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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1860, No. 4,854:—

Read Order of Government, dated 17th October 1860, No. 1,894 Revenue Department.
(In Cons., 17th October 1860, No. 5,278.)

Read also letter from the Superintendent of Stamps dated 18th October 1860, No. 212 Fasli 1270.
(In Cons., 19th October 1860, No. 5,309.)
From do. do. dated 19th October 1860, No. 212 Fasli 1270.
(In Cons., 19th October 1860, No. 5,329.)

1. The Superintendent of Stamps reports that the box of one Anna adhesive Stamps already received by him contained 4,80,000 equivalent in value to Rupees 30,000 and that 3,18,000 of these have been distributed to the Collectors.

2. A second box (referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Superintendent's letter dated 4th ultimo No. 125) is expected shortly direct from England by the "Ajincourt" and contains 5,84,400 one Anna Stamps, the aggregate value being Rupees 36,525.

3. The total number of one Anna Stamps supplied to Madras, is thus 10,64,400, equivalent to $13\frac{1}{4}$ months' requirements at 80,000 monthly or until the end of October 1861.

4. The Superintendent estimates the sales for the first year at the rates above stated, and recommends that the stock remaining unsold on hand throughout the Presidency should always be maintained equal to 18 months' sales or 14,40,000.

5. There are no means yet of calculating with any accuracy the probable sales of Anna Stamps, and the experience of the present month, though it probably will give results somewhat above the average, will be the only reliable guide. There can be no doubt, however, of the necessity of always having an ample supply in reserve. Whether so much as 18 months' consumption will ultimately be necessary will depend mainly on the arrangements made in England for manufacturing and sending out the Stamps. At present the Board cannot recommend a smaller stock, considering the risk of accidents in transit from England, the reserves which must be kept up by Collectors and Vendors, the slow rate of transit here, &c.

6. The present stock (including the box expected by the "Ajincourt") provides for the estimated consumption of $13\frac{1}{4}$ months', so that at the end of March next there will be only $7\frac{1}{4}$ months' supply left, which by the end of June will have fallen to $4\frac{1}{4}$ months' stock. To bring the stocks up to 18 months' demand it is necessary that $10\frac{3}{4}$ months' supply or 8,60,000 Stamps should be received by March, 2,40,000 by June and 3,20,000 by October 1861 or altogether 14,20,000 within the next 12 months.

7. The Superintendent accordingly requests that $1\frac{1}{2}$ million Stamps should be sent immediately and a similar quantity by October 1861, for the stock of the then ensuing year.

8. If this can be done, it will be the safest arrangement until some experience is gained of the working of the Stamp Law, but as it is probable that the Home Government may have similar heavy demands from the other Presidencies, the immediate supply of one million to arrive by March next, at latest, and of a further million by October would meet the probable requirements of the Presidency. Intermediately a more satisfactory estimate will be formed from the actual sales for the first quarter. The Board concur with the Superintendent that supplies of Stamps for Madras, should be obtained direct from England. They recommend that information be at once procured as to the arrangements adopted there for making the Stamps, &c., so that in future the convenience of the Home Government may be kept in view as well as economy of supply, &c.

9. From the Despatches of the Supreme Government the following seems to be the provision made for Madras in respect to other than one Anna adhesive Stamps:—

			Rs.	No.
For Foreign Bills only.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Anna	7,812½	2,50,000
	2	Annas	31,250	2,50,000
	4	Annas	62,500	2,50,000
	8	Annas	1,25,000	2,50,000
	1	Rupee	2,50,000	2,50,000
	2	Rupees	5,00,000	2,50,000
	4	,,	10,00,000	2,50,000
	6	,,	7,50,000	1,25,000
	8	,,	10,00,000	1,25,000
	12	,,	6,00,000	50,000
	18	,,	9,00,000	50,000
	24	,,	12,00,000	50,000

The Board request the early opinion of the Superintendent as to the sufficiency of these supplies, especially that of ½ Anna Stamps, supposing the option of using Postage labels withdrawn, as they presume it will be, when practicable, in consequence of the difficulty (while it is allowed) of distinguishing Stamp from Postal Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th November 1860.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 134. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 8th November 1860, No. 2,080.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter No. 2,155 of the 1st instant, I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd idem, No. 4,854, with enclosures, reporting that the box of one Anna adhesive Stamps already received by the Superintendent of Stamps at this Presidency, contained 4,80,000 equivalent in value to Rupees 30,000, and that 3,18,000 of these have been distributed.

2. The Board also report that the Superintendent of Stamps has received advice that the second box of Stamps, referred to in my letter to your address dated 10th September, No. 1,560, has been despatched by the "Ajincourt" round the Cape, and that this contains 5,84,400 one Anna Stamps of the aggregate value of Rupees 36,525.

3. Accepting the estimate of the Superintendent that the stock of one Anna Stamps for this Presidency should always be maintained at 18 months' sales, the Board compute that supplies of Stamps will be requisite at the dates and to the extent specified below :—

By March 1861...	...8,60,000
,, June ,, ...	2,40,000
,, October ,, ...	...3,20,000
Total...	14,20,000

and they support the request of the Superintendent that a million and a half of these Stamps should be sent immediately, and a similar quantity by October 1861 for the stock of the then ensuing year ; or if this be impracticable, that an immediate supply of one million to arrive by March next at latest, and of a further million by October following.

4. The Board concur with the Superintendent that supplies of Stamps should be obtained direct from England, and recommend that information should be obtained as to the arrangements adopted there for making the Stamps : so that in future the convenience of the Home Government may be kept in view as well as economy of supply. As however the Government learn from your letter of the 18th October, No. 2,402 that you have already made an additional indent for adhesive Receipt and Bill Stamps of which a portion is to be sent direct to this Presidency, the Governor in Council, has not considered it necessary to do more than send a copy of the Board's Proceedings for the information of the Secretary of State.

Rev. Dept.

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To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Sir

1. With reference to your letter No. 2155 of the 1st inst. I am directed to forward the accompanying Pro. of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd idem, No. 4854, with enclosures, reporting that the box of one Anna adhesive stamps already received by the Supt. of Stamps at this Presidency, contained 4,80,000 equivalent in value to Rs. 30000, and that 3,18,000 of these have

have been distributed

2 The Board also report that the Supt^n of Stamps has received that advice of the second bag of stamps, referred to in my letter to your address dated 10th Sept^r No. 1560, has been despatched by the "Ajincourt" round the Cape, and that this Contains 5,84,400 one Anna Stamps of the aggregate value of Rs. 36,525.

3 The Board accepting the estimate of the Supt^n of Stamps that the stock of one anna stamps for this Presidency should always be maintained

maintained at 18 months' Sales, the Board to compute that Supplies of Stamps should be requisite at the dates and to the extent specified below:

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" June " —— 2,40,000
" Oct^r " —— 3,20,000
Total 14,20,000

and they support the request of the Supt^n that a million & a half of these stamps should be sent immediately, and a similar quantity by October 1861 for the stock of the then ensuing year; or if this be impracticable, that an immediate supply of one million to arrive by

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and of a further million
by October following.

4 The Board concur
with the Supt.t in that
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should be obtained
direct from England,
and recommend that
information should
be obtained as to the
arrangements adopted
there for making the
stamps; so that in future
the commencement of the
Home Government
may be kept in view
as well as economy
of supply. As however
Do both
Do learn from your letter of the
these subjects their
18th October No. 2/102 that you
Govern.t
have already made an additional
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indent for adhesive Receipt and Bill
Government to be im-
Stamps of which a portion is to be sent
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direct to this Presidency, we have not
Right Honorable the
considered it necessary to do more than
Secretary of State -
send a copy of the Board's Proceedings
for the information of the Secretary
of State.

Copy in a Letter to Govt
Dy 9th Novr 60 No 124

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Letter to the Govt of India on the subject of Stamps

Revenue 1860. Dept
Proc: of Govt for Nov

No. 2080.

To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dy 8 November 1860.

From Bof Rum 20th Novr 60
No 2674 — my No 18 Jany for Rs 131.

Reporting that the box of one anna adhesive Stamps received by the Superintendent of Stamps at this Presidency contained 45,000 equivalent in value to Rs 30000 and that 31,000 of these have been distributed-

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30 October 1860