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No. 64. 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, 21st September 1860, No. 4,289 :—

SIR,

1. In continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th September 1860, No. 4,276, I am directed to state that the Board have visited the Mint and conferred with Major Orr on the preparation of Dies, &c., for impressing Stamps under the new Act, and briefly to lay before Government the result of their conference with that Officer.

2. The Government are aware that all Stamps bear two impressions, the first impressed by the Superintendent and the second by the Sub-Treasurer.

3. The Board propose to attach to the Superintendent's Machine a small instrument which will spontaneously register the number of impressions. The instrument is in common use at the Mint, can be easily made there, is inexpensive and not easily put out of order. The Superintendent will thus be able to check the operations of his Stampers without difficulty.

4. In regard to the Treasury, the Board propose to make use of an instrument to print consecutive numbers on the Stamps. Major Orr showed the Board a Machine of this kind (which is in use in the Accountant General's Office) and informed them that he could make similar instruments at the Mint, that they are easily worked and durable. Two Machines would suffice and would cost from 300 to 400 Rupees for the pair. The use of this Machine will be restricted to blank paper, the Board do not propose to have Bank Cheques, Bills of Lading and such printed forms numbered.

5. The Dies cut at the Mint, in anticipation of the new Act, contain the value of the Stamp in English only. The Board think it essential that the values should be given in Tamil and Telugu also, and that the Dies should be rather larger in order to admit of the impression being deeper. The Treasury counterstamp need have only the words, "Madras General Treasury" with engine turned border, and will be about the size of a Rupee. The Board have recommended that the Treasury counterstamp be impressed on Bank Cheques, Bills of Lading and other forms wholly or partially printed. For these they propose a small counterstamp about the size of half a Rupee, with merely the letters M. G. T. shifting dates and letters and engine turned border. This is in lieu of the ink-Stamp proposed by Mr. Harrison and approved by the Board in paragraph 12 of their Proceedings, dated 20th instant, No. 4,276.

6. The Board have ascertained from Major Orr that these Dies and some extra hand-presses which will be required, can be easily made up at the Mint, and they request the sanction of Government to make the necessary arrangements in communication with that Officer and the Superintendent of Stamps.

7. The Board have instructed Mr. Harrison to limit the Stamping of fresh paper as much as possible so as to introduce the new Dies as early as practicable, and have requested him to get a number of printed Bills of Lading prepared, using the new Dies with only the English value for these—Cheques, Policies of Assurance and similar English documents—the existing Treasury counterstamp being used in all cases.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1860, No. 1,783.

1. In this letter the Board of Revenue report the result of their visit to the Mint to confer with the Mint Master as to the mode of impressing Stamps under the new Act.

2. The Government fully approve the proposals in paragraphs 3 and 4, and the first of those in paragraph 5. The second of those in the latter paragraph, respecting the Mint Stamps on

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Bills of Lading, &c., will probably be modified by the Board in pursuance of their later plan approved by Government in the Order of this date, No. 1,782.

3. It is unnecessary to pass more definite orders at present on this letter; but the Board will include their present suggestions, so far as applicable, in the detailed rules to be submitted under the order just quoted.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 4th October 1860

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Board of Revenue.

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