

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th June 1858.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 7th May 1858, No. 742.

SIR,

Home Dept. Judicial. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 305, dated the 6th March last, intimating that the practice of remitting Postage Labels instead of Bills in payment of batta to Peons serving Judicial Processes in Zillahs other than their own, has been recently introduced into the Madras Presidency, and recommending that Judicial Officers be allowed the discount of  $\frac{1}{2}$  an Anna on the Rupee upon purchases of Labels to the value of one 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.

2. In reply, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 3187, dated the 10th Ultimo, from the Director General of the Post Office on the subject, and to state that the advantages of the system of using Labels instead of drafts are not apparent to the Government of India, but that whatever they may be, it appears unadvisable to disarrange the system adopted by the Post Office Department, for the sake of which Department alone, Postage Stamps were contrived. It seems moreover hardly fair to give others any advantage over the regular Stamp Vendor.

From W. GREY, Esquire, Officiating Director General of the Post Office in India: to C. BEADON, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, No. 3187, dated Calcutta, 10th April 1858.

SIR,

Having considered the subject of the reference from the Madras Government forwarded to Herewith returned. me for report, with your docket\* of the 30th Ultimo, I beg to state, that I do not quite understand in what the difficulty consists of Judicial Officers buying Stamps to the value of (5) five Rupees. The amount is not a very large one, and if the Government considers it an object that the payments referred to in Mr. Pycroft's letter should be made by means of postage labels, I cannot see why every Officer, who is in a position requiring him to make such payments, should not begin by laying in a stock of Stamps to the value of (5) five Rupees, exhibiting them in account in the manner indicated for the guidance of Collectors in the 3rd paragraph of the Accountant General's letter, which forms one of the accompaniments of the reference from the Madras Government, or in any other manner that may be deemed suitable. As at present informed, I am inclined to think, that such a plan would be better than creating a special exception to the rule which authorizes a discount, only to purchasers of Stamps of the value of (5) five Rupees and upwards.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,  
*Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 757; dated 9th June 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Court of Sudder Udalut in reference to their Acting Register's letter of 16th February last, No. 12.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Should be communicated to the  
Board of Indian Agents in reference  
to their Acting Registers letter of 16<sup>th</sup>  
February last No 12.

W. H.  
Fort St George, N.  
9 June, 1858.

Copy to Indian Agent, Dispt. of

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over the regular stamp Vendor  
FORT WILLIAM,  
The 7th May 1858.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
*W. H. D. Napier*  
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.