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*4th October* 1860.

No. 62. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 26th September 1860, No. 4,390 :—

SIR,

*Dated 20th September* 1860, *No.* 4,276.
" 21*st* " " " 4,289.

1. With reference to their proceedings noted in the margin, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration of Government, the following proposition for the future preparation of stamped paper.

2. At present the paper on which stamps are impressed is purchased from time to time in Madras, it has no distinctive water mark or other peculiarity, and paper of exactly the same description may be procured with little trouble by any person.

3. It is purchased by the Superintendent of Stamps, who keeps it in his own Office and stamps it as it is required, sending it then to the Sub-Treasurer to be counter stamped.

4. The Board have already proposed that paper of a peculiar description shall hereafter be obtained from England, and they beg now to propose that the same arrangements shall be made in regard to stamped paper as are adopted in regard to the coinage.

5. They recommend that the paper received from England shall be kept in the Treasury just as if it were so much bullion and that the Sub-Treasurer shall be accountable for every sheet thus entrusted to him. It is obvious that the advantage of getting paper of a peculiar description with a distinctive mark will be lost, if the stock be not in secure custody.

6. They propose that the paper when required shall be stamped by the Mint Master under the same checks as are in force with regard to the coinage. The Sub-Treasurer will, as occasion arises, apply to the Board for permission to have so many stamps of such and such values prepared, and the Board's order will be his warrant to supply the required number of sheets of paper to the Mint Master, and the latter Officer's authority for impressing the stamp. The Mint Master will take the Sub-Treasurer's receipt for the stamps, and the latter Officer will thus be responsible for the number supplied to him.

7. They propose that the Sub-Treasurer shall keep these stamps like so much coin and affix his counter stamp and number only when he issues them to the Collectors, whose receipts will be his vouchers for his supplies.

8. The advantages of this arrangement will be that the paper or raw material will be in safer keeping by the Sub-Treasurer, that one of the two stamps which gives it its peculiar value will be affixed by a totally distinct department, and that the Superintendent's department instead of having at its command both the paper and the means of making the paper valuable, will have only a known quantity of half stamped paper for which it must account.

9. The Board have seen the arrangements at the Mint and believe that under them fraud is as much guarded against as it can be.

10. At present there is no really effective check on the preparation of stamped paper, and the non occurrence of fraud is owing to the integrity of the establishments, not to the merits of the system, but it is not right that proper precautions should be neglected, and those adopted in regard to coin seem the most appropriate and effective.

11. Under these arrangements, the Sub-Treasurer would be Superintendent of Stamps. He would have no money transactions, and he could easily perform the business of the department as, in fact, he is now doing.

12. If the Government approve generally of these suggestions, the Board will confer with the Mint Master, Major Orr, and submit in detail the various arrangements necessary to carry out the system they propose.

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No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1860, No. 1,782.

1. In this letter the Board of Revenue pr[illegible]ose for the approval of Government some important changes in the present arrangements in connection with the preparation and the custody of stamped paper. These proposals are in some respects in supersession of those contained in the Board's previous letters of September 20th and 21st, Nos. 4,261 and 4,289, and their Proceedings of September 30th, No. 4,276.

2. Under the present plan, paper of no distinctive quality is purchased and stored by the Superintendent of Stamps, is stamped in his Office as required, and then sent to the Treasury to be counter stamped.

3. The arrangements now recommended by the Board are to the following effect :—

(1.) Paper of a peculiar description to be procured from England for stamped paper.

(2.) This paper when received to be deposited in the Treasury, on the responsibility of the Sub-Treasurer.

(3.) The stamping to be done at the Mint.

(4.) The Sub-Treasurer under special instructions from the Board to send to the Mint Master from time to time, certain quantities of paper to be stamped with certain values; and to receive the stamped material back as he would so much specie to be issued from time to time under the Board's orders.

(5.) The stamped paper to be counter stamped by the Sub-Treasurer when thus issued.

4. The advantage of this plan, as pointed out by the Board in paragraph 8 is greater security against fraud, in which respect they justly remark (paragraph 10) the existing arrangements are very deficient.

5. The Government fully approve this plan, which combines simplicity with order and method and efficient check. They request the Board, according to their offer in paragraph 12, to confer with the Mint Master and report in detail as to the subordinate arrangements required, and to state also the qualities, sizes, and quantities of paper wanted, as that must be obtained from England.

6. The arrangements when thus fully worked out will require to be reported for the approval of the Government of India, to whom it is reserved under Clause IV of the Act to prescribe not only the form and material of the stamps to be used, but also the mode and the place of impressing the stamp.

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

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No. 1782.

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Under date the 4th October 1860.

Read the following letter from the Secy. to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for the consideration of Govt. certain propositions for the future preparation of Stamped papers.—

(Here enter 26th Sept. 1860 No. 4390)

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From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government, F.S.D.

Dated 26th Sept. 1860
Rec. 29th Sept. 1860.
No. 4390.

Submitting for the consideration of Government certain proposals for the future preparation of Stamped paper.

No 82.

The accepts thanks of the Board
desires me to request that
Captain Cadell's services
may be placed at the disposal of
the Board of Revenue
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To the Board of Revenue
1 — Sub Treasurer
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# Preparation and Custody of Stamped Paper.—

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From Bd of Rev 27th May/60
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Board's proposition for some changes in the present arrangements in connection with the preparation and the Custody of Stamped Paper, approved.

No 62 & 63.

Ck 29 September & 2d October