Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2451

DATED 14th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording with remarks reports from the Board of Revenue & the Supdt Govt Press re: the appearance in the Madras Mail of B.P. No. 24A dt 19-1-97.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Order

From

The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras.

No. 1783

Dated 27th April 1897.

Received 28-4-97

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Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting reply to official memorandum No. 63, dated 20th March 1897 regarding the appearance of certain article in the "Madras Mail"

Bm (with papers) 28-4-97.

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27th April 1897.

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The question in the case of letter No. P. No. 24 A dated 19-1-97 was placed at the disposal of the Board by the Govt.

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5 Spare copies of B.P. dt 19-1-97 No 24A were received and all of them are in the office.

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Government Press,
Mint Buildings, Madras,
27th April 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

In reply to official Memorandum No. 63, dated 20th March 1897, the Superintendent, Government Press, submits that no copies of Board's Proceedings are forwarded to the Editors of Newspapers.

2. The Superintendent has made an examination into the number of copies printed and finds that the Press books show the following copies were printed and sent to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue Department:-

Sign copies -- 31
Spare copies - 120
From volume 57 (retained).

The Board states in Proceedings No. 1246, dated 3rd April 1897 that the following were received from the Press:

Sign copies -- 29
Spare copies - 130

3. On receipt of Proceedings No. 1246, a letter was sent to the Board

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pointing out this difference between the figures, and in reply the Board maintains that its figures are correct. The proof and Volume copies in the Press are correct and they are in charge of their usual persons. All the persons connected with the Proceedings concerned deny that they made any improper use of the Proceedings.

4. The Superintendent submits that the Land Revenue Department does not mark the number of sign copies required on the manuscript docket and the Press are guided by the address lines, but the Board marks the number of spare copies to be printed.

5. The Superintendent submits that as copies were distributed from the Board's office on the 10th and 16th February to the several Collectorates, there was ample time for any one in those offices to have given the information to the "Madras Mail" between the above dates and the date of its appearance—27th February.

R. Hill
Superintendent.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

GOVERNMENT PRESS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Madras.

Dated } 189 .
Received }

ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

Note.

Please see the article headed "District Presses" in the Madras Mail of the 27th Febr. It is clear from it that either the Edr. somehow got hold of a copy of B.P. No 24-A dt 19.1.97, or that the article was written by some officer of Govt. who had access to the Board Proceedings.

orders are requested as to whether any enquiry should be made on the point, of the Board of Rev. and the Supt Govt. Press.

The five copies of the B.P. sent to Govt. are all in the office. ~~and it is understood that~~

Yrs. [illegible]

The draft memo has been submitted to the Secy. before [illegible]

C.A. Tawney

O.C. No. 63.

The undersigned has the honor to invite the attention of the Board of Revenue to ~~Supdt. Govt Press~~ the article headed "District Presses" on page 6 of the issue of the Madras Mail of the 27th Ultimo and to enquire whether any copy of B.P. No. 24A dt. 19-1-97 was furnished to the Editor ~~from the office of the Board of Revenue Supdt. Govt Press~~ and, if not, whether all the copies of the Proceedings which have been printed, can be fully accounted for.

W.F. 20/3/97

Fort St. George
20th March 1897

C.A. Oswald
20/3/97

No. 23-3-97 { To the Bd of Rev (R.D.)
" " Supt: Govt Press

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The Hon. Mr Grace &c &c.

Dp. 14-5-97

Read again G.O.No.748 R. d/8-4-97.

Read also C.No.5499 of 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

While the last report on District Presses (B.P.No. 24 A dated 19th January 1897, Land Revenue), was still under disposal in the Government Office, an article appeared in the "Madras Mail" of the 27th February last, headed "District Presses", from which it was clear that the Editor somehow got hold of a copy of the Board's report or that the article was written by some officer of Govt. who had access to the Board's Proceed-ings. It having been made sure that the copy could not have been obtained from the Government Office, the attention of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, and the Superintendent Government Press, was invited in O.M No.65 dated 20th March, to the article above referred to, and they were requested to state whether any copy of

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the Board's report was furnished to the Editor of the "Madras Mail", and, if not, whether all the copies of the Board's Proceedings which had been printed could be fully accounted for.

2. The Board's Proceedings recorded in the G. O. read again at the head of this note and C. No.5499 contain respectively the Board's and the Superintendent's reply to the above reference. The Superintendent/ expressly states that "no copies of Board's Proceedings are forwarded to the Editors of Newspapers". The Board does not directly answer the first part of the inquiry containrd in the O. M., but it is clear from its account of the distribution of the number of copies supplied by the Press and from the telephonic message filed with the O. M. quoted ~~d~~ above, that the Board's Proceedings in question was not placed at the disposal of the Press. The Superintendent, Govt. Press, reports that the number of copies printed can be fully accounted for,

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The Board's Resolution shows that at least 159 copies were supplied to the Board's office. There is however still doubt whether this last was actually the number of copies supplied to the Board. The Board seems to argue in a circle when it says that because it can account for 159 copies, therefore the total number of copies actually supplied by the Press must have been 159, and at the same time remarks that all the copies received from the Press can be accounted for.

and the Board gives a similar assurance as to the number of copies it received. But the two authorities are not agreed as to the number of copies supplied to the Board. The Superintendent asserts that he supplied to the Board only 31 sign copies and 120 spare copies or 151 copies in all; but the Board is equally positive that it actually received 159 copies in two instalments though it ordered only 149(this fact it found out only after the reference made by Government.) It is unfortunate that the number of copies received in the Board's Office were not counted there in the first instance. In the Government Office specific instructions are given to the Press as to the number of sign and spare copies to be printed of each G. O. and when they are received, the copies intended for the various addressees are despatched and the remaining copies counted before they are sent into

the Record room, to see if these together with those distributed, make up the number ordered. It is submitted that the Board should be instructed to adopt a similar course in future.

3. The Superintendent complains that the Land Revenue Department does not indicate the number of sign copies required of each B. P., and that the Press is merely guided by the address lines. The Board may be asked to intimate to the Press in future the number of sign copies it requires of each Proceedings.

4. In the last para of his reply the Superintendent suggests that as copies were distributed from the Board's office on the 10th and 16th February to the several Collectorates, there was ample time for any one in these offices to have given the information to the "Madras Mail" between the above dates and the date of the appearance of the article, i.e., 27th February, in that paper. It seems hardly worth while pursuing the enquiry any further, and the question may, it is submitted, be ~~be~~ dropped. The following ~~is submit-~~ draft is submitted for approval.

G. O. Mis. No. 2451 dt/14th May '97.

Recorded.

2. It is to be regretted that the copies of the Proceedings kept in stock in the Board's office were not counted when they were passed into ~~to~~ the Record room. This should always be done in future with a view to verify whether the number of copies kept in stock together with those distributed to the various addressees makes up the number ordered and neither more nor less.

3. The Board is also requested to intimate to the Press the number of sign, as well as, spare copies it re-quires of each printed Proceedings.

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To the Board of Rev:. Land Rev.

" " Superintendent, Govt. Press.

Dt. 19-5-97

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