Revenue Department.

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Diary 28.9.1858

No. 34. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd September 1858, No. 3581.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state, for the information of Government, that the Printing materials, the purchase of which was sanctioned in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th December 1857, No. 1359, Revenue Department, have been received from England by the ship "Wellesley," and are now ready for use.

In Cons. 21st Jany. 1858.

2. Since the Government first sanctioned the introduction of printing in this office, the Board have devoted all available sums caused by vacancies among the Clerks to procuring printers, and they have thus been enabled to print their letters despatched, as well as to employ a few extra hands in anticipation of the extension of printing; notwithstanding a considerable increase in business.

3. It is now desirable, as the materials are ready, to commence printing the entire Proceedings of the Board; but the necessity imposed on them of meeting every expense from the outset by savings from their present establishment renders this impracticable unless Government are pleased to permit of some relaxation in the Pension rules—a course which the Board believe was of necessity pursued in the Government Office.

4. The Board have transferred to their Press and instructed, as far as circumstances have permitted, almost every copyist whose services could be spared; there are still however several who are too old to learn to print, but who will not, when printing is completely introduced, be required as writers. These men have served the full period required to entitle them to pensions, and their conduct and character have been good. They are not however *physically* incapable of working any more, and it is therefore impossible for them to procure Medical Certificates. The Board cannot suppose that Government would wish servants of long and approved service to be turned adrift in their old age merely because they cannot now learn a new business. They therefore propose as the only alternative that these men may be now placed on the pension list, which is in fact only anticipating what in the ordinary course must soon occur.

5. The Board make this proposition with the less hesitation because their Press—partially as printing has been introduced—has already caused a saving to Government of Rupees 216 monthly, which was the sum paid on an average of the three years preceding its establishment, for printing Circulars and other work, which is now done in the Board's office.

6. It need not be added how greatly the transaction of business by Government will be facilitated by their receiving all their correspondence from the Board in print instead of in manuscript.

7. Should the Government accord the indulgence now solicited, the Board will be prepared to submit the usual application in the prescribed form for about six of their Clerks.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 1306; dated 25th September 1858.

Referred to the Public (Separate) Department for disposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 3581.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
22*d September* 1858.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary.

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The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
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the assent of Govt. to a
relaxation in those Pension
Rules to enable the Board
to pension certain hands in
order to provide for the ex:
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Fort St. Geo:
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