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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th March 1862.

No. 450. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1862, No. 1,622:—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 6th March 1862, No. 969.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward in original a letter from Mr. Luxa, the Manager of the Stamp Office, regarding the increase of pay recommended by me in the beginning of 1861, and which was approved of by the Board and also by Government.

2. It is not necessary that I should describe in detail the large increase in the work and responsibility caused by the passing of the new Stamp Act. The additional work has been performed by Mr. Luxa now for a year and a half without any extra pay, and I beg strongly to recommend that the increase of Rupees 50 proposed should be allowed to him in arrears, it has been provided for in the Supplemental Budget for 1861-62.

In Cons 25th July 1861, No. 4,620.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 24th July 1861, No. 1,477, Revenue Department.

2. The Board fully recognize Mr. Luxa's claim to the addition to his salary which was proposed for him, and beg to recommend that retrospective effect be given to the sanction of the Supreme Government whenever received, to commence with the earliest date subsequent to the passing of the Stamp Act to which the sanction can be made to apply.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 451. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1862, No. 677.

Government will await the orders of the Supreme Government on the propositions now before them.

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

To
The Solicitor Esqre
Superintendent of Stamps
Sir,

With the greatest respect I beg to submit this address for your kind support and recommendation.

2. The system of work in this Stamp Office has been very materially affected by the introduction of the New Stamps Laws. It is needless for me to enter into details to show the additional duties which have to be performed, and the very great responsibility which has devolved on me as manager of the Offices. I will for the present confine myself to such particulars as require to be noticed to bear me out in the reasonableness of this appeal.

3 The new Stamps Laws came into operation on the 1st October 1860, and some time prior to that date, it became necessary for this Office to arrange for the preparation and issue to the Treasury Officers of various kinds of Stamps, required to be used under the Act. The small Establishment of the Office was found inadequate to carry out the work

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and the only expedient left me was by attending before and after the regular office hours. I may here remark that the work does not merely consist in the stamping of the Paper, but in their safe custody and distribution considering the different values, ranging from ½ Anna to Rupees 2000—, that have to be accounted for, a work calling for great care and strict supervision involving great responsibility

4 Under the old stamp Law, the aggregate issue of stamps annually was 3 Lacs of Rolls of only 16 different values and the net Revenue from 7 to 8,00,000 of Rupees. During Jan.y 1870, the number of Stamps issued was 23 Lacs of Rolls of 37 different Judicial & Judicial stamps and values as per Margin and the amount collected was 18,00,000 of Rupees. thus shewing an increase in the Revenue — The demand for stamps still continues in as much as nearly 3 Lacs of Rolls are being issued monthly and sometimes 4 Lacs. The stamps issued from this Office formerly comprised only of Judicial stamps and to a small extent, but in addition to Judicial and general stamps, the monthly issues of which now exceed the annual issues before, there are adhesive stamps and

	Paper	
		12,12,000—
Cadjans		30,000—
Bills of Exchange		3,09,000
Bills of Lading		30,000—
		22,81,000

and stamps for Hundis, Bills of Exchange and Bills of Lading. The aggregate value of stamps in use on the 1st January amounted to Rs. 1,49,000—

5 The number of Private documents presented for stamping from parties at the Residency during the year 1870 was 205,931 and the amount paid into the Local Treasury on that account was Rupees 82,918—12 0 besides unstamped deeds received here and from the Districts to be stamped on payment of penalty and stamp duty. Great attention and care are required in the disposal of these papers, more especially those given in here by the Public at the Residency to be stamped and the spoilt stamps for renewal, they are sometimes so numerous that the labor necessary to check it is of no ordinary character, in the first case the correct amount of duty paid, in the number of papers given in and that each paper before delivery is impressed with the proper value, and with respect to spoilt stamps for renewal before issuing fresh ones in lieu to examine the value of each stamp that the paper is not signed or executed as laid down in the Circular of the Calcutta Board of Revenue dated the 7th December 1861 No 1015—

6 I may also here mention that in addition to the increase of work in the Stamp Office × Value of stamps there is the Postal Department — The Postal in use on 1st July stamps were introduced in 1854 and they were 1862 Rs. 27,000—0

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only of 5 values as per margin. Sometime after ½ and 1 Anna Envelopes and ½ Anna Label Papers and stamps of 8 Pie were received. Telegraph stamps have also been sent. ½ Anna / 1 Anna / 2 Annas / 1 do / 8 — do

The Office is charged with the custody and distribution to the Districts and also for the corrections of the Returns furnished by the Treasury Officers for the sale and stock in their hands. Receive no remuneration whatever for this portion of the work, which is one of a very responsible nature, though the Director to whom reference was made in the subject by the Government was of opinion and recommended that an allowance of Rupees 50 should be given to the Manager of the Stamp Office as will be seen from the enclosed Extract

Upon your own personal knowledge of the Department and of the increased work that has of late devolved on the Office, you were pleased to recommend an increase of Rupees 50 to my salary in the revised Establishment on account of the Stamp Office. The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings dated 21st May 1861 No 2658 have recommended the proposed increase for the sanction of Government. It is now more than a year that the act has been enforced and I have been content

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to go through all the extra work imposed without any remuneration, fully relying on the disposition ever evinced by Government of appreciating the zeal and labor of Public servants and of adequately remunerating them for the duties performed.

8 Under the circumstances above explained, and considering the very large amount of Revenue collected as compared to the Revenue of former years, I venture to submit this appeal and respectfully beg that you will kindly be pleased to take my services into consideration and to recommend the proposed increase to my salary being granted from the date that the Act came in to operation.

I have
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
M. C. D'Lloyd
25th Feby 1862

Extract

Extract from a letter from the Director General of the Post Office in India to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras under date the 5th February 1866 No 243 A.

5. No additional responsibility is imposed on the Manager and Treasurer (who presumes has sole custody of the stamps in Store) some increase to the allowance of each of these Officers should I think be granted, but I see no necessity for an increase to the allowances of any other persons of the Establishment. I am not aware of the duties of a Comptroller and cannot offer any observation regarding them.

6. The detail in the Margin* shews the cost of the Establishment which in my opinion will be sufficient to provide for the performance of the duties connected with Postage stamps at Madras and to remunerate the Treasurer and Manager for the additional responsibility thereon in them—

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Manager	60
Treasurer	40
1 Writer	40
1 Packer at the usual rate	10
Total	140

Revenue Department.

No 1622

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 11th March 1862.

Read the following

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From W. Balmain Esq
Superintendent of Stamps.

To W. Braddon Esq
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward in original a letter from Mr Dixon the Manager of the Stamp Office regarding the increase of pay recommended by me in the beginning of 1861, and which was approved of by the Board and also by Government.

2. It is not necessary that I should describe in detail the large increase in the work and responsibility caused by the passing of the new Stamp Act. The additional work has been performed by Mr Dixon now for a year and a half without any extra pay, and I beg strongly to recommend that the increase of Rupees 30---- proposed should be allowed to him six arrears, it has been provided for in the supplemental budget for 1861-62.

Fort St George
General Stamp Office
6th March 1862.

I have &c
(signed) W. Balmain
Superintendent of Stamps

Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings dated 24th July 1861 No 1677 Mem.

In Cons 28th July 1861 No 4630

2. The Board fully recognize Mr Dixon's claim to the addition to his salary which was proposed for him and beg to recommend that retrospective effect be given to the sanction of the Supreme Government whenever

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Enclosure to No 989
dated 6th March 1862

(signed) W. Balmain
Superintendent of Stamps

whenever required to commence with the earliest date subsequent to the passing of the Stamp Act to which the sanction can be made to apply.

I have the Hon'ble Colonel

Secretary.

To
J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Capt. W. Balchistan.

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Submitting with recommendation a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps forwarding an application from the Manager of the Stamp Office requesting that the person's increase to his salary may be allowed.

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Government will await the orders of the Supreme Government on the propositions now before them. —

Fort St. George
27th March 1862.

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