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5TH AUGUST 1889, No. 666, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Resolution of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce (Separate Revenue, &c.—Stamps), dated Simla, the 11th July 1889, No. 3528 :—

Read—again—

Resolution No. 1596, dated the 28th June 1886.
Resolution No. 3809, dated the 28th October 1886.
Resolution No. 1370, dated the 15th March 1887.
Letter from the Comptroller-General, No. 370, dated the 25th May 1888, and enclosures.
Letter to the Government of Bombay, No. 3572, dated the 3rd July 1888.
Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 6440, dated the 24th September 1888, and enclosures.
Resolution No. 896, dated the 18th February 1889.

Resolution—In Resolution No. 1596, dated the 28th June 1886, rules were prescribed for the custody, supply and sale of the several descriptions of stamps and stamped papers, and in Resolution No. 1370, dated the 15th March 1887, it was directed that the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Bengal should arrange for a periodical verification by counting the stock of stamps in the respective central depôts, the verification being carried out in the manner and form to be decided by the Comptroller-General to whom the result was to be reported.

2. In accordance with these orders, the Comptroller and Auditor General framed rules for the verification of stamps held in the central depôts; but the Government of Bombay has represented that the second and third of the rules cannot be carried out without causing inconvenience incommensurate with any security they would give chiefly on account of want of sufficient storage accommodation.

3. In connection with this representation, the Governor-General in Council has had under his consideration the possibility of lessening the labor involved in the work of verification and of preventing the increase of storage accommodation by reducing the reserve stock of stamps at the central depôts.

4. At present, under the rules contained in the Resolution of 28th June 1886, No. 1596, each of the three central depôts at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras has to maintain a stock of stamps sufficient for two years' consumption. It appears, however, that it is unnecessary to maintain such a large supply of all stamps, and that reduction is feasible in regard to the descriptions most commonly in use and of the greatest bulk. The Governor-General in Council has accordingly decided that only one year's stock shall in future be maintained of the kinds specified below :—

Postage Stamps and Post-cards.

$\frac{1}{4}$ anna post-cards.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reply cards.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ordinary envelopes.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " postage labels.
1 " " "
1 " " " service labels.

Court-fee Stamps.

1 anna labels.
4 " "
8 " "
1 rupee "

Stamps for Copies.

2 annas (small size).
4 " (" ")
4 " (large ")

Non-judicial Stamps.

1 anna revenue labels.
2 annas impressed paper.
4 " " "
8 " " "
1 rupee " "
2 rupees " "

5. As only a year's stock of these descriptions of stores will be maintained in future, it is necessary to take special precautions against any possible failure in the supply, and the Superintendent of Stamps, Calcutta, will therefore in future advise the Store Department of the India Office every three months of the actual rate of consumption up to date, and the consequent probable requirements during the remaining periods of the year, noting any case in which increased consumption or an erroneous estimate requires a special supply.

6. In consequence of the reduction of stock now ordered, it will, it is anticipated, be found that no additional accommodation for storage will be required. The work of verification, however, will still be difficult, and, in order to reduce the labor involved in it, the Governor-General in Council directs that in future each shipment of stamps shall on arrival from England be placed in the store-rooms, and shall not be interfered with until required for use, the rooms being secured under the additional lock and key of an officer unconnected with the Stamp Department. Arrangements should be made for the presence of both the officer appointed to verify the stock and of the officer who holds the additional key when it is necessary to open the store-rooms for the removal of any stock. Surplus stock which is placed unopened on arrival in the store-rooms, and secured under additional lock as already mentioned, may be exempted from the periodical verification, and accepted by the verifying officer as intact until it is required for use. The Local Government will determine in each case the officer whose additional lock and presence at verification will be required.

7. With the arrangements now sanctioned for reducing the stock of stamps and the labor involved in verification, the Government of Bombay should, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, find no difficulty in adopting the rules for verification prescribed by the Comptroller and Auditor General; and these rules should be strictly adhered to in future.

Order—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the several Local Governments and Administrations; to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers; to the Public Works Department; and to the Director-General of the Post Office of India.

(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
for Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 5th August 1889, No. 666, Revenue.

Separate Revenue, No. 153.

Stamps.

Communicated to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for information and guidance.

2. The Board is requested to report whether, under the present circumstances, the provision of additional accommodation recommended in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th May 1889, No. 3143, is necessary, and what officer should be entrusted with the additional key.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Exd. J. Moses.

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G.O., 5th August 1889, No. 666.

AUGUST.

Verification of Stamps.

Resolution of the Government of India issuing revised instructions in the matter of — and the stock to be maintained in the central depôts, communicated to Land Revenue Commissioners.

18TH OCTOBER 1889, No. 851, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 5th August 1889, No. 666, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Resolution of the Government of India issuing revised instructions in the matter of verification of stamps and the stock to be maintained in the central depôts.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 26th September 1889, Mis. No. 5823 :—

W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.

Read—the following letter from Sir RICHARD BARLOW, Bart., C.S., Superintendent of Stamps, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Madras, 10th September 1889, No. 1344 :—

With reference to the Resolution of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 23rd ultimo, Mis. No. 5063, I have the honor to state that the reduction ordered in the reserve stock of stamps to be maintained in certain denominations will not render the provision of additional accommodation recommended by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 28th May 1889, No. 3143, unnecessary. This is required not only for the storage of stamps but also for that of the stationery, and further to admit of the Assistant Superintendent being left with a stock of stamps as recently sanctioned by the Government of India, in their letter, dated 20th March 1889, No. 1495. The plans and estimates which are now prepared are with reference to the space available for building on, which is very limited, and the extension will not be too large even with a reduced stock; they would little more than allow of stamp cases, &c., being arranged in double rows, so that their marks could be verified with facility. The reduction in stock ordered would, however, enable me to make more convenient arrangements, but the extension is still most advisable and necessary.

2. With reference to the resolution requesting me to report as to how often the store-room will be required to be opened, I have the honor to state that, according to the present practice, all stamp cases are put into the store-room including the reserve stock and those required for use and taken out, as required, once a week or oftener, occupying about an hour or so on each occasion; if these rooms are secured under the additional lock of an officer unconnected with the stamp department and every shipment of stamps put in, the officer would be required to be present once or twice a week for issuing cases, and also, whenever cases are received to put them away, say about, on an average, once a month, and from 2 to 12 hours, according to number of boxes to be stored. For instance, I have to-day (9th) received 521 cases, and in the present crowded condition of the store it will take nearly the working hours of 2 days to store them. Under this system, all stamps in cases would be exempt from periodical verification, for all cases are so stored, and only stamps in the strong room which are in broken or sealed packets would be liable.

3. If, however, arrangements for keeping the Assistant Superintendent in possession of a stock of stamps are carried into effect, for which the extensions to the buildings

are awaited, the *issues* of cases need only be made once a month, or occasionally twice. Putting away into store, however, remains as stated in the last paragraph.

4. Another arrangement, however, is possible which would lessen the number of visits which the officer holding the additional key would have to pay the stamp office, viz., the creation of a *reserve* store-room. In this a year's stock of stamps might be kept and full cases received from England passed into it, and the key be held jointly by the Superintendent and the officer selected, the remainder of the full cases being kept by the Superintendent. Under this proposal, the number of visits by the officer could be limited to once in 2 or 3 months, though, as already stated, visits for the putting in of cases would not be altered. A second store-room would, however, be required, which could be secured in the extension proposed, and a separate account for this stock would have to be maintained.

5. It seems to me, however, that if the stock of stamps in certain denominations now largely imported is reduced and the store accommodation increased, as it must be under any circumstances, there would not be any difficulty in carrying out the verification of all stamp cases in accordance with rules framed by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and, under these circumstances, it must be for Government to decide whether a part of the store should be under the joint lock of the Superintendent and a Member of the Board or some officer, but it should be remembered that the regular work of the latter must necessarily be a good deal interfered with. Personally I should prefer a Member of the Board to be in joint charge of the bulk of stamps. Any way the present state of things should cease as soon as possible and the extension be proceeded with without a day's avoidable delay, and I beg for early orders to this effect.

Resolution—dated 26th September 1889, Mis. No. 5823.

The Superintendent's letter read above is submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 5th August 1889, No. 666.

2. For the reasons advanced by the Superintendent, the Board consider that additional accommodation is urgently required for the storage of stamps in the stamp office notwithstanding the order for reduction in the stock of stamps to be maintained hereafter.

3. As regards the proposals of the Government of India that there should be a store-room into which the cases of stamps should be received at each shipment and that that room should be under double lock, the key of one of which should be held by some officer unconnected with the stamp department, the Board beg to state that they are unable to name any officer of Madras, excepting, say, Registrar of Assurances, who could be entrusted with the second key. The proposed procedure involves the presence of the second officer on every occasion of the receipt of stamps into the office—apparently about once a month. The work on those occasions may occupy two whole working days. It further involves the presence of the same officer and the Member of the Board in charge of stamps on every occasion of issue from store, viz., once in every two or three months. The Government will see how serious will be the interference with ordinary duties of any officer who may be given the duty of retaining the second key of the store-room which will result from the necessity for his periodical attendance at the stamp office. They will also see how much the work of the Board will be incommoded by the liability of one of its Members to be called away for, say, half a day for the duty of supervising the issue of stamps from store, which operation under present arrangement must apparently take place once a week and when the new buildings are completed once in two months. The arrangement which involves the periodical presence of three responsible officers at the stamp office, two of whom are of such standing far as the Board know, was for years done satisfactorily by the uncovenanted officer who held the appointment as Superintendent of Stamps seems needlessly clumsy and unnecessary. It must be remembered that the distances in Madras are great and that a visit about two miles to and fro which in the hot month in the middle of the day is a serious impediment to ordinary office work. The Board, in view of the opinion of the

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Superintendent as given in paragraph 5 of his letter, considers that with increased room for storage the double key arrangement will be unnecessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Superintendent's letter in original to be returned and with copy
of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5063, dated 23rd August 1889.
Copy to the Superintendent of Stamps.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 23rd August 1889, Mis. No. 5063.

W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.

Read—G.O., dated 5th August 1889, No. 666, Revenue Department.

Resolution—dated 23rd August 1889, Mis. No. 5063.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Stamps for report with reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order. He should report how often, in his opinion, the store-room will require to be opened, as on each such occasion the presence of the Member of the Board in charge of stamps and of the officer holding the second key will be necessary.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stamps.

ORDER—dated 18th October 1889, No. 851, Revenue.

Separate Revenue, No. 191.

Stamps.

In the circumstances stated in paragraph 1 of the Superintendent's letter, embodied in the Board's Proceedings read above, the Government agrees with the Board that the additional accommodation

already approved by Government is necessary.

2. The Government further agrees with the Board and the Superintendent of Stamps that, when there is a reduction in the stock and increased accommodation as proposed, there will be no difficulty in carrying out the periodical verification of the stock of stamps in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Comptroller-General and that, therefore, the arrangements ordered by the Government of India in its Resolution, dated 11th July 1889, No. 3528, may be dispensed with in this Presidency. The Government of India will be addressed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with letter.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

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G.O., 18th October 1889, No. 851.

OCTOBER.

Verification of Stamps in the Central Depot.

Agreeing with the Board that in view of the provision of additional accommodation already approved, some of the arrangements recently ordered by the Government of India for facilitating the work of — may be dispensed with in this Presidency; and ordering that the Government of India be addressed accordingly.

No. 1831

GENERAL STAMP OFFICE,
Madras, 2nd December 1889.

From

G. Newbatters Esquire
SUPERINTENDENT OF STAMPS,

MADRAS,

To

M. Hammick Esquire
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF LAND REVENUE.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information and orders of the Board that white ants have again made their appearance in the large outside stamp stone room containing at present 1131 cases with stamps of the value of Rs 736,033-15-

2. They seem to come down from the Stationary office above and I consider that the place should be inspected without delay by the Public Works department.

3. I beg most strongly to urge that the Public Works department may be called upon to set to work at once at the proposed extension and improvement of the stamp stones recommended by Sir Richard Barlow

and

and approved of by the Board and
Government. for not till then can the
stones be properly looked after.

I have the honor to be,
sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. A. Brown
Superintendent of Stamps

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to
Caw. C. No. 3553 W
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Stamp office 18/12

In G.O. No. 1892 sub
of 27. 6. 89, S.E.V
circle was requested
to expedite sub-
mission of plan &
estimate for pro-
viding additional
accommodation
for storing stamps
in the ——. This
paper is missing.
The plan & estimate
have not been sub-
mitted yet.

S.O.
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Public Works Department.
with copies of G.O. of 5-8-89 10666.
19-12-89 - 857.

By Secy. to Govt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read *the following Proceedings*

of the Board of Revenue/Land Revenue/dated
6th Dec^r. 1889. N^o 7481, in: on letter from the Super-
intendent of Stamps, dated 2nd Dec^r. 1889. N^o 7831.

Resolution.—

Submitted for the early orders of
Government with reference to para 1 of G.O. dated
18th October 1889. N^o 851.

2. Under the circumstances reported by the
Superintendent, the Board requests that the P.W.
Department may be moved to despatch immediately
some officer to inspect the Stationery office and to
take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the
ravages of white ants referred to.

3. The Board further requests that if the plan
and estimate for the proposed extension and improve-
ment of the stamps office referred to in G.O. 10th
July 1889, N^o 4311, have been sanctioned by Government
special instructions may be issued for the work
being put in hand at once.

Order thereon 13th Dec^r. 1889. N^o 8072.

Transferred to the Public Works
Department for very early attention.

[True Extract]

J. G. G. G.

By Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.
with copies of G.O. 10th July 1889. N^o 4311.
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Govt. of Madras.

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Mis. G.O., 18, No.

SUBJECT.

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Suby: Engr & Civil who
will direct the Sub-divisional
officer in charge of the building
up to examine it with the
least possible delay in order
that the wishes of the Rev. Board
may be carried out.
2. The submission of a
plan & estimate for the ad-
ditional accommodation
required should be ex-
pedited.

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