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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 1—9— 1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st September 1860.

No. 13. Read the following Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Deparment, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 1st September 1860 :—

Urgent.—It is intended to postpone the operation of the Stamp Act as regards Bills of Exchange until the first of January. This will not, however, apply to Cheques or Bills payable on demand for which an adhesive Stamp of one Anna may be used. A supply of such Stamps has already been furnished and they should be at once distributed to all Treasuries. There will be no difficulty in bringing the rest of the Act at once into operation, as the Stamped paper already in use will suffice until fresh Stamped paper of the new denominations required is ready.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1860, No. 1,493.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Superintendent of Stamps for information and guidance.

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

MONTHLY OFFICE No. 6

H. M.'S ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA.

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PREPAID MESSAGES ARE TRANSMITTED ON THE TELEGRAPH LINES IN INDIA AT THE FOLLOWING RATES:—

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" " Tripled for distances over 800 and less than 1,200.

" " Quadrupled for distances over 1,200 and less than 1,600; and so on, an additional rate is charged for each distance of 400 miles, or part of 400 miles.

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FROM Calcutta 1st Dept. TO Madras

FROM Stamp Dept. TO Secretary

WORDS 100 $1.96

Urgent. It is intended to put into operation the operation of the stamps and Court fee bills of exchange until the first of January. This will not however apply to cheques or bills payable on demand. A supply of one anna adhesive stamps may be used. Stamps of such stamps has already been furnished and they should be at once distributed to all treasuries. There will be no difficulty in bringing the rest of the Act into operation as the stamped paper already in use will suit for fresh stamps papers of the new denominations required.

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Secretary

Jas H. Brightenbach

1st Class Supp. in Charge.

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No 1850

Telegram.

From the Secretary to the Govt of India.

Dated 1st September 1850.

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Postponing the operation of the Stamp Act as regards bills of Exchange until the 1st of January and observing that this will not apply to cheques or bills payable on demand, and that there will be no difficulty in enforcing the rest of the Act at once for operation.

Forwd to Govt of Bengal & Agra Sept 10. Oct. 1850.

No. 1493 1st Sept.

No 1493

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Superintendent of Stamps for information and guidance.

By Order of Govr General
1st September 1850

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No 1314.