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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

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3. This additional accommodation, however, has proved insufficient, and at this moment both store-rooms are fully crammed with cases and several are outside, while about 200 more cases are expected in the course of this and the next month, which I cannot see my way to secure under lock and key except by enlarging the present store-rooms, and I understand that this overcrowding has been going on for many years past, and the fact brought to the notice of the Board before this by Mr. Melville, who, in his report to them on the result of stock-taking, dated 10th May 1882, No. 186, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1882, No. 2074, states, "***** In the same way the godown in which unopened cases of stamps are kept is so crowded with packing cases that it would be a physical impossibility for any but a slender man to conduct the examination." No action, however, was taken except the Superintendent's report furnished in reply to the Proceedings above referred to contained in their Proceedings, Mis. No. 7607, dated 2nd October 1882.

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prepare estimates. The plan of extension most feasible, as it seems to me, would be to connect the two large rooms on the southern side of the main building of the Stamp Office—one of which is the second store-room above referred to—with the old store-room, and so convert the three into one large store. This measure, I submit, is most imperative. Sealed cases should clearly be under lock and key till opened. When opened as required for use, their contents—all sealed packets—are at once put in the strong-room.

5. There is another grave objection to the present state of things. The store-rooms are literally crammed—piled to the ceilings—so that when more cases are received they cannot be properly arranged—in view to the cases of any denomination, received longest ago being issued before subsequent consignments. The opposite course has had to be adopted, and the top cases issued and the bottom ones allowed to remain—for how long I cannot say—untouched, and the latter may therefore be possibly found damaged.

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(By Order.)

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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H. S. THOMAS, Esq., F.L.S., F.Z.S.

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Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 20th September 1887, Mis. No. 5631.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

30TH NOVEMBER 1887, No. 3263 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

Order—dated 23rd November 1887, No. 7168, Revenue.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, who will arrange for the Stamp Office building being inspected at an early date, and the requisite additional accommodation estimated for.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1887 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 30th.

Recd.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Superintendent of Stamps.

Ed. J. Henriquez

Order

Order thereon 20 September 1887. No. 6631.

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(Signed) J. H. Price

Secy. to Government

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1887.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August 18th.

Proceedings, 11th August 1887, No. 446.

Submitting to Government, for orders, letter from the Superintendent of Stamps urging the immediate necessity for extending the store-room of his office.

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GENERAL STAMP OFFICE,

Madras, 25 October 1887.

From

R. W. Barlow Esquire ³²⁶³ b.s.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STAMPS,

MADRAS.

To

M. Hammick Esquire

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Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
W. Barton
Superintendent of stamps.



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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),

Dated 17th November 1887.

No. 4594 Mis.

H. S. Thomas Esquire H. L. S., H. L. S.

READ

Letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras,
dated 25th October 1887, No. 1424.

Resolution, 8/11/87

Submitted to Government with
reference to G. O. 20th September 1887, No. 5658
(True Extract)

Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R. S. with letter
in original to be returned.

Copy to the Superintendent of Stamps.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Public Works Department.

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Communicated to
the Supply Engineer of Circles
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Stamp office building,
Madras.

The S.R. V. Quile,
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