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10th December 1873.

No. 89. Read the following letter from H. WELLESLEY, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bangalore, 8th December 1873, No. 5095—43 :—

I have the honour, by direction of the Officiating Chief Commissioner, to observe that, from the evidence recorded in a case in which the Accountant-General, Madras, has been prosecuting his subordinates, it would appear that one of the latter is charged *inter alia* with having abstracted Mysore Court Fee Stamps, which he presumably has sold or is selling.

2. No official report has been received from the Accountant-General on this point, and the first intimation received of the theft by the Officiating Chief Commissioner was through the columns of the Madras newspapers. It appears, however, that some demi-official correspondence has passed between the Accountant-General and the Mysore Deputy Accountant-General, which shows that in Mr. Lodwick's belief a considerable number of Mysore Court Fee Stamps have been surreptitiously obtained by one of his subordinates from time to time, and, besides this, that two dies have been abstracted.

3. The Officiating Chief Commissioner has lost no time in endeavouring, as far as possible, to stop the circulation of the stolen stamps by prohibiting the sale of Court Fee Stamps anywhere but at the Courts, and at the same time requiring the Court Nazirs to initial each stamp sold by him. But it is a question whether these are sufficient precautions, and whether it may not be necessary to withdraw from circulation all Court Fee Stamps of the existing form and colour, and substitute for them another description of stamps.

4. As the matter appears to be one of great importance, the Stamp Revenue of the province being in possible jeopardy, the Officiating Chief Commissioner ventures to ask that, with the permission of His Excellency in Council, the Accountant-General may be requested to furnish officially, and as soon as possible, a report on the probable extent of the fraud which has been committed, and when it first commenced.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1873, No. 1794.

The Accountant-General will report at once to the Mysore authorities on the state of the case, and keep them fully informed of its progress.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Mysore.

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To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 10th.

Read.

G.O., 10th December 1873, No. 1794.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 89-90.

Mysore Court Fee Stamps.—The Accountant-General directed to report at once to the Mysore authorities on the probable extent of the fraud which has been committed with these stamps, and to keep them fully informed of the progress of the case.

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No. 5095
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Mysore Chief Commissioners Office

From,

The Officiating Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated Bangalore the 8th Decr 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Offg Chief Commissioner to observe that from the evidence recorded in a case in which the Accountant General Madras has been prosecuting his subordinates it would appear that one of the latter is charged inter alia with having abstracted Mysore Court Fee stamps, which he presumably has sold or is selling.

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first intimation received of the theft by the Offg: Chief Commissioner was through the columns of the Madras newspapers. It appears however that some demi official correspondence has passed between the Accountant General and the Mysore Deputy Accountant General, which shews that in Mr. Lodwick's brief a considerable number of Mysore Court fee stamps have been surreptitiously obtained by one of his subordinates from time to time and, besides this, that two dies have been abstracted.

3. The Offg: Chief Commissioner has lost no time in endeavouring as far as possible to stop the circulation of the Stolen Stamps by prohibiting the sale of court fee stamps anywhere but at the courts and at the same time requiring the Court Nazirs to initial each stamp sold by him. But it is a question whether these are sufficient precautions and whether it may not be

be necessary to withdraw from circulation all Court fee stamps of the existing form and colour, and substitute for them another description of stamps.

4. As the matter appears to be one of great importance the stamp revenue of the province being in possible jeopardy, the Offg: Chief Commr. ventures to ask that with the permission of His Excellency in Council the Accountant General may be requested to furnish officially and as soon as possible a report on the probable extent of the fraud which has been committed, and when it first commenced.

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

H. Wellesley
Officiating Secretary

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From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore.

To The Chief Secy to Govt
Fort Saint George.

Dated 8th
Despatched "
Received 9 } December

Enclosures No. No 2275.

General No. 5095
No. 43.

Requests to be furnished with a report as early as possible, on the probable extent of the fraud which has been committed with the Mysore Court Fee Stamps.

10th December 1873, No. 1794

The Chief Secy: to Govt: Fort St: George

The Chief Secy. to Govt. will report whether any of the Mysore authorities on the staff of the Commissioner have been implicated in the fraud.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To
The Chief Commr Mysore.
&c

Dated 10 Decr 1873
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Regd.

G.O. 10 Decr. 1873. No. 1794.

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Nos. 89. 90.

Mysore Court Fees Stamps. The Acctt Genl. directed to report at once to the Mysore Authorities on the probable extent of the fraud which has been committed with these Stamps & to keep them fully informed of the progress of the case.