for writing off the said sum of Rupees 13-3-0 in the accounts.

11. The net balance of Rupees 198-15-0 is chiefly due by village subscribers, and will be collected soon.

12. The accounts of the Press Department have been correctly kept, and Register A. for work done at the Press was prepared according to the form directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Masulipatam, 11th June 1874.

No. 1,001.

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

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

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of this District Press during the official year 1873-74.

2. The usual statements accompany the report.

3. There is a decrease both in the number of papers struck off and their computed value—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1872-73	393	10,869	8	8
1873-74	343	5,743	10	0
Decrease ...	50	5,125	14	8

4. The decrease in the number of papers occurs chiefly under the head of office work. There were printed 145 papers only against 212 in the preceding year. This is partly owing to the greater amount of matter that was printed in the Gazettes and the greater number of extras that were published, and partly to the demand from other departments for printed forms having been larger than in the previous year, forms being more difficult work to set up than mere printed work. The chief explanation, however, is that the Press Department had not the aid of an extra establishment for three months as it had in the previous year. It was not possible with the ordinary establishment to print more than four pages of matter from Mr. Oram's report upon the Havalies under Masulipatam.

5. The diminished number of papers that could be struck off, coupled with the introduction of Mr. Keys' suggestions for arranging and compressing printed matter within a small compass, whereby one sheet of printed matter now contains far more than it used to do, and the revised mode of valuing work done by the Presses has produced the decrease in the value of work done.

6. The increase under the head of private work was owing to a call made on the office for copies of the Ordination Service required on the occasion of the Bishop's last visitation to Masulipatam.

7. Statement B. shows the number of Gazettes struck off. The number* of issues remain the same as in last year. The increase in the number of Gazettes supplied gratis is owing to the Local Fund Overseers having been admitted on the list of those entitled to receive Gazettes free of payment. There is a falling off in the number of private subscribers†: probably Village Munsifs are tired of taking in, and paying for, what they cannot read. There is a falling off in the number of private individuals on full‡ subscription, but the fluctuation is of an ordinary kind. The decrease in the number of Gazettes struck off is about 5,000.

* Ordinary 25
Extraordinary 9

† 1872-73 15,109
1873-74 14,268

‡ 1872-73 1,308
1873-74 1,209

8. Statement C. There is an increase of Rupees 359 in the value of stock on hand on 31st March 1874, compared with what there was on the 31st March 1873, and it is due to the Press Office having been provided with a large wooden rack topped with iron to keep the standing matter on, and some other furniture. As directed in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,539 of 11th December 1873, the gripper machine has been despatched to Bellary, but the machine from Chingleput has not yet been received.

—	1872-73.			1873-74.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Fixed Establishment	2,244	2	6	2,253	8	5
Saderward	114	12	0	157	11	1
Extra Establishment	173	15	3	43	0	0
Repairs to Press materials ...	24	0	0	2	6	6
Purchase of stock	2,183	0	0	359	8	0
Service labels...	1,011	4	0	510	7	0
Total ...	5,751	1	9	3,326	9	0

9. Statement D. illustrates the financial results of the Press. The receipts amounted to Rupees 880 against Rupees 945 of the last year. The decrease is owing to the falling off in the subscriptions to the Gazette already noticed above. The charges were considerably less in the year under report.

10. The previous year's charges were unusually high, owing to the cost (Rupees 1,903) of the gripper press that had to be met in that year. The value of stock purchased in the year under report was very little; hence the decrease in the value of stock purchased. The decrease under Service labels is owing to Gazettes having been sent to the taluqs by coolies, instead of tappal. There was also no extra establishment during the year under report. The small sum of Rupees 43 entered under this head was on account of establishment entertained in 1872-73.

11. Statement E. is about the demand, collection, and balance on account of the Press. The balance brought forward was a little increased by certain of the subscribers requiring Gazettes from the commencement of the civil year. The total demand on the whole was Rs. 1,241, and the collections amounted to Rupees 826. There was, therefore, a balance of Rupees 415 to be collected at the end of the year. The large balance is due from village officials. The rule, that Gazettes are not to be supplied, unless the subscriptions are paid in advance, will be strictly carried out in future, and I have, however, warned them that their Gazettes will be stopped if the advances are not paid forthwith, and am glad to be able to report that a sum of Rupees 247 has been since recovered.

12. The accounts have been kept according to the forms prescribed by the Board, and the Index will soon be prepared.

13. The subjoined is a statement illustrating for a series of years the position which the District Press has occupied in a financial point of view.

Statement showing Receipts and Charges for a series of years.

Years.	Receipts.						Charges.									Difference.		
	Value of Work.			Collections.			Total Receipts.			Establishment.			Purchase of Stock.			Other Charges.			Total Charges.					
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1863-64....	4,453	0	0	602	0	5	5,055	0	5	1,663	14	6	...	...	...	110	9	9	1,774	8	3	3,280	8	2
1864-65 ...	4,261	0	0	430	14	1	4,691	14	1	1,904	9	1	89	8	6	62	9	9	2,056	11	4	2,635	2	9
1865-66....	6,405	0	0	686	11	4	7,091	11	4	2,313	5	3	575	6	9	26	10	10	2,915	6	10	4,176	4	6
1866-67....	5,850	0	0	795	2	6	6,645	2	6	2,090	15	9	300	5	4	83	0	0	2,474	5	1	4,170	13	5
1867-68....	8,454	0	0	1,608	12	5	10,062	12	5	2,203	5	2	442	14	0	31	5	1	2,727	8	3	7,335	4	2
1868-69....	9,468	0	0	1,001	5	2	10,469	5	2	2,302	8	0	529	0	0	60	3	0	2,891	11	0	7,578	5	2
1869-70....	12,834	0	0	1,696	1	3	14,530	1	3	2,338	14	5	609	6	0	43	6	8	2,996	13	1	11,533	4	2
1870-71....	10,308	0	0	2,175	1	5	12,983	1	5	2,307	8	6	168	8	9	74	3	0	2,550	3	6	10,432	13	11
1871-72....	9,914	0	0	1,534	7	5	11,448	7	5	2,273	5	4	1,093	10	0	331	6	6	3,703	5	10	7,745	1	7
1872-73....	10,870	0	0	1,067	4	3	11,937	4	3	2,418	1	9	2,183	0	0	1,150	0	0	5,751	1	9	6,186	2	6
1873-74....	5,743	10	0	825	15	1	6,569	9	1	2,296	8	5	359	8	0	670	8	7	3,326	9	0	3,243	0	1

Exd. A. Grubert.

Nellore, 20th May 1874.

No. 1,056.

From G. VansAGNEW, Esq.,
Collector of Nellore,

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

I have the honor to submit the annual report on the operations of the Printing Press in the district during 1873-74, together with the usual tabular statements.

2. The total value of the work done in the year under report is computed to be Rupees 9,653-1-8 against Rupees 16,139-14-9, showing a decrease of Rupees 6,486-13-1 as shown below:—

—	1872-73.			1873-74.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Office work	5,149	4	9	4,156	0	0	...	...	...	993	4	9
District Gazettes	9,200	4	10	4,246	15	2	...	...	...	4,953	5	8
Selections from Records...	92	1	4	10	8	0	...	...	...	81	9	4
Judicial Department	392	1	4	226	8	0	...	...	...	165	9	4
Department of Public Works... ...	433	7	5	204	0	0	...	...	...	229	7	5
Postal Department...	...	...	...	9	4	0	9	4	0	...	...	...
Police do.	734	5	8	50	12	0	...	...	...	683	9	8
Judicial do.	15	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	3	8
Revenue Settlement	5	0	0	619	8	0	614	8	0	...	...	...
Vaccine Department	11	0	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	8
Private work	107	1	1	129	10	6	22	9	5			
Total ...	16,139	14	9	9,653	1	8	646	5	5	7,133	2	6

3. The quantity of work turned out in the year was not less than that shown in 1872-73, though the values compared show a decrease. The diminished value of the work is due to the application of the revised rates of charging work introduced with the sanction of the Board. The values were computed, and the pages reckoned, as laid down in the rules framed by Mr. Keys.

4. In the year under report, as usual, the office work and the Gazette printing were heavy. Additional work was done by printing a large number of Revenue Settlement forms required for immediate use in preparing the accounts of revised assessments. 94,494 forms, which required 120,000 impressions, were supplied, which was nearly five months' work for a single Press. The printing for the Settlement Department is nearly completed.

5 As regards the office work, the forms printed were the usual ones already in use. The new forms of stamp and postage label accounts also were printed and supplied to the taluqs. In this year, for the first time, however, it was attempted to supply taluqs with printed books of village forms. In the previous years, the first or heading sheets were printed with headings and supplied to taluqs for Curnams' books, which they had to make up with the blank paper furnished them. But the pressure of work was so heavy, that the supply of books was carried out only partially. These being heavy numbers, I suggest that they may be printed at the Penitentiary Press, as recommended by Mr. Keys in paragraph 52 of his report, embodied in Board's Proceedings of 11th December 1873, No. 2,539.

6. Selections.—Only four pages of selections were printed during the year, owing to the pressure of other work.

7. The work executed for other offices amounts to Rupees 1,239-10-6 against Rs. 1,698-3-2 in last year.

8. The number of subscribers to the Gazette at the beginning of the year was 946. By the 31st March 1874, it had risen to 976. The distribution of the Gazettes was as follows :—

Public Officers	143
Private individuals at full rates	51
At reduced rates	782
Total ...	976

The delay in the Gazettes reaching the taluqs has been, to some extent, reduced this year, in consequence of the various improvements introduced in the district post.

9. The collections and charges during the year under report are exhibited in Statements D. and E. The actual sum collected in the year was Rupees 695-14-4 ; of which, Rupees 476-15-0 were on account of subscriptions, Rupees 119-6-6 for charge for private work, and Rupees 99-8-10 for sundry items, which consist of sales of putta and receipt books, value of coasting passes, sale of single copies of Gazettes, and sale of boat notes.

10. The demand for Gazette subscriptions for the year amounted to Rupees 655-2-0, which, with the balance of last year, amounted to Rupees 772. Of this sum, Rupees 309-1-6 were collected during the year, and adding Rupees 273-4-6, collected last year in advance for this year, the total realization amounts to Rupees 582-6-0, leaving a balance of Rupees 189-10-0. Steps have been taken for the speedy collection of this sum. A sum of Rupees 167-13-6 besides has been collected in advance for 1874-75.

11. The expenditure on account of the Press Office was Rupees 3,301-3-1, as shown below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1.) Establishment	2,188	8	5
(2.) Saderward	43	8	8
(3.) Extra Establishment	249	6	11
(4.) Repairs of Press materials	30	9	1
(5.) Purchase of stock	789	2	0
Total ...	3,301	3	1

The charges of Gazette postage were not debited this year to the Press, but they will, in future, be reckoned against the Press, as directed by the Board. The charges on this account amounted to Rupees 1,300-11-0. The expenditure has been kept within the Budget provision for 1873-74.

12. The accounts of the Press Office have been duly kept during the year in the form given in the Board's Proceedings, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463, and the valuation of the matter was computed in accordance with the scale of rates given in the Proceedings referred to.

13. The worn-out type, about 200 lbs., referred to in paragraph 47 of Mr. Keys' report, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th December 1873, No. 2,539, has been rejected and weighed, and will be sent to Madras for sale. The instructions conveyed in paragraphs 50 and 51 of his report have been carried out. The stock account has been taken, and will be forwarded to Mr. Keys.

14. The Index to the Gazette for 1873 is now in the Press, and will be submitted at an early date.

15. The Gazettes have been printed this year on thin paper, in accordance with Board's Proceedings, dated 10th September 1872, No. 1,797.

Exd. A. Grubert.

CUDDAPAH, 5th June 1874.

No. 133.

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

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

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operations of the District Press during the year 1873-74, accompanied by an explanatory statement in the usual form.

2. The following statement exhibits the work done and its value, compared with the results of the year preceding :—

Items.	1872-73. Number of Papers.	1872-73. Value.	1873-74. Number of Papers.	1873-74. Value.	Comparison of the Value of Work. Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Office work	294	2,653 2 1	211	1,433 0 0	... ...	1,220 2 1
District Gazette	28	8,358 5 5	26	4,553 15 0	... ...	3,804 6 5
Judicial Department ...	11	34 0 7	6	14 0 0	... ...	20 0 7
Engineer do. ...	...	... ...	1	49 0 0	49 0 0	... ...
Postal do. ...	8	29 12 3	...	... ...	... ...	29 12 3
Forest do. ...	7	39 9 4	...	... ...	... ...	39 9 4
Police do. ...	10	38 4 6	6	27 8 0	... ...	10 12 6
Jail do. ...	8	25 8 9	5	17 10 0	... ...	7 14 9
Medical do. ...	13	44 12 1	5	19 8 0	... ...	25 4 1
Vaccine do. ...	7	25 12 0	4	15 14 0	... ...	9 14 0
Educational do. ...	2	1 7 4	...	... ...	... ...	1 7 4
Private work	22	74 7 6	18	37 8 0	... ...	36 15 6
Total ...	410	11,325 1 10	282	6,167 15 0	49 0 0	5,206 2 10
Net decrease ...	...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...	5,157 2 10

From the above statement, it will be observed that there is a decrease in the amount and value of work done, which is to be accounted for as follows :—

(1.) Reduction of permanent and temporary establishments, as directed in the Board's Proceedings, No. 990, dated 12th June 1873.

(2.) Calculating the value of work at the reduced rates approved of by the Board of Revenue in their Order, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463.

3. The total number of copies of the District Gazette actually issued in the year was 29,849, against 31,799 of 1872-73. The decrease is attributable to the number of issues in the year being 26 against 28 of the preceding year. The Gazette was issued gratis to 142 public officers on the 31st March 1874 against 136 on 31st March 1873, additional officers having been added to the list.

4. The number of private subscribers at full and reduced rates on the 31st March 1873 were 32 and 1,119, respectively.

5. The slight increase (under the head of "other furniture") of value of stock in Statement C is owing to fresh supplies received during the year.

6. Statement E exhibits the demand, collection, and balance of printing receipts. The demand of the year was Rupees 1,000, which, together with the balance of the previous year, amounted to Rupees 1,357. Of this, Rupees 1,082 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 275-11-0 at the close of the year. Of the above collection, Rupees 203-14-0 are advance for subscription for 1874-75. Out of the balance above shown, a sum of Rupees 40 has since been realized, and the rest will be shortly collected and brought to account.

7. The total charges incurred on account of the Press amounted to Rupees 2,388-13-9, or Rupees 539-8-2 less than in the preceding year. The decrease is owing to reduction of establishment.

8. The printing of the Selections from the Records has not been undertaken in this year for the reasons stated in my letter to the Board, No. 39, dated 26th February 1874.

9. The Press Registers have been brought up to date.

10. The index for 1873-74 is almost ready.

11. Gazette work and the demand for forms render it necessary that this office should be supplied with a machine press which will print four foolscap pages. The two large presses in use are much worn and damaged as noticed by Mr. Keys in his report to the Board of Revenue, communicated with their Proceedings, dated 12th June 1873, No. 990.

BELLARY, 4th May 1874.

No. 125.

From H. SEWELL, ESQ.,
Acting Collector of Bellary,

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

I HAVE the honor to report on the operations of the Collectorate Printing Presses during 1873-74.

2. The usual statements accompany.

3. From the comparative statement of the value of work done, it will be seen that the extent and value of work executed are considerably less than what was turned out in 1872-73. This is due to the forms for this and other offices formerly struck off by the establishment here now being struck off to some extent at the Penitentiary Press at Madras. This has, in a very great measure, relieved the Presses here, so that they could be devoted to other work.

4. The number of papers struck off in the year under report is 404, valued at Rs. 7,238-2-6, whereas in the previous year the number was 676, and value Rupees 16,046-5-10.

5. It was not possible to print any selections. Their importance, however, has not been lost sight of.

6. From Abstract B., it will be seen that the number of issues both in the year under report and in the previous one was the same; yet the total number of copies issued in the latter year was less than that of the previous year by 3,737. This is due to a falling off of the village subscribers. It is very necessary that the Gazette should be freely circulated among this portion of the community, and measures will be adopted to call attention to the matter.

7. From the enclosure, it will be seen that 2,069 copies, or 13 per cent. of the issues, were circulated among public officials; 1,037, or 6 per cent. to private individuals; and 12,461, or 80 per cent. to village officers and public servants on reduced subscription.

8. The stock in hand is the same as that specified in the previous report, with the exception of Main's single cylinder gripper printing machine referred to in paragraph 14 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1873, No. 2,539, being received in this month. It properly forms a part of the stock of the current official year. The Columbian press referred to in the same paragraph will be sent in a few days to the Collector of Chingleput.

9. The total receipts in connection with the Press Office amount to Rupees 872-7-0, of which, Rupees 825-10-0 are subscriptions to the District Gazette, Rupees 46-12-0 value of work done for private individuals, and one anna realized by the sale of a single issue of the District Gazette. The charges, however, amount to Rupees 3,640-9-2, of which, Rupees 2,777-8-2 was paid on account of the Press Establishment, including Rupees 437-15-0 on account of extra establishment. The purchase of stock amounts to Rupees 803-6-6 paid on account of type.

10. The demand for work, etc., done amounts to Rupees 872-7-0, which has been fully collected during the official year under report.

Exd. A. Grubert.

PEAPALLY, 9th June 1874.

No. 199.

From J. HOPE, ESQ.,

Acting Collector of Kurnool.

To J. GROSE, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to report on the working of the District Press for 1873-74, and to submit the usual Statements.

2. The value of work turned out by the Press is Rupees 5,650 against Rupees 9,091 in the year preceding. The large decrease of Rupees 3,441 is due partly to the operation of the revised scale of valuation introduced by Mr. Keys, and partly to the reduction in the establishment carried out from 1st August 1873, (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 990, dated 12th June 1873,) and to the absence of the Foreman on leave for seven months.

3. The number of Gazettes issued is about the same as last year.

4. Hitherto great delay often occurred in the distribution of the Gazette to the Village Officers, but in the year under report special measures were adopted for their speedy circulation, as detailed below, and the result has been on the whole satisfactory.

5. The arrangement adopted was as follows:—

Immediately on the receipt of the Gazettes, the Tappal Gumasta had to enquire if any of the Village Kattubadies were present at the Kasba, and also if any of the Taluq peons had orders to go to the villages on duty. If there were he was to give them at once, with a list, the Gazettes of the villages concerned and also those of the villages situated on their route. To villages situated within a radius of seven or eight miles from the Taluq Kasba, and five miles from a Deputy-Tahsildar's station, the Gazettes were to be despatched by special peons or some of the Kattubadies attached to the Kasba village. The remaining Gazettes were sent (with a list) to the different Revenue Inspectors for distribution, through their own peons, and the Village Kattubadies, whose services are always available, during their frequent tours through their ranges. In the absence of the Revenue Inspector from his station, the Curnam of the village took charge of the Gazettes and sent those belonging to the nearest villages by his own Kattubadies, and the remainder to the Revenue Inspector, whose movements are generally known to him. In cases where the Revenue Inspector's ranges are so situated that Gazettes sent by Imperial or District post would have to be sent all or part of the way back from the Taluq Kasba, the Gazettes were packed up in separate bundles and sent direct from the Press Office, by means of Auchas or special Kattubadies attached to villages along the route. One hundred and twenty-nine out of 734 Gazettes intended for Village Officers were thus distributed without the intervention of the Postal Department.

6. Printed form of receipts to show date of distribution of the Gazette, date of receipt, etc., are supplied to all the officers concerned. After the work of distribution is over, these receipts with the signature of the village authorities, are forwarded on through the Tahsildars for check, to the Deputy-Collector in charge of the Press.

7. In the current year it is proposed to increase the number of circles.

8. The subscription to the District Gazette shows a small increase compared with last year. There is a slight decrease in the other items.

9. The total receipts including the collections on account of last year's balance amount to Rupees 817-4-6, or Rupees 131-8-2 more than the receipts for 1872-73. The average collections for the past five years do not exceed Rupees 1,029.

10. The charges of the year amount to Rupees 3,086-0-9. In the fixed establishment there is a decrease of Rupees 148-2-1 owing to the reduction of an apprentice from August 1873, and the absence on sick leave of the Foreman and some of the Compositors. The cost of Press materials, etc., sanctioned in Proceedings, Miscellaneous Nos. 7,174 and 7,942, dated 28th October 1872 and 20th November 1873, amounts to Rupees 870-2-9.

11. The accounts connected with the Press have been kept correctly, according to form.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

SAIDAPET, 25th June 1874.

No. 294.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq.,

Collector of the Chingleput District.

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to report on the operations of the Chingleput District Press for the year 1873-74, and enclose the usual Statements.

2. The work done during the year under review amounts in value to Rupees 6,658-8-0, and is Rupees 2,313 below that of the previous year, as shewn in the margin. The decrease was caused by the difference between the old and new rates, at which the work executed has been charged for, with reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 26th March 1873, No. 463, and also partly by less work turned out. The last was owing to deficiency of press materials, a portion of which have only lately been supplied, and to the discontinuance of the temporary establishment from 1st September 1873.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1872-73	8,971	14	3
1873-74	6,658	8	0
	2,313	6	3

3. The decrease in the number of copies of the District Gazette printed and issued in 1873-74, as marginally noted, is owing to the discontinuance of Gazettes to defaulting subscribers.

	Rs.
1872-73	7,597
1873-74	7,365
	232

4. The subscriptions realized during the year 1873-74, including arrears, fall below the collections of the previous year by Rs. 216-13-0. This is attributable to the small amount of arrears outstanding on the 1st April 1873.

5. Of the sum of Rupees 169-3-5 which should be written off the Accounts, Rupees 121-15-5 represent the balance which has been brought forward in the Accounts for some years past, the particulars of which cannot be traced, and the remainder, Rupees 47-4-0, as particularized below, is irrecoverable on account of the deaths and absence of the parties.

Taluqs.	Name.	Amount.			Remarks.
		Rs.	A.	P.	
Trivellore	Subba Row, Gumastah	0	12	0	Dead.
	Appasawmy Iyengar	1	8	0	
	Nadu Tiruvengada Moodelly	0	2	0	
	Tervoy Tiruvenkata Charry	1	6	0	
	Kotamppan do.	6	0	0	
	Karikalavakam Manika Pillay	10	4	0	
	Kotacuppam Kistna Pillay	8	9	0	
	Vakil Streenevassa Iyengar	3	4	0	
Madurantakam	Avathi Seshier	0	10	0	Deserted.
Saidapet	Mr. Johannes	9	12	0	Dead.
	Tiruverkadu Munsif Sabapathe Moodelly.	0	3	0	Deserted.
Conjeveram	Rajampet Masilamony Moodelly	0	12	0	Do.
Ponneri	Late Abkári Superintendent of Ponneri..	0	7	0	Dead.
Huzur...	Narsimma Charry, Late English Accountant	3	11	0	No means to recover.
	Total...	47	4	0	

6. The value of the work done for private individuals is Rupees 6-3-6 * below the sum realized on the same account in 1872-73.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* 1872-73	76	9	0
1873-74	70	5	6
	6	3	6

7. Only a portion of Mr Greenway's report has been printed since my last report. It will be completed during the year 1874-75, a portion of the materials indented for having since been received.

8. The Registers and Accounts connected with the Press are duly kept.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 220.

PALAMANAIR, 23rd April 1874.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.,

Collector of North Arcot,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operations of the Printing Press attached to my office for the official year 1873-74, 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 10,123-10-6, against Rupees 14,162-11-5 in the preceding year, being a decrease of Rupees 4,039-0-11. This falling off is attributable to the adoption of the new scale of valuation prescribed by Mr. Keys, Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press, as directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 463, dated 26th March 1873.

3. The papers noted in the margin were printed out of selections from records in the year under report. 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, during the current year, the papers shown in the memorandum subjoined.

From the Board, 1st December 1804.—Stating that, in consequence of the failure of the Commissioner deputed to Chittoor for the purpose of adjusting the affairs of the Chittoor Polliems, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had determined to take active measures against them, and had despatched troops to Chittoor under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Moneypenny, and forwards, for information and guidance, extract from the instructions which had been furnished to Lieut.-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 translation of Muchilika and Putta or Cowle.

4. The circulation of the District Gazette is gradually increasing. The Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates have been instructed to impress on the public the importance and advantage of being acquainted with the orders published from time to time in the Gazette, and it is, therefore, hoped that there will be a still further improvement in the circulation in the current year.

Types, etc., English and Telugu... ...	lbs.	725½
Brass rules	Dozen.	20
Chases		16
Lye brush		2

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

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

7. The work register as prescribed by Mr. Keys, Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press, continues to be regularly kept.

List of Correspondence remaining unprinted as per Memorandum of Correspondence submitted to the Board of Revenue with letter, No. 282, dated 19th December 1865.

To the Board, 17th September 1802.—Respecting the military service of the Zemindars and the delivery of the Sanad-i-Milkiat Istimrar to them.

To the Commissioners for the affairs of the Chittoor Polliems, dated 5th October 1804, and the accompanying report (third).—With a view to bring under the early notice of Government the Chittoor Polliems, gives a summary sketch of relations with the Poligars from the earliest period of the Company's Government in the Carnatic until the present time 1804.

Exd. A. Grubert.

CUDDALORE, 24th June 1874.

No. 315.

From J. H. GARSTIN, ESQ.,
Collector of South Arcot,
To J. GROSE, ESQ.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the working of the Press Department in this District during the past official year 1873-74, with the usual explanatory statements.

2. The value of work turned out during the past year amounted to Rupees 7,330 only, which fell short of the figures for 1872-73 by Rupees 8,743. This large falling off occurs chiefly in the items of "Office Work," "District Gazette," and "Irrigation Registers."

3. The value of office work done in the year under report amounted to Rupees 1,963 only against Rupees 6,424 in 1872-73, and the falling off (Rupees 4,461) was the result of the transfer to the Penitentiary Press at Madras of all the forms required in large numbers which in 1872-73 were printed at the District Press. The printing of the Irrigation Registers in 1872-73 was also an important item of work in the accounts of that year, but there was no similar work in the year under report, and hence a falling off of Rupees 1,772.

4. The decrease of Rupees 2,572 in the District Gazette is due chiefly to the adoption from 1st April 1873 of the new scale, according to which the values were calculated as required in Board's Proceedings, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463; while in 1872-73 they were computed according to the old scale, which was much higher.

5. In the value of work done for other public departments there has been no material variation, and therefore no remarks are called for. The charge for private work executed during the year was Rupees 152-15-0, or Rupees 60 nearly in excess of 1872-73.

6. Nothing was done during the year in the way of printing Selections from Records, the Press Establishment having been fully employed in doing office work and printing the District Gazette, for which the establishment was often found insufficient, and had to be aided by extra hands employed temporarily as the occasion required.

7. The number of subscribers to the District Gazette has diminished slightly. On the 31st March 1873 the number of subscribers, including public officers to whom the Gazette is supplied free, was 1,307; while on the same date in 1874 the number was 1,289. The average number of subscribers supplied with the Gazette was 1,292 a month.

8. The demand on account of subscription to the District Gazette amounted to Rs. 832-5-2, which, with the uncollected balance of the previous year's subscription, made Rupees 1,712-12-0. The collections, amounting to Rupees 781-1-4, being deducted the balance on 31st March last was Rupees 931-10-8, for the speedy realization of which stringent orders have been issued. The greater portion of the balance, Rupees 349, is outstanding in the Virdachellum Taluq, and the attention of the Tahsildar has been specially called to the subject.

9. The value of private work done during the year has been fully realized.

10. The Tahsildars of Trickalore and Villapuram report that out of the arrears of subscription due by the subscribers (village officers) in their taluqs for the previous years a sum of Rupees 25-12-0 is irrecoverable owing to the death of the parties or their inability to pay in some cases, as they had been dismissed from their appointments. I request, therefore, that sanction may be granted for writing off the amount.

11. The charges of the years amounted to Rupees 3,704-13-9, of which those incurred on account of the fixed establishment call for no remark. The saderward charges, Rupees 1,192-4-2, include Rupees 1,100 incurred for the purchase of Service Postage labels for transmitting the District Gazettes to the taluqs.

12. The cost of extra establishment employed during the year was Rupees 302-10-3 only, being considerably less than the similar charge incurred in 1872-73. The amount was paid to temporary hands by the "piece" for setting up the Attachment and Sale Notices received for publication in the District Gazette. At certain times of the year when these notices pour in from Divisional Officers extra hands are employed, as otherwise the publication of the notices in the District Gazette as required by law, and the sales of lands, would be delayed.

13. I may add that the Press Registers have been carefully and correctly kept in the prescribed forms.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MUTTUPETTAH, 12th May 1874.

No. 123.

From the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT,

Collector of Tanjore,

To J. GROSE, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the working of the District Press during the year 1873-74, together with the statements in the prescribed form.

2. The subjoined abstract statement exhibits a large decrease of Rupees 7,064 in the value of the work turned out during the year as compared with the year previous.

	1872-73.		1873-74.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of papers.	Value.	Number of papers.	Value.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office Work	613	2,831	755	2,450	.....	381
District Gazette	24	14,188	24	7,300	.....	6,888
Judicial Department	228	837	277	1,216	379	.....
Other Public Offices	237	775	226	790	15	.....
Private Work	171	632	88	443	.....	189
Total...	.....	19,263	.....	12,199	394	7,458
Net decrease...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,064

3. It must be observed that this decrease is solely due to the introduction of the reduced rates of valuation sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463, notwithstanding the total amount of work done during the year has exceeded that of the preceding year as shown in the margin. In illustration of the present scale of charge being less, I give in the margin a memorandum noting the relative value of puttas and katchats struck off in the local Press, both in the present and past years.

	Pages composed.
1872-73	2,675
1873-74	2,936
Net Increase ..	261

	Puttas.	RS.	A.	P.
1872-73	75,000	173	4	5
1873-74	50,000	57	13	0
	Katchats.			
1872-73	94,000	129	14	6
1873-74	1,50,000	84	6	0

4. The number of issues of the District Gazette was the same as in the last year, but the number of pages composed on that account during the year under report was 1,627 against 1,426 in the previous year.

5. The circulation of the District Gazette was about the same as in the former year, and the subscribers were all regularly supplied with copies of the Gazette.

6. The gross demand on account of the Press was Rupees 2,967-0-11 against Rupees 3,232-15-9 in the past year, the whole of which has been realized within the year. The decrease of Rupees 265-14-10 is owing to a certain amount of subscription to the District Gazette having been paid in advance in the last year on account of the current year.

7. The expense of working the Press amounted to Rupees 3,691-13-11 against Rupees 5,292-10-2 in the former year, and the increase of Rupees 1,600-12-3 in the previous year was chiefly on account of a Gripper machine having been purchased and paid for in that year.

8. Deducting expenditure from the gross value of work done, there is a balance of Rupees 8,506-7-5 in favor of the Press.

9. As promised in the concluding portion of paragraph 8 of my Report for the previous year, some selections were printed this year as particularized in the accompanying Form A.

10. The Press Registers have been kept up regularly.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Trichinopoly, 28th May 1874.

No. 119.

From F. BRANDT, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Trichinopoly,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to report on the working of the District Press for the year 1873-74, 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 3,938, compared with the previous year; but this decrease is chiefly attributable to the wrong interpretation of the table of charges and the over-value set on the work done, as pointed out by Mr. Keys, and to the larger number of impressions of some of the papers.

3. The actual receipts, consisting of subscriptions to the Gazette, value of private work and sundry items, amount to Rupees 1,065, being an increase of Rupees 32 over the previous year.

4. The charges, including establishment, purchase of stock and saderward, amount to Rupees 4,122 against 2,754 in the previous year. The increase is entirely owing to the purchase of new stock, the chief item being a new Columbian press, at a cost of Rupees 650.

5. The number of full rate subscribers to the District Gazette fell from 50 to 42; but this decrease is unimportant, as many became subscribers on reduced rates in 1872-73, merely to secure the valuable Acts published at the beginning of 1872, which are supplied gratis in the vernacular as Supplements to the Gazette. I shall address you separately on this subject, as the receipts from the Gazette seem to be unnecessarily diminished by this practice. There was a further increase in the number of reduced rate subscribers from 977 to 1,030. This may be attributed to the marked improvement in the matter printed in the Gazette.

6. No selections were printed during the year, as the Press was fully employed with other work. The number of forms in arrears for all departments was, and still is, very great.

7. The prescribed registers have been neatly and well kept.

8. The new Columbian press supplied has not been brought into use, as it is impossible without extra hands to work it. I shall address you shortly, with a view to obtaining sanction for utilizing this press.

9. The arrears of collections on the 1st of April amounted to Rupees 451-3-6; of which, Rupees 120-8-6 have since been collected. The speedy realization of the balance is expected.

Exd. A. Grubert.

MADURA, 2nd May 1874.

No. 159.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq.,
Collector of Madura.

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

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the working of the District Press for the Official year 1873-74, together with the prescribed Statements.

	Rs.	A.	P.
District Gazettes	1,257	7	0
Selections...	70	0	0
Judicial Department	58	14	0
Engineer do.	56	14	3
Survey do.	64	11	6
Police do.	39	11	8
Jail do.	25	5	0
Medical do.	2	8	0
Private Work	140	3	6
Total ..	1,715	10	11

2. The value of the work performed during the year is Rupees 8,878, which falls short of that of the previous year by Rupees 1,174. This result is caused by an increase of Rs. 541 and a decrease of Rupees 1,715. The former occurs chiefly in office work and the latter in the items noted in the margin.

3. *Office Works, Rupees* 489.—This increase is due to a number of salary lists of sanctioned establishment for the Revenue Department and of forms of bills, etc., for the Local Fund Department having been newly printed during the year under instructions from the Accountant-General.

4. *District Gazettes, Rupees* 1,257.—The reduction in the rate of charges for striking, sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, dated 26th March 1873, No. 463, accounts for this decrease.

—	Public officers.	Full subscription.	Reduced.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
For 1872-73	1,981	947	3,531	6,459
,, 1873-74	1,999	976	2,920	5,895
Increase	18	29	...	45
Decrease	...	...	611	611
Net Decrease...	..	...	...	566

5. The marginal statement shows a net decrease of 566 copies in the circulation of the District Gazette which is owing to the withdrawal of subscriptions by village officers. Steps taken to impress upon them the usefulness of the publication have now somewhat increased the number of this class of subscribers.

6. There is a decrease of Rupees 140-3-6 in the item, Private work, and it is owing to the amount of charges on account of private advertisements published in the District Gazettes having been omitted from this item from October 1873, with reference to the remark contained in paragraph 38 of the Superintendent's Report, embodied in the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th June 1873, No. 999.

Judicial Department.
Engineer do.
Survey do.
Police do.
Jail do.
Medical do.

7. The decrease in the other items does not require any special notice as they are of a fluctuating nature.

8. No progress was made during the year in printing Selections, as Mr. Lushington's report which was being printed was sent to the Head-Assistant Collector for reference in disposing of a case pending before him, and was not returned for six months. It has now been received, and instructions have been given to complete the printing of this Selection.

9. Statement D. shows the Financial transactions of the Press Department during the year under report. The receipts of the year amount to Rupees 1,461-10-11. There is an increase of Rupees 164-4-6 in the item "Subscription to District Gazettes," and a decrease of Rupees 140-3-6 in the value of work done for private individuals. The former is owing to the payment of subscription in advance, and the reason for the latter is explained in paragraph 6.

10. In the item "Charges" there is a large increase of Rupees 341-3-8, which is accounted for by the increased expenditure incurred under Saderward, Extra Establishment, and Purchase of Stock.

11. The total demand of the year, Rupees 1,461-10-11, has been fully realized within the year.

12. The gross value of the work done in the year under reference amounts to Rs. 8,878-7-6, and after deducting the charges, viz., Rupees 3,367-8-3, there is a saving of Rs. 5,510-15-3 in favor of Government. Under Section 52 of the Press Manual a sum of Rupees 506-5-6* is to be deducted from this on account of depreciation in the value of the stock, interest, etc., which reduces the saving to Rupees 5,004-9-9.

	Rs.	A.	P.
*Depreciation	274	14	6
Interest	195	7	0
Printing Ink	36	0	0
Total...	506	5	6

13. The Registers of the Press Department have been kept regularly.

TINNEVELLY, 27th April 1874.

No. 223.

From W. H. COMYN, ESQ.,

Acting Collector of Tinnevelly,

To J. GROSE, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1873-74.

2. The value of work turned out during the year amounted to Rupees 6,114, or Rs. 3,055 less than that of the previous year; this decrease is owing to the reduced rates introduced from April 1873 for calculating the value of printing. The new rates, however, appear to be correct and better suited for calculating the value of work.

3. No selections from Government records were printed during the year. Large numbers of puttas, registers, chittahs, and other forms were however struck off on account of the new settlement, and one out of the three Presses was fully employed on that work.

4. The total number of paying subscribers to the Gazette for the year was 8,894, or 1,292 more than that for 1872-73.

5. The cash receipts also exceeded the amount realized in the previous year by Rupees 78, a larger number of books and receipt puttas having been sold during the year.

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

7. Mr. Keys, the Deputy Superintendent of Government Printing, Madras, inspected the Presses in October 1873, and the various suggestions made by him for improving the printing of Gazettes and for the better working of the Press have been attended to with good results.

Exd. W. H. French.

COIMBATORE, 19th June 1874.

No. 145.

From A. WEDDERBURN, ESQ.,

Collector of Coimbatore.

To J. GROSE, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the working of the District Press for the official year 1873-74, together with the prescribed Statements.

2. The value of the work turned out in the year under report was Rupees 6,418-8-10 against Rupees 10,463-14-10, the amount value of the preceding year, showing a net decrease of Rupees 4,045-6-0, as per the annexed table. Of this decrease, Rupees 3,983-11-7 is merely nominal, as it is caused by the different modes of estimating the work done by the District Gazette, in conformity with the recommendation of Mr. Keys, and embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 463, of 26th March 1873.

Item.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Office Work	1,807 9 9	1,458 7 6	... ...	349 2 3
Gazette	8,014 14 7	4,031 3 0	... ...	3,983 11 7
Selections	10 0 0	... ...	... ...	10 0 0
Judicial	240 3 10	86 10 0	... ...	153 9 10
Engineer Department ...	52 10 6	338 0 0	285 5 6	... ...
Postal...	6 10 9	3 8 0	... ...	3 2 8
Police...	116 14 4	145 1 0	28 2 8	... ...
Medical	43 2 0	... ...	... ...	43 2 0
Ecclesiastical	5 0 0	2 8 0	... ...	2 8 0
Private	166 13 2	86 3 4	... ...	80 9 10
Forest	... ...	184 0 0	184 0 0	... ...
Survey	... ...	5 0 0	5 0 0	... ...
Settlement...	... ...	78 0 0	78 0 0	... ...
Total...	10,463 14 10	6,418 8 10	580 8 2	4,625 14 2

Number of subscribers including free for the last five years.

	RS.
In 1869-70	854
,, 1870-71	873
,, 1871-72	1,033
,, 1872-73	1,154
,, 1873-74	1,199

3. The number of subscribers has this year been increased by forty-five. On comparing the returns of the last five years, it will be observed that the demand to the Gazette is steadily on the increase.

4. Statement C shows the value of stock on hand. No new materials were purchased for the Press during the year under report.

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

6. The total demand for the year, including the last year's arrears, amounts to Rupees 1,009-11-9 ; deducting therefrom the recoveries made, there is a small balance of Rupees 16-14-6, out of which a sum of Rupees 7-1-6 has been since collected ; the remainder will be soon collected.

7. I request that the amount of irrecoverable arrears and excess collections shown below may be sanctioned to be written off the Accounts :—

	RS. A. P.
Irrecoverable.	
Subscription due by a Private Vakeel not to be found	0 3 0
Excess.	
Subscription collected in advance from certain individuals since deceased, to be carried to the credit of Government	3 7 0

8. The value of the work performed during the year is Rupees 6,418-8-10, which after deducting the charges Rupees 3,459-15-3 leaves a balance of Rupees 2,958-9-7 in favor of Government.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

OOTACAMUND, 13th June 1874.

No. 47.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq.,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Nilgiris,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the District Gazette of Nilgiris for the official year 1873-74, 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 1,264-4-11 against Rupees 1,414-3-3 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rupees 149-14-4.

3. The subscription due to Government for the period under report, viz., Rupees 58, has been fully realized as particularized in the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement. The subscription for the previous year was Rupees 51-14-0.

4. As requested by the Board in paragraph 15 of their Proceedings, No. 1,776, dated 9th September 1873, I have the honor to forward a Statement showing a comparison of rates paid to the Nilgiri Press Company under contract for District Gazette, dated 5th April 1873, with that laid down by Mr. Keys for valuation of work—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1873, No. 351.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MADIGIRI, 20th May 1874.

No. 173.

From F. PRICE, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Salem,

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

I HAVE the honor to submit, with the necessary statistics, the annual report of operations of the District Press for the year 1873-74.

2. The total value of work executed during the year under report amounted to Rs. 8,028, or Rupees 5,723 less than that of the previous year. The main items of decrease were "Office work" and "District Gazette."

3. Subjoined is a statement showing the particulars of work performed during the year under report.

No.	Items.	1872-73.		1873-74.		Increase or Decrease.
		No. of Papers.	Value.	No. of Papers.	Value.	
			RS.		RS.	RS.
1	Office work	579	5,497	521	3,053	— 2,444
2	District Gazette	25	6,712	25	3,420	— 3,292
3	Selections from Records ...	6	108	3	118	+ 10
4	Judicial Department ...	60	157	41	135	— 22
5	Other Departments	228	1,077	249	1,104	+ 27
6	Private work	98	200	111	198	— 2
	Total ...	998	3,751	950	8,028	— 5,723

4. It will be seen from the above that, with exception of items Nos. 3 and 5 ("Selections from Records" and "Other Departments") which show a slight increase, there was a marked falling off in the work under all other items, as compared with the results of 1872-73.

5. The decrease under the head "Office work" is principally attributable to the whole of the Revenue puttas and receipt forms, as well as all Revenue and Magisterial forms of over 5,000 copies each having been printed at, and supplied from, the Madras Penitentiary Press. The new scale of rates adopted has also, to a certain extent, operated to produce the decrease under this item.

6. The decline under the head "District Gazette" is chiefly due to the reduced scale of rates of valuation of work recommended by Mr. Keys, the Superintendent of the Government Press, Madras, and introduced under the orders of the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, No. 463, dated 26th March 1873, and which has been in operation during the whole of the year under report; also to several of the subscribers in the Namkul and Trichengode Taluqs having withdrawn their subscriptions in the early part of the year.

7. The number of Gazettes struck off in the year 1872-73 was 27,581, valued at Rs. 6,712, whilst that during the past year amounted to 26,926, valued at Rupees 3,420, giving a decrease of 655 in the number of copies, and Rupees 3,292 in value.

8. The number of subscribers to the District Gazette at the close of last year was 89 "full" and 872 "reduced" as against 93 "full" and 927 "reduced" in 1872-73. The decrease of four in "full" does not call for any explanation; that of 55 in "reduced" arose from several of the Curnams and Monegars in the Namkul and Trichengode Taluqs, who expected to be thrown out of employ by the revision of the village establishment, having ceased to be subscribers. Towards the close of the year, there was a small increase in the subscribers, but it was not sufficiently large to make up for the previous decrease.

9. Selections from District Records.—The work executed during the past year under this head was only a continuation of Mr. Read's letter to the Assistant Collector, Salem, which was commenced in 1869-70, and which will be completed during the present year, as only a small portion of it remains to be printed. I had intended to have done more in this way during the year, but the Press having been during the whole of it in a wretched hovel, which I was compelled to occupy, pending, the dilatory operations on the part of the Department Public Works in providing a new Press-room, it was impossible to do any thing more than carry on the current work. I personally attempted to put things straight, but it was out of the question, as the building occupied was so small as to be quite filled up with the plant for which there was no accommodation elsewhere. The new Press-room was completed at the end of the year, and it is to be hoped that every thing will now be put in order, and more work in the way of printing selections be done during the current year.

10. The increase under the head "Other Departments" is the result of a net increase in three and a net decrease in the remaining five items which are noted in the margin. The increase in the Engineering, Revenue Settlement, and Forest Departments is owing to their having availed themselves of the District Press to a greater extent than in previous years. The decrease in the other items is too small to call for any notice.

Postal, Police, Jail, Medical, and Education.

11. The annexed abstract shows the cash receipts during the year under report.

Items.	Balance of 1872-73.	Deduct Remission sanctioned.	Remainder.	Demand for 1873-74.	Total.	Collection in 1873-74.	Balance on the 31st March 1874.
	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	63 7 0	... ...	63 7 0	773 11 0	837 2 0	[693 8 0 *39 15 0]	143 10 0
Private work ...	19 6 0	3 12 0	15 10 0	198 6 0	214 0 0	60 0 6	153 15 6
Sundry Receipts	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	82 13 0	3 12 0	79 1 0	972 1 0	1,051 2 0	793 7 6	297 9 6

* Advance of subscription to Gazette.

12. The total demand for the past year, inclusive of the balance at the close of that preceding it, amounted to Rupees 1,051 as against a similar sum of Rupees 1,141 during 1872-73, and the actual collection during the same were Rupees 694 as against Rupees 745 in 1872-73 on account of subscriptions to District Gazette, and Rupees 60 as against Rupees 217 in the previous year on account of private work, making a total of Rupees 754, and leaving a balance of Rupees 298.

13. In addition to the above, Rupees 40 were received as an advance on account of subscriptions to the Gazette for the current official year.

14. The actual receipt during the past year thus amounted to Rupees 794.

15. The balances under both the heads of receipt noted in the margin are heavy, when compared with those of the previous year. This is due to the outstanding arrears, for which bills were issued within the past official year not having been realized within the same. Strict measures have been adopted for the recovery of these arrears, and collections are coming in. I have called upon the Deputy Collector in charge District Press to explain why my instructions regarding the collection of the amounts due for private work have not been attended to. The change of officers during the past year had probably something to do with this, but my orders were distinct, and should have been obeyed.

Subscription to District Gazette, private work.

16. There is, however, a sum of Rupees 1-12-0 which is irrecoverable, and which, therefore, requires to be written off. This is due on account of subscription to the District Gazette by two persons, named Balajee Row and Ramasami Iyer, who were formerly employed in the Revenue Survey Department, and who have been reported to have left the district for Coimbatore when the Survey Party, to which they were attached, was removed to that district. A letter was addressed to the Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, for the recovery of the arrears; but that officer has replied that the defaulters have been dismissed from the service. As the whereabouts of these individuals cannot be ascertained, and as there is no likelihood of the dues being recovered from them, I request that sanction may be obtained for writing off the same.

17. The charges during the year under report amounted to Rupees 4,882 as against Rupees 4,751 in the preceding year. The increase of Rupees 131 is the result of an outlay of Rupees 513 in the purchase of stock, and of a reduction of Rs. 340 in the item "Saderward," etc.

18. The subjoined is a comparative statement showing the results of the year under report, as compared with those of the previous one.

Year.	Gross Charges.	Private Work.	Estimated Value of Work performed for Government.	Total of Columns 3 and 4.	Estimated Net Profit to Government as calculated on Columns 2 and 5.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1872-73	4,751	200	13,551	13,751	9,000
1873-74	4,882	198	7,830	8,028	3,146

19. It will be observed from the above that, during the past year, work to the value of Rupees 8,028 was turned out at an actual cost of Rupees 4,882, giving a net working profit of Rupees 3,146, or 64·5 per cent on the outlay to Government.

20. In conclusion, I beg to state that the working of the Press in this district has greatly improved since Mr. Keys' visit; that all the recommendations and suggestions of that officer have been adopted; and that all registers and accounts connected with the Press are kept in a satisfactory manner.

All forms of accounts and abstracts of taluq and head-quarter offices have, as usual, been printed in the District Press.

Erd. A. Grubert.

MANGALORE, 4th August 1874.

No. 1,493.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq.,
Collector of South Canara,
To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report on the working of the District Press during the past official year 1873-74, accompanied by the usual returns.

2. The following abstract statement exhibits the total value of the work turned out by the Press Department during the year under report, as compared with that of the previous year :—

Department.	1872-73.		1873-74.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of Papers.	Value.	Number of Papers.	Value.		
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
Office-work	270	3,525	582	2,741	.....	784
District Gazette	25	8,544	27	4,518	.....	4,026
Selections from Records	.....	.....	2	14	14	.....
Judicial Department	53	457	74	215	.....	242
Other Public Offices	33	484	44	151	.....	333
Private Work	123	203	102	190	.....	13
Total...	504	13,213	831	7,829	14	5,398
Net...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,384

3. The decrease in the value of the work done during the year under report is owing to the introduction of reduced rates of charges sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings of the 26th March 1873, No. 463, and not to the quantity of work turned out during the year being less than that executed in 1872-73; the quantity of work of all descriptions turned out during the year having greatly exceeded that of the previous year.

4. The falling off of Rupees 12-11-0 under the head of Private Work is owing to such work as would have entailed much labor and consequently occupied much time having been refused during the year under report on account of pressure of office-work. In this respect, I have followed the plan suggested in my last year's report of discouraging private work so long as the people can have it done at private presses, and while we have our own arrears of public work to clear.

5. As regards printing of Selections from Records only two papers were struck off during the year under report, when the work had to be suspended owing to the manuscript of a letter,

dated 1st December 1800, having to be compared at Madras with the original, which was delayed in Bombay, and to the Press Establishment having been busily engaged in clearing off the arrears that had accumulated.

Year.	Private Individuals on full Subscription.	Subscribers on reduced Rates.	Total.
1869-70	130	626	756
1870-71	135	638	773
1871-72	167	667	834
1872-73	205	677	882
1873-74	228	696	924
Increase...	23	19	42

6. It is satisfactory to note that the circulation of the District Gazette shows a marked increase every year, as will be seen from the figures in the margin. The number, both on full and reduced rates, rose from 205 and 677 in the past year to 228 and 696, respectively, in the year under report, thus increasing the total number of subscribers by 42.

7. The stock of the Press Department has been increased during the year by the supply of certain articles including a Royal Columbian Press, raising the value of the whole by Rs. 867. The entire stock has been weighed as directed by the Board in their Proceedings of the 19th February 1874, No. 364, after the close of the official year under report, and a register has been opened, extracts from which have been already forwarded to the Superintendent of the Government Press for the entry of the value of the articles.

8 Royal chases.
8 Sets of Foolscap head, side, and foot sticks for Gazette.
6 Foolscap Broad-side chases.
6 ,, Folio chases.
4 Royal 4to chases.
4 Demy 4to ,,
8 Brass Galleys (each to hold two pages of Foolscap).
1 Inking table.

8. There is a deficiency of lbs. 701¼ in the actual stock on hand. How much of this is attributable to the wear and tear of the plant during the last sixteen years I know not. The useless Lithographic Press has, as sanctioned by the Board, been advertised for sale by public auction.

Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,297, 26th June 1874.

9. The "Pie" alluded to in paragraph 54 of Mr. Keys' report has been cleared, and is now in use. The worn-out type referred to by him in the same paragraph has also been sorted and examined, and is being made use of occasionally.

Dated 15th May 1873, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 12th June 1873, No. 990.

Year.	Receipts.			Charges.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1872-73	1,437	10	6	3,011	5	6
1873-74	1,345	4	4	2,533	14	0
Decrease...	93	6	2	477	7	6

10. There is a financial decrease both under Receipts and Charges. The falling off under receipt is chiefly attributable to an outstanding balance of Rupees 163 odd under Subscription to the District Gazette, but the greater part of this has been since collected.

11. The falling off under Sundry Receipts is chiefly attributable to a less number of Sea Custom forms having been purchased by traders on account of the falling off in trade during the year.

12. The limited purchase of stock in 1873-74, as well as the articles mentioned in paragraph 7 as having been received in the present year, not having been paid for till after the close of the official year under report, account for the decrease under the head of Charges.

13. Of the outstanding balance of Rupees 189, Rupees 134-13-6 have already been realized, and measures have been taken for the speedy collection of the still-remaining sum of Rs. 43-2-6.

14. The Foreman at the time of Mr. Keys' inspection has been replaced by a man of practical experience approved by him. The arrears noticed by Mr. Keys have been cleared, and the work is brought up to date. Punctual attendance of the establishment is enforced. The accounts, etc., are also kept by the Second English Clerk, in conformity with the orders of the Board. In short, every suggestion of Mr. Keys has been duly carried out.

15. The Accounts and Registers have been regularly kept, and have been examined by my Treasury Deputy-Collector.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 177.

Dated Calicut, 31st July 1874.

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

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the District Press during the official year 1873-74, and the statement connected with it in the form prescribed by the Board.

2. The receipts, including Rupees 124-3-6, the sale-proceeds of puttas and receipt-books, amounted during the year to Rupees 1,922-7-2 against Rupees 2,191-14-3 of the previous year. The large amount of receipts of the previous year was, as I stated in my last report, due to the large quantity of private work done in connection with the Kavalapara Minor's Estate.

3. The current demand on account of the year under report was Rupees 1,615-7-6, being Rupees 716-13-5 below that of the year before. It was all collected within the year, except Rupees 12-13-0, subscription from reduced subscribers (village servants), which were subsequently realized.

4. There is a falling off in the number of private subscribers due to the cause formerly noticed, viz., the Government Order enjoining Gazettes to be sent to the parties only through the Tahsildars unless an extra sum 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 here subjoined :—

	Office Work.		District Gazette.		Selections.		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 1873-74.	456	2,738	48	6,086	...	...	169	533	205	907	132	414	1,010	10,678
„ 1872-73.	510	3,331	50	7,757	...	...	283	979	371	1,942	159	805	1,373	14,813
Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease...	54	593	2	1,671	...	...	114	446	166	1,035	27	391	363	4,135

6. The above statement shows a falling off under every head. The decrease observable under the heads of Office Work, Judicial Department, and other Public Offices, is accounted for by the fact that most of the work was received only at the close of the year, and will, therefore, be executed in the current year. The falling off in the private work is attributable to a new Private Press having been established in Calicut.

7. Under the head of District Gazette a great falling off is observable in the value. This is mainly attributable to the Board's Proceedings, No. 990, dated 12th June 1874, reducing the valuation of printing.

8. In Statement C the value of stock in hand is shown to be Rupees 3,066-13-0, whereas according to the report of the last year it was Rupees 7,829-4-10.

The latter quantity represents the actual sum paid for the stock, and the former the present value of the stock as calculated by Mr. Keys.

9. The charges for the year are Rupees 4,569-9-10 against Rupees 4,815-3-11 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rupees 245-10-1. The reasons are, first, there was no purchase of stock this year; and, second, there was a reduction made in the establishment according to the Board's Proceedings abovementioned.

10. The unexpended balance of Rupees 7 shown in my report of the last year remains unutilized as yet.

11. No Selections of records were printed this year.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department.

No. 190

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 4th February 1875.

READ the following Proc: of the Board of Revenue.

Reviewing and submitting Reports of Collrs on working of District Prefses in Madras Presy during 1873-74 accompanied by the usual statements illustrative of the results &c.

} H. E. 30th October 1874 No. 3136.

The value of work done in the Collectorate Prefses during 1873-74 shows a decrease of Rs 90,546 below the outturn of the previous year. The Board ascribe this result to the adoption of the new scale for valuing work, drawn up by Mr. Keyo, and the

	Rs.
1872-73 —	2,33,574
1873-74 —	1,43,028
Decrease	90,546

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the report for the current year will no doubt furnish correct data for instituting the comparison and ascertaining the extended usefulness of the Press.

2. The circulation of the District Gazettes shows on the whole a small increase; but the decrease in the Bellary and Kistna Districts is large, and the Govt trust that the Collectors will do all in their power to improve the circulation of this useful periodical

3. The Govt regret that very little progress has been made in printing selections from Records

1872-73 — 17,593
1873-74 — 17,744
Increase. 151

They have too frequently pointed out the importance of this portion of the work of the District Presses, to render it again necessary to impress on the Collectors the desirability of giving their attention to the subject.

4. The financial result of the workings of the Presses is on the whole satisfactory. The Board point out that work valued according to the new scale at Rs 1,43,028 was executed at a total cost of Rs 67,964, exclusive of the interest on capital sunk on the plant. The Board will

will endeavour to add
the interest to the charges
and show the net profit
in their future reports.

5. The Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
dated 19th February 1874
No. 364 regarding the
revision of the District
Prep establishments were
disposed of in GO dated
6th July 1874 No. 840.

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