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6th December 1870.

Read the following papers:—

No. 5. From the Acting Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper Currency in charge of Stamp Paper Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th November 1870, No. 1503.

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For Paper Currency.

	Rs.
1 Deputy Treasurer	40
1 Shroff and Weighing man	14
6 Coin Assorters, at 8 Rupees each	48

For Gate and Warder.

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2 Lascars for records, at 7 Rupees each	14

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1 Waterman	5
1 Sweeper and Scavenger	4
Total...	341

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3. The salary of the Deputy Treasurer Rupees 40, of the Shroff and Weighing man Rupees 14, and of six Coin Assorters, at Rupees 8 each, = Rupees 48, were, in consequence of these changes, included, from 1st October 1870, in the Budget Estimate of the Paper Currency Office—*vide* my letter, No. 1365, dated 30th September 1870. If, therefore, these items are now passed in the Budget Estimate they will need no further orders.

4. When numbers of men are engaged here in handling coin, notes, and stamps, as a matter of precaution it is daily necessary to search all servants on entry

and exit at the gate, and to keep a watch during office hours that none leave or enter the premises without permission. A daily register of those employés who are late, or absent themselves, has also to be kept; for this purpose a warder establishment of some kind is indispensable. The military guard may be an efficient protection against external dangers; but from its very nature, and from the fact of its being changed every morning, it affords no security against the misconduct of the employés within. For these reasons, provision is required, from the 1st instant, for the following:—

	Rs.
1 Native Warder	
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1 Waterman for military guard	32
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Total...	61

5. For many years past, the circulation of currency notes at Madras, as compared with Calcutta and Bombay, has been very backward. On the 1st June 1869, when I was appointed Commissioner, the circulation stood at Rupees 63,09,390, which was about the average of the nine previous years; since June 1869, by regular methodical work, circulation has steadily increased, till it has now reached the unprecedented range of Rupees 94,64,430. The transactions are now so extensive, the accounts and statements so difficult and numerous, that, if the circulation is to be kept up at its present pitch, it will for the future need the exclusive attention of one officer. In paragraph 15 of my Administration Report of the Paper Currency for the year 1869-70, I have shown that the net profit to Government, after covering all expenses, was Rupees 1,10,838-5-0. It will be a misfortune, therefore, for Government to lose the ground that has thus been gained by the contemplated change of location to the Fort.

6. On the abolition of the Mint, the dies and presses of the Stamp Paper Department were placed under my charge as Commissioner of Paper Currency—*vide* G. O.,* No. 2504, dated 3rd September 1869. From paragraph 3† of my Administration Report to the Board of Revenue of this Department for last year, it will be seen that the stamps turned out by me exceeded the amount of the previous year by upwards of one and a half million sterling. A new and improved pattern of stamp was also introduced by me involving much labour and trouble. This Department also requires much space not easily available in the Fort.

* Revenue Department.

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT of the Stamp Paper Department for Fusly 1279, or from July 1869 to June 1870.

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Paragraph 3.—The number and value of stamps turned out during the year, as compared with the previous year, are shown in the following statement:—

	Fusly 1278.		Fusly 1279.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Number of Stamps.	Value.	Number of Stamps.	Value.	Number of Stamps.	Value.	Number of Stamps.	Value.
		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs.
Judicial.....	34,55,234	25,78,874 0	35,52,677	1,20,01,386 7	97,443	94,22,512 7	.....	...
Non-Judicial	6,86,676	13,31,439 5	39,03,874	1,00,49,057 1	32,17,198	87,17,617 12	.....	...
Bills of Exchange and Bills of Lading	1,55,724	53,204 0	3,34,303	3,95,230 9	1,78,579	3,42,026 9	.....	...
Private documents.....	3,00,343	1,35,653 9	2,99,137	1,95,317 11	... ..	59,664 2	1,206	...
Bi-color stamps on embossed	.....	....	3,34,522	2,26,788 2	3,34,522	2,26,788 2	.....	...
Do. on embossed Bills of Exchange	129	66 0	2,192	1,540 11	2,063	1,474 11	.....	...
Total...	45,98,106	40,99,236 14	84,26,705	2,28,69,320 9	38,29,805	1,87,70,083 11	1,206	...

From the above it will be observed that 38,29,805 stamps, amounting in value to Rupees 1,87,70,083, have been stamped here in excess of the previous year's outturn.

(Signed) P. F. BELLEW,
Commissioner of Paper Currency in charge of Stamp Paper Department.

22*nd August* 1870.

No. 1573.

No. 6. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has been but a short time attached to the offices lately known as the "Mint," in his present capacity, and is not prepared to suggest that any change should be made in the gate establishment. There are many valuables easily removeable still retained within the late Mint precincts, which it is desirable to guard with care. In the present transition state, natives (supposing that less watch and ward are kept) might be tempted to commit petty peculations which is not advisable. The search nowadays, in the opinion of the undersigned, should be a stricter instead of a slacker one. The men now employed at the gate have a great responsibility imposed on them, and are picked men of the late Mint, picked out for long tried steadiness and honesty, who are not likely to connive at a robbery, and who are just the men, from old experience, to know how to make a rigid search: so their work cannot well be delegated to the first Sepoys that come, or even Police. And it is requisite to have this search repeated, for cases have occurred when the thief having passed undetected the search of one and even two experienced gollahs has been stopped by a third and made to disgorge his ill-gotten prize.

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(Signed) H. W. GRAHAM,
Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper Currency.

MADRAS,
22*nd November* 1870.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 6th December 1870.

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per mensem, with effect from the 1st ultimo.

2. It is observed that the cost of the establishment, which was dispensed with in accordance with the Orders of Government dated the 14th September 1870, No. 384, was Rupees 189.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper Currency.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE ASSAY MASTER AND COMMISSIONER OF PAPER CURRENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 6th December 1870, *No.* 487.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 5—7.

Sanctioning, as a temporary measure, an establishment for the gate of the Assay Office and Bullion Depôt, at a cost of Rupees 61 per mensem.

Rec'd 11th Nov 1870 — No 2342
" — 4th Oct 1870 — " — 1-2
" — 22 June 69 — " — 10-11
" — 5th Oct 70 — " — 24-28
" — 28th Oct 70 — " — 29-31
" — 3rd Nov 69 — " — 50-51
Paper Currency administration
Report for 1869-70.

Rec'd "Receipt Book" No 428.
in anncxd 1870 Department
From
Commissioner of Paper Currency
in charge of Stamp Paper
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

Dated 5th November 1870
Read 7th "
No 1503.

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Sir,
I have the honor to submit the particulars of the Establishments relinquished from 1st October 1870 and that required from the 1st instant on account of the Bullion Depôt, for reasons stated within.

I have &c

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12-3-70

Paper Currency Office
Madras 5th Nov 1870.

No 1503.

From
P. F. Bellew Esq.
Acting Assay Master &
Comr. of Paper Currency
in ch. of Stamp Paper Dept.

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Acting Assay Master
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in ch: of Stamp Paper Dept.

* Rev: Dept

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Administration Report of the Stamp Paper Department for Fusly 1279 or from July 1869 to June 1870.

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22nd August 1870.

Sd/ J. F. Bellew
Comr: of Paper Currency
in ch: of Stamp Paper Dept

(True Copy.)
J. F. Bellew
Acting assay master &
Comr: of Paper Currency
in ch: of Stamp Paper Dept.

Financial 1870 Dept.

Treasury Chambers 29th Nov. 1870

From

The Chief Secretary
to Govt. North Western Provinces.

Dated 5th November 1870.
Rec'd 15th

No. 1503

Gives the particulars of
establishment retained in
October 1870 and Heads, Pay
from 1st November 1870
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Ans. Nov. 29/70.

No. 1673.

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Henry W. Graham

Assay Master &
Commissioner
of Paper Currency.

Paper Currency Office
Madras.
22nd November 1870

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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Paper Currency Office
Madras, 14th Novr: 1870.

No. 1535

From,

P. H. Bellew Esq
acting Assay master &
Comr: of Paper Currency
in ch: of Stamp Paper Dept

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will allow me to withdraw my letter No. 1503 of 5th November 1870 to your address, and substitute in its place the accompanying letter also of the same number and date.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt

P. H. Bellew
Acting Assay Master
&
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in ch: of Stamp Paper Dept.

Fwd 1870 Records

From
Comy Assay & Coin
Bombay Currency
No 1573.

No 687

22. 2 Nov. 70.
23. 5 Nov. 70.

No 477

Submitting the
Petition in question
for the Records &
the Register & Book
in which entries
should be made.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Commissioner of Paper Currency
in ch. of Stamp Paper Depôt. } dy 5th & 17th November/70
Nos 1533 & 1535.

Memo from the Assay Master
& Commissioner of Paper Currency } dy 22nd November 1870 No. 1573

Order thereon No 687 dy 6 Dec/70

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1 Waterman	——	" - 5 - -
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		Rupees 61 - -

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Rev. & Gen. Dept.
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From
The Commr. of Paper Currency
in ch. of Stamp Paper Depôt.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt. Fort St. George.

Dated 17th November 1870.
Rec'd. 23rd } No. 1535.
Encl. 1
No. 4576

Request to be allowed to employ certain Gate Establishment at the late Mint premises.

Ord. 687 dy 6 Dec/70
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per measure with effect from the 1st ultimo.

2. It is observed that the cost of the establishment which was dispensed with in accordance with the Orders of Government dated the 14th September 1870 No. 384 was Rs. 189.

To
The Assay Master & Commissioner
of Paper Currency
-and- Accountant General.

Revised Rs. 503 dated 13/12

due Rs 9/12

Govt. of {18 } Madras.

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To

The Assay Master & Comr. of Paper Currency Madras

Dated 6 Dec
Recd. } 18 90, No. 489

Nos. 5-7

Sanctioning, as a temporary measure an Establishment for the Sale of the Assay Office Bullion Department at a Cost of Rs 60 per mensem.