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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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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.

From No 924

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J. B. Lane Esquire

Secy to the Board of Revs

To

The Secy to the Govt of Bengal
Fort William

The 6th August 1856

Stamps

V. H. Schaler 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 con-
tingency 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 autho-
rized 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
Offg. 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

suffice to replenish the reserve
4. Any loss of interest on
Capital would be far less than
the expense of distributing the stamps
in dribs and drabs 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 require-
ments 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 official year but one -

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

458
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 { Regd/ J. Geoghegan
the 22nd August 1866 { Offg. Secy to the Govt
of Bengal.

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(A True Copy)

H. Coke

Asst Secretary to the Govt
of India

Edw. F. Bignold
22/10

To. No 2876.
The Secretary to the
Government of
Madras.

Imb Departt Sir,

I am directed to forward the
accompanying copy of a communication
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 Superintenda-
-ent of Stamps for the supply
of Postage Stamps to Madras
direct from England.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedt Servant
Ed. W. L. L. L.
Secretary to the Govt of India

P. C. L. L.

Rev. 10063/06

Rev. Mr. L. L. L. L.

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Public Department.

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To

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

Calcutta
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Fort Saint George
21st Nov^r 1865

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N^o 491 of 1866/67
Recd 16/10/66

Referred for the
report of the Superintendent
of Stamps.

J. R. Lushington

of
Fort of Stamps
15th Nov 1865

Recd:
Financial Secy
Public N^o 4068.

From
Secy of Stamps
at Madras
22/10/65

Recd:
12th Nov 1865

Enclosure

N^o 1157

Standard paper on the
subject requested the
Secy of the Govt of India
to be supplied with stamps
direct from England.

Recd 16/11. Recd 17/11

Public Adm. Departt.

2 Nov 95

To
The Secy. to the Govt.
of India

Dated 21st November 1895