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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st May 1862.

No. 6. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1862, No. 2,314 :—

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Kristnapatam, 28th March 1862, No. 66.

SIR,

1. With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th ultimo, No. 909, calling for early and full report in respect to the alleged deficient supply of Stamps with the Gudur Stamp Vendor, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury furnishing the required explanation.

2. From the Deputy Collector's report the Board will observe that the alleged short supply was owing chiefly to the official signature being required to all Stamp papers prior to their issue to the Vendors by the old rules, and the extraordinary demand for Stamps towards the end of December at all the stations in the District in consequence of the then impending introduction of the Act for the limitation of Suits from the beginning of the current year. Under these circumstances, the Board will, I trust, be pleased to consider that there were grounds for the supply of the Gudur Stamp Vendor being unequal to the local demand for Stamps.

From T. CORNELIUS PILLAY, Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated 15th March 1862, No. 124.

SIR,

1. In reply to your Memorandum, No. —, forwarding the endorsement (returned) order of the Board of Revenue for early and full report regarding the letter from the Registrar of the Sudder Court about the inconvenience experienced owing to the Stamp Vendor of Gudur not having been furnished with a sufficient supply of stamps in December, and that inconvenience of a similar character had been experienced in the months of July and October last, I have the honor to annex a Statement showing the dates of receipt of Indents from the Gudur Vendor, the date when the supply was made, and the quantity supplied in the aforesaid months.

2. I beg to add that till the 3rd January 1862, the official signature was required to be endorsed on all the stamp papers issued to the Vendors under the old Regulations, and although this in a measure prevented the immediate issue of stamps to the Vendors, every possible effort was made to meet with promptitude the pressing demand from the twenty-two stations in the District. The supply indented for, as soon as received by the Vendor, was then and there sold entire to one or two purchasers, while the others had to wait till the receipt of a fresh supply from the Hoozoor. The demand for stamps gradually became very pressing, and in December people from the distant parts of the District finding the Vendors unable to meet the demand, came into Nellore for stamps, and the sales by the Zillah Court Vendor in Nellore for December alone is very great, and exceed by far the sales in any of the previous months. Besides the work of signing the stamps had to be numbered, and for this purpose others besides those on the establishment had to work. The supplying the twenty-two Vendors' stations with reference to the increase in the demand was a task of no ordinary difficulty, and the work of signing the stamps occupied most part of my time during the day in consequence of which I brought to your notice the increased demand for stamps, and requested to be relieved from signing as it was in a great measure an obstacle to the *immediate* issue of stamps to Vendors on receipt of their Indents.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

Statement showing the dates on which Indents for Stamps were received, supply made, and the quantity supplied to the Stamp Vendor of Gudur, during the months of July, October and December 1861 :—

For what month.	Date of receipt of Indent.	Date when supplied.	Number of Stamp papers supplied.	Remarks.
July.....	2nd July 1861.	*22nd July 1861.	277	* The delay in furnishing the Vendor with stamps in this instance is owing to 4 Anna Stamps not having been received from the Superintendent of Stamps till the 15th, from which date supplies to the several Vendors for Indents received till then were commenced to be issued.
	30th do.	2nd August.	266	
October.	8th October 1861.	11th October 1861.	228	
	14th do.	16th do.	64	
	19th do.	21st do.	205	
	29th do.	1st November.	408	
December.....	23th November.	3rd December.	370	
	10th December	14th and 16th do.	504	
	20th do.	.....	.....	The Vendor indented for 432 Rupees worth of Stamps, and the balance with him till the date of Indent is Rupees 374-12-0 ; total Rupees 806-12-0. The security of the Vendor is only Rupees 400. The value of Stamps with him being equal to twice the amount of his security ; the Indent was returned for revision.
	30th do.	4th and 7th January 1862.	285	

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

In Cons. 8th February 1862, No. 706.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 7th February 1862, No. 1,862.

2. The Collector explains that the alleged deficiency in the supply of Stamps with the Gudur Stamp Vendor was owing chiefly to the Treasury Deputy Collector's signature being required to all Stamp papers prior to issue by the old rules, and to the extraordinary demand for Stamps in the month of December in consequence of the introduction of the Act for the limitation of Suits from the beginning of the current year.

3. The attention of the Acting Superintendent of Stamps is drawn to the remark in the Statement attached to the Deputy Collector's letter regarding the delay in furnishing him with a supply of 4 Anna Stamps.

3. If the demand for Stamps on the Gudur Vendor continues to increase, the Collector should consider whether it will not be advisable to increase the amount of security taken from him, so as to allow of his retaining a larger stock on hand.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st May 1862.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 935.

1. The Governor in Council does not consider this explanation satisfactory. The increased demand for Stamps might easily have been anticipated, and arrangements should have been made beforehand to meet it.

2. The Board will call for a return showing the number of Vendors in each District, their average sales and stock, and will adopt measures to ensure an ample supply of Stamps being always available to the public.

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

Pro. 7th Feb.y/62 No 131/138

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Pro: of Govt For 9th May
No 939.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 8th April 1862
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No 2314

Submitting for
information letter from the
Coll.r of Nellore explaining
the cause of the alleged
deficiency in the supply of
Stamps with the Gentoo
Stamp Vendor, with the
Board's remarks thereon.

No. 935 — 1st May
With an Order

No 6 & 7.

24 April 1862

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1st May/62

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