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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 44. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th February 1858, No. 12.

SIR,

I am directed by the Judges of the Sudr Udalut to request that, in order to facilitate the remittance of small sums due as batta for serving Processes in other Zillahs, the Director General of Post Offices in India may be furnished with copies of the correspondence named in the margin, and be solicited to authorize the sale to Judicial Officers, of Postage Labels for any sum not less than one Rupee, with a discount of half an Anna on every Rupee; such discount being now given only where Labels are purchased to the value of Rupees 5, to which amount they are seldom required by Judicial Officers.

Register's Letter to Government dated	17th November	1856.
Extract Minutes Consultation	,, 21st January	1857.
Accountant General's Circular	,, 7th February	,,
Extract Proceedings Sadr Udalut	,, 9th December	,,

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From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq.. Accountant General; to all Collectors and Commissioner in Kurnool, excepting the Collectors of Land Customs and Sea Customs at Madras, dated Fort St. George, 7th February 1857, No. 2244.

General Department.

SIR,

It appears to be a practice with some Judicial Officers in the interior to remit, by means of Postage Labels, small sums* to other Zillahs for the batta due to Peons employed in serving Processes of Court, under the provisions of Act No. VII of 1841; but the Labels are found to accumulate inconveniently.

* Say not exceeding 5 Rupees.

2. The Government being of opinion that the practice ought to become general, and the inconvenience to be removed, I have the honor to request that you will arrange to receive, from Judicial Officers, Postage Labels which may have thus accumulated in their hands, and cash them at the nearest Hoozoor or Talook Treasury.

3. The Labels thus received are to be re-issued to parties willing to purchase them. Such of the Labels, received into a Talook Treasury, as may remain unsold on the 25th of each month, are to be forwarded to the Hoozoor, in part of the Revenue remittance for that month. The Labels received into the Hoozoor Treasury, which may remain undisposed of at the end of the month, as well as those which may be brought up from the Talooks are to be exhibited in a foot* note to the Cash Balance Report, as so much Label paper on hand.

* As Bank paper is exhibited.

4. The Postage Labels delivered by the Judicial Officers, will be accompanied by the proportional discount allowed in the purchase of Labels, *i. e.* one half Anna in every Rupee worth; thus, 4 Rupees, 2 Annas of Labels will be delivered into your Treasury for 4 Rupees in cash. The object of this remittance, of the amount of discount, is to make it worth the while of the Vendor of Labels, or of any party desiring Labels, to take the Labels in question, and thus save your office, if possible, being troubled with them at all.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. BREEKS,
2nd Assistant Accountant General.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudder Udalut, under date the 9th December 1857.

1. It has been brought to the notice of the Sudr Udalut that inconvenience is experienced in realizing the amount of batta remitted by Postage Stamps, in consequence of Judicial Officers omitting, where the sum to be remitted includes the fraction of a Rupee, to add an extra half Anna Stamp for such fraction.

2. The Court accordingly resolve to direct that in remitting fractions of a Rupee, by means of Postage Stamps, one half Anna Stamp in excess of the nominal value be sent, whenever the fraction exceeds half a Rupee. Under this arrangement it will (probably) be found that when Stamps have so accumulated, as to render it worth while to send them for conversion into cash, there will be a surplus sufficient to pay the discount.

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3. A Judicial Officer should only purchase Stamps in Rupees' worths, thereby obtaining the ½ Anna Stamp profit for each Rupee, and only turn them to cash in the same way, *i. e.* 33 half Anna Stamps for a Rupee. The few Annas that would be required for this should be taken from the cash in hand and be represented in the cash box by Stamps instead of a like amount in coppers. Thus a Judge A. having to remit seven Annas, would buy, one Rupee's worth of Stamps, or 33; he would only send 14, keeping 19 in hand for the next occasion. The Judge B. receiving them would give seven Annas cash from his cash chest for the 14, keep them in deposit till his Stamps reached 33, and then cash; the very petty loss to B, would be compensated by the gain to A, and at the end of the year, if, at any particular Court, there was deficiency or gain of 2 or 3 Stamps, it might be carried to the account of the batta fund.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

(True Copies.)

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Acting Register.

No. 45. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 6th March 1858, No. 305.

SIR,

1. The practice of remitting Postage Labels, instead of Bills, in payment of batta due to Peons serving Judicial Processes in Zillahs other than their own, has been recently generally introduced into this Presidency. The Labels are sold to the Label Vendors if willing to take them for resale, or if otherwise are cashed at the nearest Hoozoor or Talook Treasury, added to the stock in hand and retailed with the rest. If any remain unsold at the Talook Treasuries they are sent to the Hoozoor on the 25th of each month with, and as part of, the Revenue collections. In making these remittances, Judicial Officers include the discount of ½ Anna on every Rupee allowed them on purchasing Stamps to the value of not less than 5 Rupees, the object of this being to make it worth the while of the Vendors of Labels or of any party desiring Labels to take such Labels, and thus save the Officers in charge of Talook or Hoozoor Treasuries from being troubled with them at all.

2. But as the Judicial Officers who make these remittances seldom require to buy Stamps to the value of 5 Rupees, under which sum no discount is given them, the Court of Sudder Udalut in a letter 16th February 1858, copy of which is appended, recommend that they be allowed the same rate of discount, *i. e.* half Anna on each Rupee for purchases of not less than one Rupee's value, instead of 5. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to bring this suggestion under the consideration of the Government of India, and to request that it may be acceded to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Judicial Department

No. 305.

To
The Secretary to the Government
of India

Sir,

1. The practice of permitting Postage Labels, instead of Bills, in payment of Batta due to Peons serving Judicial Processes in Zillahs other than ~~those of the Courts from which they issue~~, has been recently generally introduced into this Presidency. The Labels are sold to the Label Vendors if willing to take them for sale, or if otherwise are cashed at the nearest Hoozoor or Talook Treasury, added to the stock in hand and retailed with the rest. If any remain unsold at the Talook Treasuries they are sent to the Hoozoor on the 25th of each month with, and as part of, the Revenue Collections. In making these remittances Judicial Officers

officers include the discount of 1/2 Anna on every rupee allowed them on purchasing stamps to the values of not less than 5 Rupees, the object of this being to make it worth the while of the Vendors of Labels or of any party desiring labels to take such labels, and thus save the officers in charge of Talook or Hoozoor Treasuries from being troubled with them at all.

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Fort St George
6 March 1858.

Copy to the Judges of the S. A. Adalut

Despatch

H. M. Maxwell

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