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FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter, dated the 17th May last, No. 697, I am directed to transmit copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 19th ultimo, No. 1060, affording explanation regarding the increase in the charges under Stamps in 1872-73, noticed in paragraph 2 of your Officiating Under-Secretary's letter, dated the 13th February 1873, No. 1042.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
9th July 1873.

Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1873, No. 1060.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th March 1873, No. 307, Financial Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Directing that a letter from the Government of India be communicated to the Accountant-General for report on the question of the investment of the Savings' Bank deposits, and to the Board of Revenue for report on the question of discount on purchases of stamps by licensed vendors.

REFERRING to paragraph 2 of the foregoing Order, the Board observe that the figure (£21,820) for 1872-73, quoted by the Government of India, includes the estimated expenditure for the last two months of the year, and differs from the actual expenditure of that year, which amounted to only £20,641.

2. In the subjoined statement the charges for 1871-72 and 1872-73 are shown in detail, the cost of superintendence being distinguished from the charges for discount and commission:—

Items.	1871-72.	1872-73.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
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Charges for the sale of General Stamps ...	5,578	7,891	2,313	...
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Total...	15,795	20,641	4,872	26
Net Increase...	...	...	4,846	...

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Sales of Stamps.	£
1871-72	3,85,843
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Increase...	29,406

4. The higher rates of discount, which were in force during the greater portion of 1872-73, have been since reduced, and the supply of Court Fees labels to licensed vendors has been prohibited in all places where there are ex-officio vendors, and the Board have every reason to believe that the charges in 1873-74 will be sufficiently moderate.

5. The several rates of discount in force during the greater portion of 1872-73 and those now in existence are shown below :—

1872-73.	*Present Rates.*
Six-and-a-quarter per cent. for stamps of all kinds of the individual value of Rupees 5 and under where the purchase amounts to not less than Rupees 5.	Six-and-a-quarter per cent. for one Anna stamps where the purchase amounts to not less than Rupees 5. Five per cent. for other than one Anna stamps, but of the individual value of Rupees 5 and under, and where the purchase is not less than Rupees 5.
	One per cent. on Court Fees labels.
For stamps of the individual value of above Rupees 5 but not exceeding Rupees 50.	For stamps of the individual value of above Rupees 5 but not above Rs. 50,
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6. The Board are of opinion that the present rates are fair, and they are not, therefore, disposed to recommend any reduction without further experience. They have, with reference to G. O., dated 30th August 1872, No. 1266, called for, and are receiving quarterly returns of discount allowed to vendors. They will watch the discount earned in each case, and when it is found to be excessive, they will, of course, take measures, in accordance with Rule 5B of the Subsidiary Rules, for reducing the charge to the State.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. Sr. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1873.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 9th July 1873.

Read.

No. 250.

Enclosure.

Communicating Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, affording explanation regarding the increase in the charges under Stamps in 1872-73 noticed by the Government of India.

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(A true Extract.)

H. Goodwin
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial Department
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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 19TH JUNE 1873, No. 1,060.

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Stamps.—Explanation submitted to Government with reference to increase of charges under—, in 1872-73.

Financial Department.

No. 980

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Acting Secretary to Government.

Financial Department
9 July 1873.

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No. 950

To

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Government of

Department.

Dated 7 July 1873.

~~Forty~~. Covering Report of the
Officer effecting Exchange
of Land regarding the Encroachment
in the Village under Sketch
No. 1872-73 attached to the
Settlement Case.