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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	976	Press
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Dated	28-9-1866	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

28th September 1866.

No. 150. Read the following letter from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 4th September 1866, No. 1297.

I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, No. 126, dated 21st ultimo, bringing to notice the needless use of half Anna Service Postage Labels for heavy packets. As the practice is calculated to cause much inconvenience to the Post Office, as well as the Stamp Office, I request Government will be pleased to pass orders to the Public Offices, generally, to avoid the use of such stamps in the case of parcels, when stamps of higher value are available.

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Postmaster General; dated Madras, 21st August 1866, No. 126.

I have the honor to solicit your consideration to the needless use of half Anna Service Postage Labels for heavy *packets*. This does not come under my observation, except incidentally vastly increasing the demand for stamps of that value, but I have been informed of the fact by gentlemen who have received packets literally covered with such.

3. It appears to me that it must most seriously increase the labor of the officials in the Post Office, as they have to count these in detail, and then deface them. Should you consider the matter deserving of action, I would suggest that Government be moved to issue instructions to the official public on the point.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1866, No. 976.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that, in some Public Offices, it is the practice to pay the postage due on official covers with half Anna Service Labels, however heavy such covers may be. Thus a letter, the postage on which amounts to two Rupees, has affixed to it 64 half Anna labels, while 4 eight Anna, or 8 four Anna, labels would suffice.

2. It is obvious that this practice entails additional labor on the Post Offices, and causes great waste of labels.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that this practice, wherever it prevails, be at once discontinued, and that labels of values proportioned to the postage due be invariably used.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No 1297

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, 3
~~Postmaster General~~
Madras, 14th September 1866.

From *Leut Coll A C Sears*
Postmaster General. Madras

To *The Honourable J Arthur*
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex
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tendent of Stamps. No 126 dated
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less use of half anna postage labels
for heavy parcels. As the practice
is calculated to cause much incon-
venience to the Post Office as well as
the Stamp Office, I request Govern-
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to the Public Offices generally to
avoid the use of such stamps in
the case of parcels when stamps
of

of higher value are available

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Wm
Postmaster Genl.

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N. 126

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To, The Postmaster General.

Sir, Madras 21 Augt 1844

I have the honor to solicit
your Consideration to the need for
use of half Anna Service postage
labels for heavy packages. This
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moved to give instructions to the
Official Public on the point.

I have &c.
(Sd) J. Temple
Supertt of Stamps.

(True Copy)

Yours
Respectfully
Wm. A. B. G.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Recd the following letter from the Postmaster General.

(New order 4th Sept. 1866. No. 1297. 28 Sept. 1866 H. 976)

Order. It has been brought to the notice of Government that in some Public Offices it is the practice to pay the postage due on official correspondence with half-anna, anna, labels, however heavy such orders may be. Thus a letter, the postage on which amounts to 2 Rupees, has affixed to it 10 half-anna labels, while 4 eight-anna, and 3 four-anna labels would suffice.

2. It is obvious that this practice entails additional labour on the Post-offices, and causes great waste of labels.
3. The P. M. Genl. in Council directs that this practice, wherever it prevails, be discontinued, and that labels of value proportioned to the postage due, be invariably used.

To the P. M. General. dated 2/10
 Enclosed the whole matter in the form of a Memo. 2/10

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Re Mr. C.

Department.

From

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Department,

Fort Saint George,

No. 1297

Dated 11 September 1866.

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Answered

No. 1297

Answered for information

above copy of a letter from

the Government dated 4th Sept. 1866

concerning the use of

labels on official correspondence

and the use of 1/2 anna labels

on the Government

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No. 976.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 28 September 1866.

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