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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 908.	Press / Mis.
243-244.	
Dated 28-5-1874.	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th May 1874.

No. 243. Read the following letter from Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 26th May 1874, No. 291-630:—

Referring to the Proceedings of Government, Nos. 779 and 860, dated, respectively, the 5th and 19th May 1874, I would beg to point out that the present stock of half-anna embossed envelopes are in many Post Offices entirely exhausted, as well as the supply in the cutcherries. The number telegraphed for, I believe, will not last two months, as stocks are now extremely low and before the 576 reams can be received will, I fear, be nearly entirely exhausted.

2. It will be seen that the Superintendent estimates the consumption at 200 reams monthly.

3. The demand for these envelopes is now universal, the number of offices is increasing fast, and the returns for last year, which have just came to hand, show considerably greater increase in correspondence than I had anticipated. I would, therefore, suggest that a further supply of 400 reams may be telegraphed for, in order to have a sufficient quantity to go on with; this, together with the 576 already telegraphed for would not be more than sufficient to meet what I anticipate will be the wants of this Presidency for four months, that is, till the regular supply indented for may be expected to arrive.

4. In conclusion, I would beg to remind that, since these envelopes have been sold for the value of the stamp, there has never been a supply at all equal to the demand, and as soon as they have been offered for sale they have been eagerly bought up, so that it has not yet been possible to form any correct estimate of the average consumption. I need hardly point out that their general introduction is of the utmost importance, and is greatly desired by the Post Office, as they prevent the use a second time of partly obliterated stamps or the removal from the envelope of the ordinary stamp before being obliterated; besides, the envelope itself is a great protection against abstractions, it not being transparent as many of the cheaper kind are.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1874, No. 908.

Resolved that, under the circumstances represented by the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of State for India be requested by telegram to send overland a further supply of 400 reams of half-anna postage envelopes.

2. The Superintendent of Stamps will send in an indent in the usual form for these stamps, for transmission to the Secretary of State.

3. The following telegram will be despatched:—

"Please send overland 400 reams half-anna postage envelopes. Indent will follow."

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General, Madras.
,, Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Post Master Generals Office
Ootacamund, 26th May 1874

No. 291/680

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Madras, &c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 28th.

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G.O., 28th May 1874, No. 908.

MAY.
Nos. 243-244.

Postage Envelopes.—The Secretary of State requested by telegram to send overland a further supply of 400 reams of half-anna postage envelopes, and the Superintendent of Stamps instructed to forward an indent for these Stamps for transmission to England.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

J. H. Bourke

Deputy Post General

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon dy dated 28th May 1874 No. 908.

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To

The Post Master General,

Madras. Copies
and dupt. 23

— Supt of Stamps. dupt 1/6

Telegram dupt 28/5.

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To
The Postmaster General
Madras.

Dated May 28. } 1874, No. 908.
Recd.

Nos. 243. 244.

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