

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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19th August 1859.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 13th to 19th August 1859.*

No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department; dated 6th August 1859, No. 1060.

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2. The Governor General in Council hopes that it will be found practicable, by the appliances already available or procurable in Madras, to give full effect to the new provisions of the Bill.

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2. The Secretary of State has been already requested to send out from England to each of the three Presidencies, a supply of one Anna adhesive stamps, differing from the one Anna postage stamps, for Receipts and Bills or Drafts payable on demand, but until the Bill has been further advanced, it has not been thought desirable to indent for adhesive stamps of the larger values which will be required under the provisions of Section 6 of the Bill. If the Bill should become Law before such stamps are received, it will be necessary either that foreign Bills should be brought to the Stamp Office to be stamped, or that the use of postage stamps should be allowed. Probably it will be expedient to permit of either course at the option of the holders. Similarly, it will be necessary to allow the general use of the one Anna postage label for Receipts and Drafts payable on demand, should the Act come into operation before the new one Anna stamps arrive from England.

3. With respect to Bills of Exchange, Hoondies, &c., the Secretary of State has been informed that as soon as the details of the Bill can be regarded as finally settled, it will be desirable to have new dies prepared in England of the several values required, and transmitted to this country with as little delay as possible. For the present, it has been intimated that, as respects this Presidency, a die already in possession of the Calcutta Stamp Office may be made use of. A specimen of the stamp given by the die referred to is enclosed. The centre piece of this die, on which the value is marked, is a shifting piece, and as it is understood that the shifting value pieces already available do not comprise several of the values specified in Article 4 of Schedule A, I am desired to suggest that immediate steps may be taken to procure the preparation at the Mint of those pieces which are wanting. An extract of this letter will be communicated to the Financial Department, with a request that the Mint authorities may be urgently moved to comply promptly with all requisitions made upon them by the Bengal Government, in connection with the new stamp Bill.

4. It is understood that there is at present but one machine in the Stamp Office for stamping paper with the die in question, but it is believed that a second machine may be constructed in Calcutta at a reasonable cost. I am desired to suggest that this matter also should receive early attention.

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Resolved that a copy of the above letter and of its accompaniments, be furnished to the Superintendent of Stamps, and that he be requested to advise Government at an early date of the arrangements that will be required for giving effect within this Presidency to the Bill for amending and consolidating the Law relating to stamp duties, immediately on its being passed.

2. Referring to the 3rd and 4th paras. of Mr. Secretary Grey's letter to the Government of Bengal, the Superintendent will communicate direct with the Mint Master in respect to any Dies or Stamping machines, which are likely to be required under the new Law.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, *Chief Secretary.*

No. 58.

ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1859, No. 1113.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue who will report to Government if they shall consider any new or increased means to be necessary for giving effect to the Act, either in the form of an increased number of venders or in any other way.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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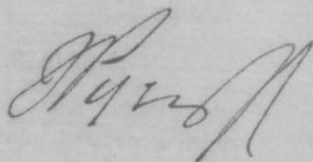
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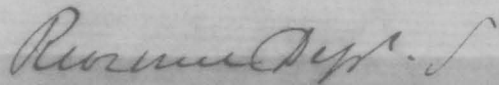
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Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stamps.

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