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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th July 1860.

No. 164. Read the following letter from E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 12th July 1860, No. 18 :—

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the following remarks on the proposed Stamp Law as settled in Committee of the Council and published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 27th June.

2. Section 21, requires the Stamp Venders to write the name of the purchasers of every Stamp except Receipt and Bill Stamps. Is any provision necessary to prevent the use of Bill Stamps for Bonds or other purposes? Does this Section imply that all Stamps, except Bill and Receipt Stamps, must be endorsed, or does it refer to such only as may be obtained through licensed Venders?

3. Bankers, Merchants and others will desire to have Stamps impressed on their own blank printed forms for many descriptions of documents, such as Bills of Lading, Agreements for Loans, Bonds of different kinds, Powers of Attorney, &c., it will be inconvenient for this to be done through a Vender, and there seems to be no sufficient reason for the name of the person on whose account the Stamps are affixed being inscribed in the Stamp Office on each Stamp, while it would certainly be inconvenient to do so, the date can be stamped on such forms in the same manner as is done in the Stamp Offices in England.

4. It is the custom with at least one of the local Banks to draw some of its Foreign Bills *in duplicate*. Can Stamp duty as for Sold Bills be legally demanded under the terms of the Act? if so, the effect will of course be to cause the discontinuance of the practice, or is it desirable that provision should be made for duplicate Bills?

5. The amended Schedule provides for a ½ Anna Stamp for Bills on Demand and Receipts for less than Rupees 50, but there is no corresponding provision in the body of the Act.

6. In the title of Section 9, occurs a verbal error, the words "United Kingdom" being used instead of "British Territories in India."

7. I trust I shall be considered justified in addressing these observations to the Government direct, instead of as usual to the Board of Revenue, my reason is that as the third reading of the Bill may take place on any day after the 23rd of the month, the time of the Government might be unnecessarily taken up in the consideration of the subject if submitted a day or two later.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1860, No. 1,166.

The Government resolve to forward a copy of Mr. Harrison's letter to the Madras Member of the Legislative Council, in order to his remarks on the Stamp Bill being laid before the Council.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 166. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, to H. FORBES, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council of India for the Madras Presidency, dated 14th July 1860, No. 1,167.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps dated 12th instant, submitting observations on certain parts of the proposed Stamp Law and to request that the same may be laid before the Legislative Council.

No 18 of June 1799

From

E. F. Harrison Esquire

Superintendent of Stamps

To

L. D. Barwell Esquire

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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[signature illegible]
Superintt of Stamps

Fort St George
Genl Stamp Office
12th July 1860

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Fort St. Geo.
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From The Supt. of Stamps

To The Secretary to Government Revenue Department

dated 12th July 1860
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Submitting for the Consideration of Government certain observations on the proposed Stamp Law

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Will an order