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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

23rd February 1872, No. 67.

Gratuities.

Read again—

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, dated 29th November 1871, No. 570.

Read also the following paper:—

From Surgeon H. KING, A.M., M.B., Chemical Examiner, in charge of Assay Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th December 1871, No. 136.

I have the honor to report that the Order of Government of 29th ultimo, No. 570, was communicated to S. Theroovengadathan Naidoo, and he declined to revert to his appointment here; consequently T. Rungasamy Chetty, who had been for many years in the Mint Office and, since S. Theroovengadathan's transfer (at his own request) to the Stamp Paper Department, the Writer of the Assay Office, is continued in the post.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1872, No. 67.

Under the circumstances now reported by the Chemical Examiner, S. Theroovengadathan Naidoo, late Writer in the Assay Office, is not entitled to any gratuity; he having declined to revert to his permanent appointment, thereby in effect voluntarily resigning the Service.

(True Extract.)

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Chemical Examiner in charge of Assay Department.
,, Officiating Assistant Accountant-General,
in charge of Stamp Paper Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th December 1870.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 314. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1870,
No. 6,502.

Read the following letters :—

From P. F. BELLEW, Esq., Commissioner of Paper Currency in charge of Stamp
Paper Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Madras, 22nd August 1870, No. 133.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, the annual Return of papers, etc.,
stamped at this Office and sent to the Superintendent of Stamps from July 1869
to June 1870, or Fasli 1279.

2. The operations of this department are confined to impressing on water-
marked and other papers stamps of the following descriptions, viz :—

- (1.) Judicial, red and black.
- (2.) Non-judicial, blue and black.
- (3.) Bills of Exchange and Bills of Lading.
- (4.) Private documents from public.
- (5.) Bicolour stamps on embossed.

3. The number and value of stamps turned out during the year as compared
with the previous year are shown in the following statement :—

	FASLI 1278.			FASLI 1279.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Number of Stamps.	Value.		Number of Stamps.	Value.		Number of Stamps.	Value.	Number of Stamps.	Value.
		RS.	A.		RS.	A.		RS.	A.	
Judicial ...	34,55,234	25,78,874	0	35,52,677	1,20,01,386	7	97,443	94,22,512	7	...
Non-judicial ...	6,86,676	13,31,439	5	39,03,874	1,00,49,057	1	32,17,198	87,17,617	12	...
Bills of Ex- change and Bills of Lad- ing ...	1,55,724	53,204	0	3,34,303	3,95,230	9	1,78,579	3,42,026	9	...
Private docu- ments ...	3,00,343	1,35,653	9	2,99,137	1,95,317	11	...	59,664	2	1,206
Bicolour Stamps on embossed ...	...			3,34,522	2,26,788	2	3,34,522	2,26,788	2	...
Do. on em- bossed Bills of Exchange	129	66	0	2,192	1,540	11	2,063	1,474	11	...
Total...	45,98,106	40,99,236	14	84,26,705	2,28,69,320	9	38,29,805	1,87,70,083	11	1,206

From the above it will be observed that 38,29,805 stamps, amounting in
value to Rupees 1,87,70,083, have been stamped here in excess of the previous
years outturn.

4. The great increase of business subsequent on the introduction of the new
Stamp and Court Fee Acts has necessitated an addition to the establishment of
twelve extra hands, at a monthly cost of Rupees 219, who were engaged from 1st

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April last, under the sanction of Government, conveyed in their Order, Revenue Department, No. 565, dated 23rd April 1870. The demand for stamps continues very heavy, averaging 40,490 per diem.

5. Several cases of forged stamps having occurred and the necessity for introducing a better and more elaborate style of bicolour stamp being apparent, a thorough investigation was made by the Board into the subject, and after much careful consideration and correspondence, three new designs of dies for Madras stamps prepared by me as noted below were adopted by the Board, and their use authorized by Government in their Proceedings, No. 3,226, dated 30th December 1869:—

For Anna values oval die.

For Rupee values round die.

For higher values octagonal die.

6. It is to be regretted that on the abolition of the Mint in June 1869, the great increase of work that has occurred in this department could not have been foreseen, otherwise doubtless provision would have been made on the permanent establishment retained for the services of workmen to keep the dies and bicolour presses in order and repair, these machines from constant use being very liable to derangement. When the Mint was in existence, these repairs were done as part of the ordinary duty of the mechanics employed in it; for the future, therefore, some contingent allowance will be necessary under this head.

7. The accounts and correspondence of this department has been considerably increased.

The present salary of the Accountant, namely, Rupees 75 a-month, is very small, considering the arduous and responsible nature of work devolving on him. This salary was considered a fair remuneration at a time when the Judicial stamps were confined to about 22,000 a-day, Bills of Exchange 200, and private documents 500. It will be apparent from the comparative statement given in paragraph 3, that the Judicial stamps have now been increased to about 40,000 a-day, Bills of Exchange 1,114, and private documents 997. This increase adds considerably to the Accountant's work, and very largely to his responsibility. During the year, the total stamps turned out amount to Rupees 228,69,320, or Rupees 187,70,083 in excess to those of the preceding year.

8. Under the above circumstances, the salary of the Accountant should, in my opinion, be raised to 100 Rupees a-month, and an Assistant Clerk, on 35 Rupees per mensem, should be attached to the department, as it is quite impossible for one man to attend to both accounts and correspondence. Work in the Assay Office during the past year having been slack, the two Writers of that department have assisted the Accountant, and but for this arrangement, I could not have cleared off the extra accounts and correspondence of the Stamp Paper Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Annual Statement of papers, etc., and documents stamped in the Stamp Paper Department at the Bullion Depôt during Fasli 1279.

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From P. F. BELLEW, Esq., Assay Master in charge of Stamp Paper Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th September 1870, No. 154.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 1,058, of the 19th instant, I have the honour to forward, in duplicate, the Budget-estimate for the Stamp Paper Department for the official year 1871-72, and to state that the increased charges therein inserted, are due to the great increase of work in the department, as explained in my Annual Report to the Board, dated 22nd August 1870, No. 133.

2. A regular Tabular Statement for the increased charges will be immediately submitted for the Board's sanction.

3. The Board will observe from the Annual Report for Fasli 1278, submitted by the Superintendent of Stamps, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, No. 158, dated 10th January 1870, that the Superintendent's salary and his establishment amount to Rupees 25,296-9-7 per annum, and contingent charges to Rupees 2,863-10-8, making in all a total of Rupees 28,160-4 3, whilst the amount in my Budget-estimate for the ensuing official year amounts to Rupees 10,136 only.

4. In Fasli 1279 or last year, the value of stamps turned out amounted to Rupees 228,69,320, against 40,99,236 turned during the previous year. The Board will here therefore see an increase of revenue of Rupees 187,70,084, which necessitates a corresponding increase in the cost of production.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—B. I. Estimates—Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1872.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 4th October 1870, No. 161.

REFERRING to paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of my Annual Report to the Board, No. 133, dated 22nd August 1870, and to my letter, No. 154 of 28th September, I have the honour to submit for sanction a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form for increase to the Accountant and Counters, and for additional establishment required for the Stamp Paper Department.

2. I have included the increased charges in the Budget-estimate for 1871-72.

3. Two Writers of the Assay Office have hitherto given their assistance in keeping the accounts and correspondence of the Stamp Paper Department, but their services were dispensed with from the 1st instant, in consequence of a considerable reduction in that office, under orders from Government. To prevent, however, the work from falling into arrears, I have appointed the Assistant Clerk on 35 Rupees per mensem on the 1st instant, and I beg the Board will be pleased to accord their sanction to this arrangement, authorizing the Accountant-General to pass the salary of the Assistant Clerk.

4. Funds are available to meet this charge for the current official year by the savings effected in the amalgamation of the Bullion Depôt with the Assay Office.

5. The services of the three temporary Counters, sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 565, dated 23rd April 1870, having been dispensed with from the 1st instant, it becomes necessary that the Head

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Counter should at once be appointed, I therefore request that the Board will be pleased to authorize my employing this additional hand from the 1st instant. This charge can also be met from the source pointed above.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Tabular Statement of Increase.

In the foregoing letters the Commissioner applies for the following permanent addition to the establishment of the Stamp Paper Department at a monthly cost of Rupees 75:—

	RS.
1 Assistant Clerk	35
1 Head Counter	20
2 Examiners of Stamps, at 10 Rupees each	20
	—
	75

2. He also recommends that the salary of the Writer and Accountant should be raised from Rupees 75 to Rupees 100 a-month, and those of the three existing Counters from Rupees 15 to Rupees 18 each, and that an annual contingent allowance of Rupees 1,580 should be sanctioned for the establishment employed in keeping in order the Bicolour Machine Presses and Dies.

3. The Government are aware of the large amount of work which devolved on the offices of the Superintendent of Stamps and the Commissioner of Paper Currency, in connection with the universal issue of Bicolour stamps in supersession of embossed stamps, the division of stamps into judicial and non-judicial, and the large increase in the number of values introduced by the recent enactments Nos. XVIII. of 1869, and VII. of 1870. On the score of the increased work which devolved on the two offices, temporary establishments have been from time to time sanctioned by Government, which are still continued on a small scale.

4. It will be observed from the tabular statement, received with the Commissioner's last letter, that he has a Manager on Rupees 50 and a Writer and Accountant on Rupees 75 a-month, for correspondence and for keeping accounts and registers, and that the rest of the establishment consists of 3 Counters and some workmen.

5. The Board observe that during the greatest pressure of work in the department, the Accountant was assisted by two Writers belonging to the Assay Office, whose services have since been dispensed with in consequence of a considerable reduction in that office under orders from Government.

6. To help the Accountant, the Commissioner recommends the entertainment of an Assistant Clerk on a salary of Rupees 35 per month, as he considers it impossible for one man to attend to both accounts and correspondence.

7. Taking into consideration the increasing magnitude of the stamp operations, and the fact that there has been in consequence a general increase in the work of the department and the responsibility involved in it, the Board are of opinion that the permanent addition to the establishment is called for, and accord-

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ingly resolve to recommend, for the sanction of Government, the following hands:—

	RS.
1 Assistant Clerk	35
1 Head Counter	20
2 Examiners of Stamps, at 10 Rupees each	20
	—
Total...	75

8. The Board do not concur with the Commissioner in the necessity for increasing the salary of the Accountant, because the Assistant Clerk now recommended, together with the Manager, should relieve him from over-work both in accounts and correspondence.

9. With regard to the proposed increase of salaries in the case of Counters, the Board observe that their duties cannot be more arduous than those of the Attenders employed in the several public offices of the Presidency, whose salaries range from 8 to Rupees 15 at the most. The present Counters are already in receipt of the maximum rate of salary allowed to the most superior men of that class.

10. Before disposing of the application for an annual contingent allowance of Rupees 1,580 on account of a Mechanical Establishment for keeping in order the Stamp Dies and Bicolour Presses, the Board desire to be furnished with more particulars. The monthly cost of this establishment would be Rupees 131.10.8 which appears to be heavy and the necessity for it is not apparent, since the permanent establishment already includes the Mechanics marginally noted at a monthly cost of Rupees 105.

	RS.
1 Engine Turner... ..	50
1 Filer	30
1 Blacksmith	25
	—
Total...	105

11. As the services of the Assistant Clerk and Head Counter were urgently needed, the Commissioner reports having, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, engaged them from 1st October 1870. The Board request that the Government will be pleased to authorize the Accountant-General to pass the salaries of these men.

REFERRED to the Accountant-General for report as to whether the cost of the additional establishment recommended by the Board can be met from the current year's Budget provision.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th November 1870.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 315. From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 28th November 1870, No. 258.

In returning the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,502, dated the 5th instant, referred for my report, I have the honour to state that the Budget Grant under the head of Stamps, to which the cost of the proposed

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additional establishment is debitable has already been nearly exhausted, in consequence of the sales of non-judicial stamps having turned out to be larger than was anticipated at the time the Budget was prepared.

2. A transfer therefore to this head from the savings under Law and Justice will become necessary, and should Government be pleased to sanction the establishment now proposed by the Board, this office will look to its cost also being met by such transfer.

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1870, No. 2,040.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
<i>Stamps.</i>

BEFORE passing final orders on the above papers the Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue to report in whose charge they would

propose to place the Stamping Department, now that the Office of Commissioner of Paper Currency has been transferred to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

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No. 436. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1870 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Paper Currency, in charge of Stamp Paper Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th November 1870, No. 177.

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502, I have the honour to furnish hereunder particulars of the annual contingent allowance applied for to meet the cost of a mechanical establishment required for keeping in order the Stamp Dies and Bicolour Presses of the Stamp Paper Department in my charge :—

	RS.
1 Filer... ..	21
1 Do.	20
1 Die-setter	20
1 Blacksmith	15
1 Hammerman	7
1 Moulder	20
2 Coolies, at 7 Rupees each	14
Monthly Cost	117
Annual Cost... ..	1,404

2. There are four Bicolour Machine Presses and four Hand-presses now at work. Besides these, there are four others for getting up embossed stamps for the Mysore Government. These machines, from constant use, are liable to derangement. At times, the accidents are of so serious a nature that plates and value-pieces are not only merely defaced but completely shattered and destroyed. The springs on which the bed of the machine rests breaks so often that a Blacksmith and Hammerman are always engaged in making them a fresh, besides preparing other iron pieces, such as levers, etc., in lieu of those broken.

3. The Filers are required to file plates and value-pieces in brass, fit them to the machine, make beds to it, file and fit the levers which lift up the plates for different colours.

4. The Die-setter is wanted to fix in and shift out various value-pieces from the large and small presses, which, on an average, amount to five in number for each large press, and about thirty for the small presses in a day.

5. The services of a Moulder are essential for casting plates and value-pieces in brass, as well as the brass portions of the machines which wear away from incessant use.

6. As already stated in paragraph 6 of my predecessor's letter to the Board, of the 22nd August 1870, No. 133, the work above alluded to was done as part of the ordinary duty of the mechanics employed in the late Mint. It is now being done by the temporary establishment entertained for fitting up two large Bicolour Machine Presses under the sanction conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 3rd September 1870, No. 5,587. This work will, it is expected, be completed by the end of this month, and the establishment engaged thereon must necessarily, as

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 314-316.

Stamp Paper Department—Board of Revenue to report in whose charge they would propose to place it, now that the Office of Commissioner of Paper Currency has been transferred to the Accountant General.

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no funds are forthcoming to meet their pay, be dispensed with. But their services are so urgently required that, rather than be discharged, they should be retained at all events as contingent servants, otherwise it will be utterly impossible to get on with the stamping work.

7. The General Stamp Office has two large Counter-stamping Bicolour Machine Presses and a few Hand-presses, and whenever they get out of order, they are sent here for the necessary repairs.

8. The mechanics attached to the permanent establishment are those noted in the margin. The last two workmen are borne in the list of establishment as Filer and Blacksmith; this was in error;

they should be Engraver and Filer, and these correct designations will be inserted in the Pay List of the establishment.

9. It will be observed that the proposed contingent allowance is to be Rupees 117 a-month, or Rupees 1,404 per annum, which amount has been provided for in the ensuing year's Budget submitted to the Board with my predecessor's letter, No. 154, dated 28th September 1870.

10. Under the above circumstances, I beg that the Board will be pleased to solicit the early sanction of the Government for the grant of the monthly contingent allowance of Rupees 117 from the 1st proximo, which is indispensably necessary to secure the services of the mechanics. The allowance in the current official year will come to Rupees 351, which can be met from the savings effected by the abolition of the Bullion Depot and the reduction in the Assay Office.

In the foregoing letter, the Commissioner of Paper Currency replies to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502. He reduces the amount applied for by his predecessor, on account of annual contingent allowance, from Rs. 1,580 to Rs. 1,404, and states that, without the under-mentioned establishment of mechanics, it will be utterly impossible to get on with the stamping work:—

1 Filer	Rs.
1 Do.	21
1 Die-setter	20
1 Blacksmith	20
1 Hammerman	15
1 Moulder	7
2 Coolies, at 7 Rs. each	14

117 per month.

1,404 per annum.

2. The Commissioner explains in detail the work to be performed by each one of these workmen, and observes that when the Mint was in existence, the whole of this work was being performed by the mechanics of that establishment as

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part of their ordinary duty. At present he is availing himself of the services of a temporary establishment, recently sanctioned for setting up two new Bicolour Presses, which it was expected would be dispensed with on the 30th of last month.

3. The Board are of opinion that the proposed mechanical establishment is very necessary, and accordingly recommend the grant of the monthly contingent allowance of Rs. 117 from the 1st instant, which, for the unexpired portion of the current year, can be met as suggested by the Commissioner from the savings effected by the abolition of the Bullion Department, and the reduction in the Assay Office.

4. It will be observed from paragraph 54 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th November 1870, No. 6,816, that the provision of Rs. 1,580 in the Commissioner's Budget for 1871-72 for contingent allowance has been reduced to Rs. 560 under the impression that this sum would be found sufficient for the purpose. The actual amount, however, now required is Rs. 1,404, which is Rs. 844 in excess of the provision.

No. 437. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1870, No. 2,097.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Stamps.

THE Government will defer passing orders on these Proceedings till it is determined in whose charge the Stamping Department is to be placed. The

Board will submit the report called for in the Order of Government, dated 15th December 1870, No. 2,040, as soon as possible.

2. The Commissioner of Paper Currency will, in the meanwhile, continue the temporary establishment referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, reporting the monthly cost thereof to Government through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Commissioner of Paper Currency.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 80. Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502, recorded in G. O., dated 15th December 1870, No. 2,040.

Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1870, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,097.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1871, No. 382.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1871, No. 20.

IN acknowledging the receipt of Government Order, 15th ultimo, No. 2,040, communicated to me for my observations, I have the honour to state that I see one strong objection to the Stamping Department being made over along with the Currency Office (with which it has no necessary connection) to the charge of the Accountant-General. This officer now receives from the Stamping Department, from this office, and from the districts, independent Returns of Stamps, manufactured and issued and received at the Collectorate treasuries every month, and he compares and checks these Returns. If the manufacture of Stamps was transferred with the Paper Currency to the Accountant-General, he would, in his latter capacity, have to check Returns furnished to him by himself as Commissioner of Paper Currency. Upon the completeness and efficiency of such a check exercised by one department over another, sitting under the same roof, I should be indisposed to rely, however much the work of the two might be kept distinct and placed under separate superintendence. I therefore think it will be preferable to leave the Stamping Department in charge of the Assay Master, if the premises which he occupies continue to be properly guarded, which I presume they will be, so long as the Assay Office and Bullion Depôt are kept upon their present footing.

2. If, however, there are any doubts as to the permanency of the Assay Office, and it is considered on that account undesirable to make any arrangement now, which before long it may become necessary to alter, I shall then recommend the Stamping Department being transferred with the Paper Currency Office to the charge of the Accountant-General, provided arrangements could be made for transferring to the Office of the Board of Revenue the duty of scrutinizing and checking the Returns now performed in that of the Accountant-General.

THE Board resolve to request the Accountant-General to state whether he is prepared to take charge of the Stamping Department, and whether he considers it desirable that this arrangement should be made. If it is, the check now exercised by the Accountant-General must be transferred to the Board, and it will probably be necessary to add another Accountant to their establishment.

No. 81. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1871.

Read again Government Order, 15th December 1870, No. 2,040.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 24th January 1871, No. 382.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 30th January 1871, No. 6,565.

ADVERTING to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 24th instant, I have the honour to report that I am aware of no objection to the transfer of the Stamping

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Department now at the Mint premises under the Commissioner of Paper Currency to this department.

2. This office now receives monthly from the Superintendent of Stamps four
One for Postage Stamps. Store Accounts and a Cash Account,
Do. Postage Service Labels. with vouchers in support of the entries
Do. Telegraph Stamps and one for all other in them, and from the Commissioner of
Stamps. Paper Currency a statement of paper
impressed under his superintendence, by which the bulk of the credit in the last-
mentioned Store Account is checked.

3. In their monthly Plus and Minus Memorandum the Collectors show the
state of their stock under the four heads corresponding to the Store Accounts above
alluded to; and this department renders to the Board monthly a statement of
receipts and payments on account of Stamps in the Presidency Town.

4. The duty of checking the accounts of the Superintendent of Stamps forms
a very small portion of the work of one of the Treasury Account Examiners, who,
in addition to the above work, audits
* Ganjam, | Coimbatore, five district accounts.* There can,
Nellore, | South Canara, therefore, be no reduction in this office
Neilgherry Hills. establishment, if the Stamp Accounts
now sent to it be transferred to some other department, nor considering the light-
ness of the work does there appear to be any necessity for the entertainment of an
additional hand by the department taking up that duty.

5. I would remark, moreover, that if the check in this office be withdrawn, it
will be necessary, with a view to the debit in the Collector's Plus and Minus
Memorandum for the effected sales by them being verified by the department to
which the work may be entrusted, that this office should render, in addition to the
statement of receipts and payments at the Presidency Town already alluded to,
another statement of credits arising from sale of Stamps in the districts. Hence
the work in this office will not, so far as I can see, be lightened in any respect by
the transfer of the check.

The Board resolve to report in favour of placing the Stamping Department in
charge of the Accountant-General.

2. Whilst the Assay Master performed his duties in the Mint buildings, and
was also Commissioner of Paper Currency, it was convenient to leave the control
of the Stamping Department in his hands, but now that the work of the Assay
Master is about to be merged in that of the Chemical Examiner, and the Paper
Currency Department has been transferred to the Accountant-General, a change is
necessary.

3. The Stamping Department must be located somewhere where it can be well
guarded and supervised by an officer of position having experience in accounts.
These requisitions are found in the Accountant-General's office, and he is willing to
undertake the charge, and can provide suitable accommodation for the stampers.

4. If this proposal is adopted, it will be necessary to transfer the duty of
checking Stamp Returns to the office of the Board of Revenue, and an additional
Clerk must be entertained to attend to the duty. The Accountant-General states

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that the work forms a very small portion of the business allotted to one of his
Accountants, but the Board are satisfied, after examining the distribution of work
in their Account Department, that they cannot undertake to check Stamp
Returns carefully and efficiently without additional aid.

No. 82.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1871, No. 399.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Stamps.

ORDERED accordingly that the
Stamping Department be placed in
charge of the Accountant-General. But
the Government do not consider it
necessary to relieve that officer from the duty of checking the Stamp Returns.
The Stamping and Checking Departments in the Accountant-General's office will
be perfectly distinct, and the former cannot stamp any material other than that
furnished by the Superintendent of Stamps to whom it will have to be accounted
for.

2. Before sanctioning the additional establishments proposed in the Pro-
ceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November and 15th December 1870,
the Government desire to have before them the opinion of the Acting Accountant-
General on the subject. With the large establishment at his disposal he may find
it possible to give the Manager and Accountant of the Stamping Department such
assistance as may be occasionally found necessary; and in regard to keeping the
dies and bicolour presses in order and repair, he will place himself in communica-
tion with the Inspector-General of Ordnance, and ascertain from that officer if
the services of the workmen employed in the Grand Arsenal cannot be made
available when required. The perma-
nent establishment of the Stamping
Department already provides the
mechanics noted in the margin for any
urgent work that cannot be immediately attended to by the Ordnance Department.

	RS.
1 Engine Turner	50
1 Filer... ..	30
1 Blacksmith	25

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Military Department.
.. the Department Public Works.
.. the Commissioner of Paper Currency.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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20th March 1871.*

No. 281. Read the following letter from the Acting Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 11th March 1871, No. 364 :—

With reference to the orders of Government, No. 399, of 6th instant, I have the honour to report that the Managing Clerk of the Stamp Paper Department at the Mint yesterday, at my request, produced the books and accounts kept in that office, which I looked into, at the same time instituting searching inquiries as to the nature of the work of the several employes under him. I am of opinion that there is no necessity for an Assistant Clerk on Rupees 35, but that the remaining hands

	RS.	
1 Head Counter	20	shown marginally are necessary. The
2 Examiners of Stamps, at 10 Rs. each	20	departments of this office are barely
		equal to the duties required of them ; no
		assistance can, therefore, be given to the

Paper Stamping Department by my establishment.

2. I have been informed by the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to whom I referred, that there are no workmen in the Ordnance Establishments at this Presidency, who can be made available for the work specified in the papers recorded in G. O., 21st December 1870, No. 2,097, and that, if extra hired labour be employed, the charge will have to be adjusted in the Civil Department. It will, therefore, be necessary that Government should sanction the allowance for the Mechanical Establishment recommended by the Board of Revenue, amounting to Rs. 1,404 per annum.

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1871, No. 497.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.

Stamps.

	RS.
1 Head Counter	20
2 Examiners of Stamps, at 10 Rs. each	20
	40

Mechanical Establishment.

1 Filer	21
1 Do.	20
1 Die-setter	20
1 Blacksmith	15
1 Hammerman	7
1 Moulder	20
2 Coolies, at 7 Rs. each	14
	117

Total per mensem... 157

Under the circumstances stated by the Acting Accountant-General, the Government sanction the establishment noted in the margin for the Stamping Department. The salaries of the Mechanical Establishment cannot be treated as contingent expenditure as proposed by the Commissioner of Paper Currency and the Board of Revenue. The entire establishment will, therefore, be included in the monthly statement for the sanction of the Government of India.

2. The temporary establishment continued under paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,097, should be dispensed with.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Etd. F. R. Bantleman.

My dear Sir.

No order of Govt.
abolishing Perovenga-
ga Thani appointment
on the permanent
Est. of the Assay
Office - it is still
being continued,
but occupied by
another man -
the salary of the
appointment is
30 Rs a month
and J. Haider was
temporarily put
into the paper
stamping Dept.

the Assay Office, is continued
the post.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servt.

Henry King
Chemical Examiner
in ch. Assay Dept.

on 35 Rs pending the
sanction of Govt.
The Govt. not having
sanctioned it the
poor man was
thrown out of Govt.
employment instead
of being sent back
to his former place
in the Assay Office.

Please see
Pro. of Govt. Rev. Dept
No. 497 of 20th March/71.

Yours truly
C. S. S. S. S.

No 136

Medical College
Assay Department
18th December 1871.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir, I have the honor to report
that the Order of Government
of 29th Ultimo No 570 was
communicated to S. Thevengadathan
Kardoo and he declined to revert
to his appointment here. Conse-
quently I Rungasamy Chetty
who had been for many years in
the Mint Office and since S.
Thevengadathan's transfer
(at his own request) to the
Mamur Paper Dept, the writer
of the Assay Office, is continued
in the post.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servt.

Henry King
Chemical Examiner
in ch. Assay Dept

Recd No. 82570 of 29/1/11

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Received.
1871 October
From No. 5-

Mr. Chemical Engineer
in charge Messrs. Duff
to Mr. Chief Secretary
to Government

No. 284. Dated 24. 11. 1871
Date 18. 12. 1871
By J. H. J. Duff
Recd. 4. January 1872
No. 136

With reference to P. O.
No. 570 of 29. 1. 11. I have
reported that Mr. Duff
has been decided to
resort to his office in
the City of Bangalore
by Mr. Duff's own
letter and order No. 67

Order No. 22 of 29. 1. 11. 1872

Under the circumstances now reported
by the Chemical Engineer of Bangalore
that Mr. Duff is not
entitled to any gratuity: he having declined
to accept the permanent appointment
thereby in effect, voluntarily resigning the
same.

of the Chemical Engineer in charge of the Bangalore
- II - Office of the Chemical Engineer in charge of the Bangalore
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