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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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12th January 1861.

From H. B. RIDDELL, Esq., Director General of the Post Office of India, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department), dated Camp Allyghur, 15th November 1860, No. 1,618.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2,138, dated 3rd instant, and in reply to state that there is no doubt that for the prepayment of Newspaper postage, specially Stamped Wrappers or bands would have some advantage over Stamps impressed on the paper upon which the Newspaper is printed. Stamped Wrappers could be sent to every station at which any Newspaper is printed, whereas there might be some difficulty in making arrangements for the despatch of large quantities of paper to the Stamp Office. On the other hand I apprehend that the Stamp impressed on Newspapers would be considerably cheaper than one embossed on bands or wrappers, another objection to the use of Stamped Wrappers appeared to be their liability to be stolen but I see now that if each Newspaper was permitted to have specially Stamped Wrappers the risk of keeping a large supply would be entirely obviated.

2. On the whole I am inclined to recommend that it may be left to the option of Newspaper Proprietors to decide whether they will have their papers Stamped or will purchase Stamped Wrappers.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. U. BROWNE,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1861, No. 88.

Ordered that this letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Proprietors of the several Newspapers in this Presidency with a request that they will submit their opinions, on the subject treated of.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 173. Read the following letter from Lord H. ULICK BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Deprtment), to the Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 27th November 1860, No. 2,681 :—

SIR,

I am directed by the President in Council to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin,* on the subject of a special stamp being used for Newspapers intended for transmission by Post, and to request that under the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council the sense of the Proprietors of Newspapers in the Madras Presidency may be ascertained as to whether they would prefer to have their paper stamped or to use stamped Wrappers.

* *Letter from Director General of the Post Office of India, No.* 1,456, *dated 22nd October* 1860.
Reply to the above dated 3rd November.
Letter from the Director General, No. 1,618, *dated 15th idem.*

From H. B. RIDDELL, Esq., Director General of the Post Office of India, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Simla, 22nd October 1860, No. 1,456.

SIR,

1. At the request of the Managing Proprietor of the Englishman, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government that it would be to the advantage both of Newspaper Proprietors and the Post Office if arrangements were made to admit of a special stamp being impressed, on Newspapers intended for transmission by Post.

2. The Proprietors of Newspapers would gain by the removal of all risk of loss by the theft of adhesive stamp labels and the Post Office would be saved the trouble of obliteration. A very simple stamp with the name of the newspaper such as that impressed on a portion of the *London Times* would answer every purpose. The stamp might be printed with a common small printing press, no gum would be required and the paper would be supplied by the Proprietors of the press.

3. The special stamp would be recognised only at the Post Office of the place where the Newspaper might be issued. If a stamped Newspaper were required at another station it would be necessary for the sender to pay the postage by means of an adhesive stamp.

4. If Government see no objection to the plan I would suggest that the officers in charge of the Stamp Offices of the several Presidencies be instructed to make the necessary arrangements before the 1st January 1861.

5. A letter on this subject was written by me some time ago but by an accident mislaid.

From W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Post Office), to H. B. RIDDELL, Esq., Director General of the Post Office of India, dated Fort William, 27th November 1860, No. 2,138.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1,456, dated the 22nd of October, I am directed to inform you that the Governor General in Council approves of the general object of the proposal which it contains, but he is inclined to think that specially Stamped Wrappers for Newspapers—the Stamp to be obliterated by the Post Office—will be preferable to the plan of a special Stamp impressed on the Newspapers themselves. It is apprehended indeed that considerable practical difficulty would be found in giving effect to the latter plan, and I am desired therefore to request that you will be good enough to consider and report your opinion upon the other method above mentioned.

No. 1456.

FROM

H. B. RIDDELL, ESQUIRE,
Dir. Genl. of the Post Office of India,

TO

W. GREY, ESQUIRE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Dated Simla, the 22nd October 1860.

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I have &c,
(Signed) H. B. RIDDELL,
Dir. Genl. of the Post Office of India.

No. 2138.

FROM

W. GREY, ESQUIRE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

H. B. RIDDELL, ESQUIRE,
Dir. Genl. of the Post Office of India,

SIR,

Dated Fort William, the 27th November, 1860.

HOME DEPT. Post Office. IN reply to your letter No. 1456, dated the 22nd of October, I am directed to inform you that the Governor General in Council approves of the general object of the proposal which it contains, but he is inclined to think that specially Stamped Wrappers for Newspapers—the Stamp to be oblitrated by the Post Office—will be preferable to the plan of a special Stamp impressed on the Newspapers themselves. It is apprehended indeed that considerable practical difficulty would be found in giving effect to the latter plan, and I am desired therefore to request that you will be good enough to consider and report your opinion upon the other method above mentioned.

I have &c.,
(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 2681.

FROM

LORD H. ULICK BROWNE,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

The Secretary to Govt of Fort St. George

SIR,

Dated Fort William, the 27th November 1860.

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* Letter from Director General of the Post Office of India, No. 1456, dated 22nd October 1860.
Reply to the above dated 3rd November.
Letter from the Director General, No. 1618, dated 15th idem.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Proprietors of Madras Times
of 24th Jany/61 No 212.
From Messrs Pharaoh & Co No 238/61
From Proprietor of Rising Sun
No 405/61.

Copy to the Editor of the Madras Times, Madras Examiner, Madras Crescent, Rising Sun, St Thome Chronicle, Madras Advertiser, Athenaeum, Indian Statesman, & Carnatic Telegraph

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From the Under Secy to
the Govt. of India -

Dated 27 November 1860

Recd 10 December

3 Enclo. Forward correspondence on the subject of a special stamp being used for newspapers intended for transmission by Post, and request the Govt. to ascertain whether newspaper Proprietors in this Presidency would prefer to have their paper stamped or to use stamped wrappers.

From Govt. of India 1st December/60
No 2975.

With an order
No 88. 12 January.

No 88

Ordered that this letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Proprietors of the several newspapers in this Presidency with a request that they will submit their opinions on the subject treated of.

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