

Educational (1912) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 703
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DATED 2. 8. 12

[Despatch Abstract.]

Books According the thanks
of Govt to Mr Sg. Roberts for
drawing their attention to the existence
of certain curious stamped
sheets bound up with a Bible
and forwarding the stamped
sheets to the Secretary to
the Fiscal Stamp Exchange
London.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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WJ DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT FILE.

Papers of the department to which the current belongs.

Number	Date.	Original (=O.) or spare copy (=S.O.)	Remarks. (In this column such of the papers as have been removed for copying, printing, etc., should be marked with a cross.)	Initials of clerk with date in token of return to Reference department.

Papers of other departments.

Department.	Number.	Date.	Original (=O.) or spare copy (=S.O.)	Initials with date of (1) clerk of the Chief Secretariat department acknowledging returns of the paper concerned or (2) Despatcher to denote the return of the papers to departments outside the Chief Secretariat.

No. 219

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Doc No 1925
Regd 13-7-12
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From

S.G. Roberts, Esquire, I.C.S.,

Ag. District Judge,
Tellicherry.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
Stone-House-Hill.

Dated Tellicherry, 8th July 1912.

Sir,



I have the honour to enclose a paid rail receipt for the carriage of a fine Authorized Version of the Bible published by the King's Printers, Eyre and Strahan, for the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1816; it was brought to my notice when I had a special case made for the very old Bibles (Authorized and Roman Catholic Versions) used for swearing witnesses and jurors in my Court. The interesting point about this Bible, as you will see, is that the binders, who were probably the printers, and who (in that case) certainly had other Government work, have used up sheets of unused stamps or tickets of some kind for the binding of the Bible. What these tickets were is not quite clear but they had certainly had something to do with "posting" or mail coach journeys as they have spaces for distances. I would suggest that the Bible be forwarded as it is to the British Museum authorities who might be glad to keep the stamps and who would also be able to say what they were used for. Perhaps the authorities at the General Post office

office

office, St. Martins le Grad, London, would be able to find a clue to these tickets but in any case I think that they have a great historical interest and I therefore forward the Bible to you for transmission to the British Museum. The book itself might be rebound, while in England, and sent back to this Court.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Ag. District Judge.

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GOVERNMENT(1912)OF MADRAS.

From S. G. Roberts, Esquire, I.C.S.,

Ag. District Judge,

Tellicherry.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department,

Stone-House-Hill.

Dated 8th July 1912.

Received

Sent. 10.7.12.

Registered.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding an old Bible to be forwarded to the British

Museum under the circumstances stated.

[R. & L.]
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5,000-25-10-10.

3/ Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1125 From the S. G. Roberts Esq. No. dated 8.7.1912.
S. G. Tellicherry.

SUBJECT. Transmission of a copy of the Bible to the British Museum.

M.

Under G.O. No. 633 B.C. 28th September 1906 the Registrar of Books, Madras, is the honorary agent to the Trustees of the British Museum for the purpose of receiving and forwarding works presented to that institution by authors, publishers and others in this Presidency. The copy of the Bible now forwarded by Mr. Roberts for transmission to the British Museum authorities does not come under the category of "works" referred to above, because it is not the book that Mr. Roberts desires to present to the museum but only sheets of unused stamps or tickets used for the binding of the Bible.

2. It is for consideration whether the book may be forwarded to the British Museum and if so, whether it should be forwarded by Educational or by Public Dept. The question appears to be one to be dealt with in the latter Department.

OP. The book is to be forwarded as it is. It may be submitted to the Registrar for transmission to the museum. A draft endorsement is submitted below for approval.

vide notice No. 78 on page 436 of Part I B.G. Gazette 16.7.12

Shm to both
10/7/12

24.7.12

Book No. 40

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LD.

T. 35 B.

No 2*

Train No.

PARCEL WAY-BILL
FOR OWNER.

Date

LOCAL.
PAID.

Tellicherry To

Sender

Consignee

No. of
Parcels.

DESCRIPTION.

ACTUAL
WEIGHT.

Paid.

To be filled in by the
Receiving Station.

Mds. Srs.

Rs. a.

Undercharge Overcharge.

Rs. a. Rs. a.

This receipt should be sent by the sender to the consignee to enable him to obtain delivery of the consignment.

Signature of Station Master or Parcel Clerk.

Ref

This is not a case where an author or publisher writes to present a work to the museum & for No 633 Ed. of 20-9-06 is not applicable to it.

2. All that Mr. Roberts wants is that a copy of the Bible sent by him may be forwarded to the museum in order that the museum authorities may take out two sheets for the binding and send back to Bible to Mr. Roberts after re-binding it.
3. I do not know what the sheets referred to have "great historical interest" as Mr. Roberts supposes - He might have removed the sheets himself & sent them to the museum or to the Editor of Notes & Queries - They may be blank forms of permits authorising the issue of horses for mail coaches.
4. Producers of the Bible may be referred to Mr. Roberts - It apparently belongs to the Fellowship of St. Columba.

very truly
yours

Apparently the ^{two} sheets sent to the boards which form the binding are vouchers intended for the use of public servants travelling in "District No. 10" by stage-coaches or with the aid of

post horses. I take it the officer concerned was expected to fill in the mileage and particulars of the journey and hand over the ticket to the warehouse or posting-master who used it as a voucher to support his claim for payment by Govt. The paper bears "Stamp Office" as a water-mark. I doubt if the sheets are of much antiquarian value. If this cannot be ascertained locally, they may be carefully detached & sent to the India Office for enquiries, the book itself being returned to the District Judge who can send it locally. The date of these stamps must be in or prior to 1816 unless the book has been rebound since the first issue, which seems improbable.

2. Please send the file to Mr. Andrew, who has books of reference which may bear on the subject. Perhaps he will be good enough then to pass it on to P.S.P. in order that Sir Charles Stewart-Wilson who is now at Govt. House may have an opportunity of seeing the sheets.

L.D.

26.7.12

C.S.
P.S.

Perhaps Sir Ch. Stewart-Wilson can give the address of the Secy of the

Fiscal Stamp Exchange Club, who might throw light on the importance (or otherwise) of these posting Stamps. I can't find the address, & I have no catalogue of Fiscal Stamps.

To C.S. This is the address required

A. B. KAY

21 Fleet St.

London E.C.

Given by Sir C. S. Wilson.

Ca
27.7.12.

For Mr. E.'s personal.

Mrs. Leque - Here the stamp papers returned & send them to - the gentleman and ask him to reply what he knows about them. The Bible can be rebound really. Thank Mr. Roberts for drawing our attention to the existence of the stamps -

Mr
27. VII 12

Draft please. I will detach the sheet myself. & Reversed

30.7.12
Draft and letter are submitted for approval / when the fair copy is ready
31.7.12
bring me the book for the

removal of the sheets. They should be
sent by registered post. Better keep one
here & send the other.

— PA

[Lys. No 703-704 of 2.8.12]

in my safe
under sealed

one sheet in sealed cover
given to lady to keep put
in the safe.

CA
4/8/12

C.No.1925.

8/ Educational Department.

ORDER:-
Mis.

7039 28.12

The thanks of Government are due to Mr. S.G. Roberts for drawing their attention to the existence of the curious stamped sheets bound up with the Bible received -- with his letter of the 8th July 1912. They understand that the Secretary of the Fiscal Stamp Exchange Club will probably be in a position to throw light on the -- question whether these stamps possess any antiquarian value and a reference will accordingly be made to him. For that purpose the sheets will be detached from the Bible which will be returned to Mr. Roberts who may arrange to have it suitably re-bound locally.

Lt.
R.G.H.

To S.G. Roberts, Esq., I.C.S.,
with a receipt No. 75.

Recd 8.8.12
M.

2/8/12

Letter.

To

A.B. Kay, Esq.,

Secretary to the Fiscal
Stamp Exchange Club,

C/O. Messrs. Bridger & Kay,

71, Fleet Street,

London. E.C.

Sir,

I am directed by the Government of
Madras to enclose one of two sheets of paper
which were found to be bound up with the
boards of an edition of the Bible printed
by George Eyre & Andrew Strahan, Printers
to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, for the
British and Foreign Bible Society, and sold
to subscribers only by L.B. Seely at the
Society's Depository, No. 16, Fleet Street.
The paper, as you will observe, bears the
water mark of the Stamp Office and is stamped
with what appears to be a series of ^{flims} vouchers
for the use of public servants travelling
with the aid of post-horses. I am to say
that His Excellency the Governor in Council
would be much obliged if you would kindly
favour him with any information which you
may be in a position to give regarding the
origin and nature of this document and the
question whether it possesses any anti-
quarian value.

I have etc.

*See p.
with encl.
by Regd
post
178/12*

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When given for copying _____
 When copied _____
 When examined _____
 When signed _____

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPER NOT FILLED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DEFEATCH
 IN ORIGINAL.

* N.B. --

A = Copy in full.
 B = Not to be copied.
 P = Copy abstract only.
 Q = Copy Heading only.