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Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4752

DATED 3rd December 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Records during the Financial Year
ending the 31st March 1899 the
Receipts and Charges on account
of the Special Grain Bounties
Scheme of 1898 and the
Expenditure incurred
thereon during the
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G.O., No. 1048, 14th November 1898.

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Stationery.

Authorizing the Superintendent of Stationery to meet the cost of the special water-marked paper purchased for use in Revenue courts and offices from his grant for the current year and to apply later on, if necessary, for an additional allotment.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 619, Financial, dated 16th July 1898.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2218, dated 31st May 1898:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1291, dated 30th March 1898.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery Government Order stating that arrangements will be made for the disbursement, before the 31st March 1898, of the sum of Rs. 26,000 required for the purchase of special water-marked paper from the Titaghur Paper Mills Company Calcutta, and requesting him to report why the cost of the paper was not included in his budget.

Read—also the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, dated 23rd May 1898, No. 1183:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 1291, dated 30th March 1898, inquiring why the cost of the special water-marked paper was not included either in the revised estimate of charges for 1897–98 or in the budget estimate for 1898–99, I have the honour to state as follows.

The revised estimate for 1897–98 and the budget estimate for 1898–99 of the Stamp department were submitted to the Board on the 8th September 1897, while the last estimate of the quantity of water-marked paper required was received from Collectors on the 4th November.

2. Until the 29th January last this office was not in a position to know when and what quantity of paper the Titaghur Mill could deliver. After the receipt of the G.O., No. 332, Revenue, dated 14th May 1897, the mill ordered from England a dandy roll for manufacturing the paper with a special water-mark, the design of which was decided on in G.O., Mis. No. 4758, dated 9th September 1897, but it was not received until 8th January 1898. The mill was repeatedly asked to state the probable date by which the paper could be delivered at Madras, but no definite reply was received. In its letter of the 8th January the agents stated that a third of the order at least, or about 2,500 reams, would be prepared for shipment to Madras by an early steamer in February. The delay in the manufacture of the paper was reported to the Board in this office letter, No. 2519, dated 11th December 1897, in which the estimated quantity of the paper was also communicated. From the vague replies received from the agents, it seemed very doubtful whether the mill could supply the paper before the end of the official year. It was, therefore, considered inadvisable to apply for an additional grant to the extent of Rs. 26,000 in face of G.O., No. 993, Financial, dated 30th November 1897, communicated with Board's Proceedings (Separate Revenue), No. 538, dated 15th December 1897.

3. I would observe that no mention was made, in the Government Order directing the introduction of the paper, of the rate at which the paper should be purchased from the mill, or to what major head the cost should be debited. The Accountant-General having since intimated that the cost should be debited to "30. Stationery and Printing" and not to "6. Stamps," the cost of the paper received in the last official year (viz., Rs. 13,864-14-9) was met from an additional grant obtained under "30. Stationery and Printing," as recorded in the Government Order communicated with the Board's Proceedings (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 1691, dated 25th April 1898.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2218, dated 31st May 1898.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 256, Financial, dated 11th March 1898, forwarded with endorsement, Mis. No. 1357, Revenue, dated 17th March 1898.

2. As it appeared doubtful whether the Titaghur Mill could supply the required quantity of water-marked paper before the close of the official year, it was considered inadvisable to apply for an additional grant of Rs. 26,000 in the face of G.O., No. 993, Financial, dated 30th November 1897. The Accountant-General, however, has since intimated that the cost should be debited to "30. Stationery and Printing" and not to "6. Stamps," and the cost of the paper received during 1897–98 has accordingly been met from an additional grant under that head.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endt., Mis. No. 2621, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

Ootacamund, 20*th June* 1898.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Order—Mis. No. 619, Financial, dated 16th July 1898.

It is observed that neither the Superintendent of Stationery nor the Board of Revenue has considered the question of provision for charges in 1898–99 on account of (i) the cost of paper already purchased for use in Revenue Courts and offices, and (ii) paper which may be required for voluntary use by litigants in Civil and Criminal Courts.

2. The probable requirements for the current and ensuing year should be ascertained and reported as early as possible, with suggestions as to how the charge (Imperial) should be met.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Read—also the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 4172, Revenue, dated 27th October 1898.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3604, dated 9th September 1898:—

Read—the following letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, Madras, dated 22nd August 1898, No. 1964:—

In reply to the Board's Reference No. 579, dated 30th July 1898, communicating for report extract from G.O., No. 619, Financial, dated 16th idem, regarding the probable requirements for the current and ensuing year of the special water-marked paper for use in the Revenue Courts and offices and for voluntary use by litigants in

Civil and Criminal Courts, and calling for suggestions as to how the charge (Imperial) should be met, I have the honour to state that, upon the reports received from the District officers, the requirements were originally estimated at 7,500 reams for three years. Subsequently this was found to be inadequate and a further supply of 6,000 reams was ordered to meet the demands of the current year (*vide* this office letter to the Board, No. 1027, dated 1st June 1898, and Board's Resolution, Mis. No. 2275, dated 7th idem). Of the total quantity of 13,500 reams, 4,380 reams had been received from the contractors at the close of the official year 1897–98, and the balance of 9,120 reams has come to hand in the current year. The cost of the 4,380 reams amounted to Rs. 13,864–14–9, which was met out of the general grant under the head "Purchase of Stationery—Imperial" sanctioned by Government for the past year. During the present year 3,120 reams have been paid for from a similar current source, and bills, amounting to Rupees 19,075–15–2, for the balance are about to be paid.

Under G.O., No. 3003, dated 18th July 1898.

2. In this connection I have the honour to invite the attention of the Board to G.O., No. 146, Financial, dated 16th February 1898, which increased the grant under "Purchase of Stationery" for 1897–98 by Rs. 50,000 and raised the Budget estimate for 1898–99 under the same head from Rs. 4,93,000 to Rs. 4,50,000. This, however, did not make provision for the cost of the water-marked paper under reference but was exclusively for other articles of stationery.

	Rs.	A.	P.
4,380 reams paid for in 1897–98	13,864	14	9
3,120 reams paid for in 1898–99	9,892	2	1
6,000 reams to be paid for ..	19,075	15	2
Total ..	42,833	0	0

3. It is therefore necessary that a sum of Rs. 42,833 expended out of the general grant for stationery purchased for Central Stores on account of water-marked paper should be recouped by increasing the grant of Rs. 4,50,000 of the current year by that amount.

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5. I do not expect a saving under any head of the current or the ensuing year's budget allotments, with the exception of a sum of Rs. 3,000 which was entered in the current year's budget on account of liveries and clothing. I have since heard that these charges are provided for by heads of departments in their own budgets (*vide* letter from the Accountant-General, No. I.A.B./306, dated 9th August 1898).

Resolution—Mis. No. 3604, dated 9th September 1898.

The Board begs to submit its reply to G.O., No. 619, Financial, dated 16th July 1898.

2. It is therein observed that neither the Superintendent of Stationery nor the Board of Revenue has considered the question of provision for charges in 1898–99 on account of the cost of water-marked paper already purchased for use in Revenue Courts and offices, and paper, which may be required for voluntary use by litigants in Civil and Criminal Courts, and an estimate of the probable requirements in the current and ensuing years, with suggestions as to how the charge should be met, is asked for.

3. Replying, the Board begs to submit a letter from the Superintendent of Stationery which embodies his views on the question of supply and provision of funds. The Board begs to submit its own views as follows, premising that, as regards the question of supply, it is impossible to estimate the effect of Government's latest order on the subject (G.O., No. 384, Revenue, dated 11th July 1898) and, as regards the question of funds, that the charges being debitable to "Stationery and Printing" the matter is not one under the Board's control.

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5. Coming to the question of funds, the Board observes that the Superintendent of Stationery has paid for 7,500 from his grant under "Purchase of stationery" partly in 1897–98 and partly in 1898–99 and has still to pay for 6,000 reams recently received, the purchase of which was approved in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2275, dated 7th June 1898. This latter order would have been cancelled had Government communicated the order contained in the last sentence of paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 384, Revenue, dated 11th July 1898, on receipt of the Board's Proceedings; but by the time the Government order reached the Board the supply was almost completed. The Superintendent has thus 13,500 reams to pay for, the price of which is Rupees 42,833. The only saving which he can point to is the sum of Rs. 3,000 which was entered both in his budget and in those of the respective heads of departments on account of liveries and clothing. The Board is unable on its part to suggest any means of meeting the expenditure. As pointed out above, the budget head in question is not one that comes under its control.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 4172, Revenue, dated 27th October 1898.

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3. Orders on paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings will issue in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ Financial Department.

Order—No. 1048, Financial, dated 14th November 1898.

The Superintendent is incorrect in stating that the grant for the current year (4·50 lakhs) on account of Stationery purchased for Central Stores, *Imperial*, should be raised by Rs. 42,833, the total cost of the water-marked paper purchased, as a portion (Rs. 13,865) of this amount was paid in 1897–98 and was covered by the additional allotment of Rs. 50,000 sanctioned in G.O., No. 146, Financial, dated 16th February 1898. Only the difference (Rs. 28,968) now remains to be provided for. As the revised estimate passed in G.O., No. 910, Financial, dated 20th October 1898, shows a saving of ·19 lakh, the Superintendent will be authorized to meet the present charge from his grant for the current year and to apply later on, if necessary, for an additional allotment.

(True Extract.)

C. Bolyngton
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ Superintendent of Stationery.
„ Accountant-General.

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