

No. 1195.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 2870, with its enclosure, and, in annexing copy of a communication on the subject from the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, to express the opinion of this Government that it will be preferable to have the supply of postage labels, including labelled paper and envelopes, for this Presidency, direct from England.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st November 1866.

Chief Secretary.

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 16th November 1866, No. 243.

I have the honor to return the letter from the Government of India, No. 2870, dated 25th October 1866, forwarded to me for report, and to state that I know of no objection to the supply of postage stamps being made direct to my office from England, instead of from Calcutta.

2. I have ample room in my strong room for their secure custody, and the system of account between my office and the Accountant General gives perfect security against fraud.

3. The system of keeping one year's supply in reserve has been recognised with approval by the Secretary of State for India, in reference to the water-marked paper for Judicial stamps and to Mercantile adhesive stamps, and is found in practice to cause no confusion, nor offer any facility for improper practices, while it obviates any embarrassment from delay of expected supplies.

of No 924
From

J. B. Lane Esquire
Jr Secy to the Board of Revenue
C. D.

To The Secy to the Govt of Bengal
Fort William
The 6th August 1856.

Stamps.

V. H. Schachle Esq.

Sir,

I am directed to submit, herewith for the orders of Govt, a letter in original, from the Supdt. of Stamps No 1537 dated 2nd ultimo in which he proposes that steps should be taken to keep up in future a reserve of all stamps sent out from England, with a view to meet any such emergency as has lately occurred. Mr. Bignold further suggests that Bombay & Madras may be supplied with their proportion of postage stamps direct from England.

2. The late difficulties in the postage stamp supply had given ample proof of the necessity of both the steps advocated by Mr. Bignold and the Board would recommend accordingly, that the Supdt be authorized to indent for a reserve equal

equal to 12 months supply, with discretion to add to his indent, in future, such a quantity of each kind and value as will suffice to replenish the reserve. The Board are not aware that there are any practical objections to Bombay & Madras being supplied with postage stamps direct from England but should such a course be not considered advisable, it will be necessary that the estimates of those Presidencies should reach the Stamp Office at Calcutta at the latest in March each year and they should show the probable consumption of the next official year but one, as suggested by Mr Bignold.

3. The return of the enclosure is requested.

I have &c
sd. J. B. Lane
Jr. Secy.

No 1537

From

J. J. Bignold Esqre
Offy. Secy of Stamps

To

To, The Junior Secy to the Board
of Revenue.

Fort William the 2 July 1865.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the annual stamp Indent Certificate is framed in such a manner that I am bound to ascertain the exact number of stamps likely to be used within a given period and to indent accordingly.

2. It follows that any unusual demand or accidental delay must necessarily lead to the absolute exhaustion of this store; while in the event of the loss of the vessel containing the stores or damage of the stores themselves, six months at least would probably elapse before they could be replaced.

3. I therefore beg to request that I may be authorized to indent for a reserve equal to 12 months supply; and that in future I may add to my annual indent such a quantity of each kind and value as may suffice

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4. Any loss of interest on Capital would be far less than the expense of distributing the stamps in dribbles as at present; not to mention the occasional exhaustion of supplies and necessity of converting stamps to purposes for which they were not originally intended.

5. Further beg leave to suggest for consideration whether it would not be better that Postage stamps should be supplied to Bombay & Madras direct from England.

6. If it be thought advisable that those Presidencies should still be supplied from this Office, I would solicit that the Govt of India be moved to cause estimates of their probable requirements to be forwarded to this Office in time to guide me in making my annual indent.

7. The estimate should be forwarded say in March each year and should show the probable consumption of the next financial year, but one -

I have &c
Edw. F. Bignold
Offg. Secy of Stamps

No 1639 J.

Copy forwarded for the Consideration and orders of Govt of India in the Financial & Department, with reference to the letter from this Office No 841 J of the 31st May last, and with the intimation that the Lieutenant Governor recommends the adoption of the proposals of the Supd of Stamps.

By order of the Lt Governor of Bengal.

Darjeeling {
the 22nd August 1866 {
J. Geoghegan
Offg Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

(A True Copy)

H. Coke

Asst Secretary to the Govt of India

Edw. F. Bignold
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 To. No 2870
 The Secretary to the
 Government of
 Madras.

Imp Departt Sir,

I am directed to forward the
 accompanying copy of a communi-
 cation from the Government of
 Bengal and to request that
 the Govt of India may be
 furnished with the opinion of
 the Government of Madras on
 the proposition of the Superintend-
 ent of Stamps for the supply
 of Postage stamps to Madras
 direct from England.

No 1639 Dated
 22d August 1866.

I have the honor to be
 Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

Am la
 The 15th October
 1866

H. W. Lushington
 Secretary to the Govt of India

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Recd. 14068/56

Pres. Secy to Govt of Madras

For Secy to Govt of Madras

1. Secy to Govt of Madras

Public Department.

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E. H. Lushington Esq^r
Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Department.

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Fort Saint George
21st Nov^r 1866

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N^o 491 of 1866/67
Recd 16/11/67

Referred for the
report of the Superintendent
of Stamps.

J. R. Lush

Not at home
15 Nov 1866

Recd:
N^o 4068
Public

From
J. R. Lush of India
Recd 16/11/67

25-26/11/66
12/11/66

Enclosure

No 1457

Forwarded papers on the
subject requested the
Division of the for the
creation of the 1/2/67
envelopes with stamps
direct from England.

Recd 16/11/67

Copy to

Public Robt. Sepant.

Wm. H. H. H.

*To
The Secy. of the Court
of India*

Recd. 21st November 1886

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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