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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 3 2187 Press Mis.

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Dated 20 — 11 — 1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th November 1860.

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1860, No. 5,644:—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Superintendent of Stamps, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1860, No. 305.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue that at present there are only two Stamping Presses in the Office, each of which when at full work is only able to stamp 5,000 papers a day. At present, moreover, from the number of private papers of various denominations sent in to be stamped, only one press can be used for the stamps required to be forwarded to Government Treasuries. The indents for the latter now remaining to be completed amount to upwards of 2½ lacs of papers, and there is no possibility of their being worked off with the present press Establishment. There are also the inland Bills of Exchange for all the Districts to be stamped and despatched so as to reach before the 1st of January 1861.

2. Under these circumstances I beg to solicit sanction to obtain two more presses for the Stamp Office and to entertain Pressmen and Assistants to the number altogether of nine persons or double the present number. Major Orr informs me that he will be able to adapt two of his Mint Stamping Presses to be used for stamping paper.

3. This increased stamping power is absolutely necessary if the new Act is to be enforced, and it will only be a temporary arrangement pending the transfer of the stamping Establishment to the Mint.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the temporary increase to the Stamping Establishment be sanctioned.

2. The Mint Master will be requested to meet Mr. Balmain's application for additional Presses.

(True Extract and Copy.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting-Secretary.*

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1860, No. 2,187.

The Government sanction for a period not exceeding three months the temporary increase to the Stamping Establishment applied for in these Proceedings. The total extra charge per month will be reported by the Board.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. Sim Esqr.

Acting Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

Rec. 1860 Despatch
Pro: of Gov. Gen. Nº 2630

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue

Dated 16th
Desp. 16th November 1860
Rec. 17th

From Bd of Rev. 27th Novr/60
Nº 2752. in Pro: 1st Dec. Nº 2371
Nº 5344

Nº 2187. 20th Novr

Submitting a letter
from the Officiating Superin-
tendent of Stamps with the
Board's recommendation that
the temporary increase to the
Stamping Establishment be
sanctioned.—

From the Bd of Rev. 17th May 1860
Con 1188 in Pro 29th June
Nº 342 & 343.

Nº 2187

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Fort St. Geo.
20th Novr 1860.

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