

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 899

DATED 7. 7. 97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to comply with the request of Mr. Russell, I.C.S. to be permitted to purchase some unused stamps and covers, as the P. & M. considers that doing so would establish an undesirable precedent.

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25 May 1897.

From

S. Russell Esq
J.C.

To

Mr Hon
J. F. Price Esq
Chief Secretary

Sir

I have the honor to
request that you will kindly
obtain the permission of
Government to my purchasing
a few sets of unused
service stamps. I require

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them for myself and
for friends who are
collecting stamps.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt servant.

S. Russell.

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CURRENT No. 1981

Public DEPARTMENT.

From S Russell Esq

No.

Dated 25-5-97
Received 26-5-97

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SUBJECT.

Service Stamps -
Requesting that he
may be permitted
to purchase a few
sets of unused service
stamps &c.

Cur No 1167: 3-6-97.

Ref. to the Postmaster Genl.
for favour of report as to whether
there is any objection to complying
with Mr Russell's request.

CURRENT No. 2272
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From

The Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

No. 7265

Dated 23 June 1897.
Received 23 June

Registered - 23-6-97

No. of Enclosures.....

SUBJECT.

Re the unmailed service stamps

Am. No. 1339 of 29-6-97.

The Postmaster General,
Madras, is requested to be so
good as to return the letter
forwarded to him with En-
dorsement No. 1167, Public
dated 3^d June 1897.

As. 23/6/97
23/6/97

The Postmaster General Madras

Desp'd
23/6/97

From G.S. CURTIS ESQ.,
~~H. FARRER, Esq.,~~
Offr POSTMASTER GENERAL, MADRAS,

To
THE Chief SECRETARY

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public DEPARTMENT,

No. M.S. 16-83 dated Madras, the 12 June, 1897.
7266 your No 1167 & 3.6.97.

SIR,

Sir,

With reference to your communication above mentioned, I have the honor to observe that though Mr Russel's request coming from a gentleman in his position is unobjectionable compliance with it would in my opinion constitute an undesirable precedent and that it should be withheld. In Bombay where the number of professional stamp-dealers is large and applications of a some-what similar nature are not infrequent, it has always been the practice to discourage them as far as possible on the ground that the unused stamps in private collections will create a demand for them among the trade, which will eventually encourage petty pilfering among clerks, peons and other low paid Government servants. At present unused service stamps are useless for postal purposes and are rarely lost or stolen

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CHIEF SECRETARY
-4 JUL 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

stolen; once let it be known that
they have a market value and thefts
will become frequent.

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 JUN 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. Curtis

Offg: Postmaster General.

W.S.

From

The Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

No. in 516-83
9200

Dated 2nd July } 1897
Received 4-8- }
Regd 5-7-97

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SUBJECT.

Relatives to letter
forwarded with the Chief
Secy's Encl. no. 1167 of 2/6/97.

W/6/97

Post Office Department.

OFFICE No. 2459

From

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras
Public Department
Cotacamund.

No. M.S. 16-83 dated Madras, the 2 July 1897.

SIR, 9200

I have the honor to return herewith
the letter received with your endorsement
No. 1167 dated the 3rd June 1897
as requested in your memorandum
No. 1339 dated the 29th June 97.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant


for Postmaster General

Public Dept

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The foot regrets
it cannot comply
with W. Russell's
request as the P.M.G.
considers ^{the same} ~~such~~
^{as} compliance would
establish an
undesirable
precedent.

S. Russell Esq^r (97)

cc ^{resp} 12/7/97

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