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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th March 1861.

No. 292. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department,) to Messrs. JARDINE SKINNER & Co., dated Fort William, the 2nd March 1861, No. 413 :—

GENTLEMEN,

1. With reference to your letters dated the 29th of November, and the 1st of December last, I am directed to inform you that it is the intention of Government to introduce with as little delay as possible a bill to amend the present Stamp Law, Act XXXVI of 1860, and that the points adverted to in your communications will be carefully and attentively considered.

2. With regard to these points as they are affected by the present law, I am desired to observe as follows : 1st, with regard to Policies of Marine Assurance, it is not necessary, so far as the Government is concerned, that the duplicate and triplicate of a Policy of Insurance, viewing them as copies of the original, should be stamped, but as the law stands it is requisite that the original Policy should bear the stamp of full value, and that the duplicate and triplicate if stamped at all should bear the same.

2ndly. With regard to letters of cover, I am directed to state that if the clause proposed in your letter is inserted, so as to make the letter null and void if a Policy is not taken out before the Vessel sails, the Government will not desire to enforce payment of stamp duty on the letters of cover, but it will be for the parties concerned to consider whether risk of loss may not be incurred by omitting to stamp documents which the law requires to be stamped.

3rdly. With respect to the use of adhesive stamps I am to explain, that as the law at present stands the use of adhesive stamps can only be permitted upon those documents in regard to which the use of such stamps is expressly authorized by the law. The extended use of adhesive stamps has been urged upon the Government from other quarters, and the question will be fully considered on the amendment of the Stamp Act.

No. 440.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information.

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(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1861, No. 613.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 413

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Your most obedient servant,

W. Grey

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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W. Grey

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From,
The Secy to the Govt
of India,

Dated 2d March
Recd 12th 1861—
No 413—

Furnish Copy of a letter to Messrs Jardine Skinner & Co on certain points bearing on the present Stamp Laws.

From the Bd Revr 8/12 June/61
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No 292 & 293.

No. 613. 15th March
With an order

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Fort St George, 15th March 1861.

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