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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of April 1860.

No. 165. Read the following (Circular) Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th March 1860, No. 1,425 :—

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government.

(Here enter 10th December 1859 and 2nd March 1860, Nos. 1,666 and 335.)

No. 6,181, *from Government*, 10*th in Con.* 12*th December* 1859.

No. 5,328, *to Acting Superintendent of Stamps*, 21*st December* 1859.

No. 6,476, *from Acting Superintendent of Stamps*, 29*th in Con.* 29*th December* 1859.

No. 842, *to Government*, 16*th February* 1860.

Ordered to be circulated with the previous correspondence to all Collectors for their information and guidance.

2. A copy of the above Proceedings of Government will also be furnished to the Superintendent of Stamps, with a request that he will distribute the Stamps in the manner approved by Government. A Draft Notification is forwarded to him, which he will publish in the Fort Saint George Gazette as soon as the Stamps have been distributed; but in the meantime, a copy of it will be forwarded to all Collectors with this Circular.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that Telegraph Stamps of the values of 4 Annas, 1 Rupee and 4 Rupees each, have been forwarded to the Collectors of the Districts mentioned in the accompanying List for sale to the public at the places therein named.

2. At the stations noted in the margin, the Stamps are sold at the Collector's Treasury; at the other stations they are procurable from the authorised Venders of Postage Labels.

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Tranquebar. *Salem.*
Cuddapah. *Trichinopoly.*
Madura.

3. The object in providing these Stamps is to obviate the difficulty experienced in the remittance of small sums of money from places, *not* being Telegraphic stations, for the pre-payment of Messages, and they are intended to be used only when it is necessary to transmit a Message by Post to the nearest Telegraph Office from a place where there is no such Office. They are not, therefore, provided at any station where a Telegraph Office is established.

4. The Telegraph Stamps should be affixed to the Message inside, and the charge for the transmission of the latter by Post to the Telegraph station must be prepaid by the usual Postage Labels affixed to the Covers.

Districts.	*Places of Sale.*
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Tanjore.....	Tanjore, Combaconum, Tranquebar.
Cuddapah.....	Cuddapah.
Madura.....	Madura, Dindigul.
Tinnevelly...	Palamcottah, Tuticorin.
Kurnool...	Nandiál.
Krishna District...	Guntoor, Ellore.
Godavery do.	Coringa, Samalkotta.
Ganjam.....	Russelkonda, Mansúrkotta.
Vizagapatam...	Bimlipatam, Vizianagaram.
Coimbatore...	Coimbatore, Karur, Kunur, Wellington.
Malabar...	Manantoddi, Tellicherry, Beipur, Palghat.
North Canara... ...	Honore, Sirci, Kumpta.
South Canara	Mangalore.
Salem...	Salem, Vaniembadi, Hosur.
Bellary	Adoni, Ramandrug, Hindupur.
Trichinopoly.	Trichinopoly.
Nellore	Eskapalli

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1860, No. 686.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

CIRCULAR.

No. 1425.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th March 1860.

Read the following;—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 25th November 1859, No. 2354.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward to you the accompanying Extract* of a letter from the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, No. 25, dated the 6th of January last, regarding the distribution of Telegraph Stamps, intended for the payment of Messages despatched from places at which there are no Telegraph stations, and with reference to the concluding paragraph of the Extract, to state that the Superintendent of Stamps in Calcutta has been instructed to forward to the Superintendent of Stamps at Madras, the undermentioned Telegraph Stamps :

* Paragraphs 1 to 7.

4-Anna Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	8,000 Stamps.
1-Rupee do.	...	...	...	...	...	8,000 do.
4-Rupees do.	...	...	...	...	...	1,600 do.

I am desired to request that, upon the receipt of these Stamps at Madras, measures may be taken, under the directions of the local Government, for their transmission to suitable localities, and that the Residents of the Stations selected may be apprised of their being procurable. As these Stamps are intended to be used only when it is necessary to transmit a Message by Post to the nearest Telegraph Office from a place where there is no Telegraph station, they will not of course be kept in Store at the Treasury of any station where a Telegraph Office is established.

2. I am desired to suggest that it may suffice, in the first instance, to furnish the Collectors to whom the Stamps are sent for disposal, with brief directions to the following effect :

The Stamps will be sold from the local Treasury.

A discount at the rate of one Anna in the Rupee will be allowed to all persons who purchase not less than fifty Rupees worth of Stamps.

For the convenience of the Public, any quantity of Stamps will be sold by the District Treasurer, who will be allowed for his trouble a discount of half an Anna in the Rupee on all sales below fifty Rupees, no discount on any such sales being allowed to purchasers.

3. The transactions in these Stamps will be so trifling that the custody and disposal of them under the simple rules above given, will not, it is apprehended, cause any appreciable addition to the work of a Collector's Office. The usual rule will of course be observed by each Collector in regard to certifying periodically to the value of Stamps in Store, and generally, the same precautions and rules will be enjoyed with respect to the custody and issue of the Telegraph Stamps as are prescribed for observance with respect to other Stamps, Judicial or Postage.

4. I am directed to request that each Collector to whose Treasury the Telegraph Stamps are sent, may be specially enjoined to report to Government, at the expiration of three months from the date of his receiving the Stamps into Store, what number of each denomination has been sold, and whether he is of opinion that an intermediate Stamp between one Rupee and four Rupees would be convenient. It is very desirable that these Reports should be punctually furnished, and an Abstract of them forwarded to this Government without delay, with view to the transmission to England of an indent for a further supply of Stamps.

Extract of a letter from Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent Electric Telegraphs in India, to R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, No. 25; dated Mangalore, 6th January 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2790, dated the 21st December last, regarding the distribution and use of the Telegraph Stamps received from England.

2. In reply I have to state that the Stamps are intended to obviate the difficulty experienced in the remittance of small sums of money from places not having Telegraph stations, to the nearest Telegraph Office, for the pre-payments of Messages.

3. The original copy of a Message thus franked by an adhesive Stamp, will be sent, in all cases, to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Telegraphs of the particular Circle, there cancelled by defacement, and an exact account kept of the value of the Stamps so defaced.

4. Of the places where such Stamps will prove of most use, Simla and Mussourie afford good examples, the former being within 60 miles of Umballa, the latter within 130 miles of Meerut, the nearest Telegraph stations.

5. I would suggest that the distribution of the Stamps to particular Towns should be effected by the several local Governments and Commissioners. I am not myself competent to point out the particular places or Districts where the Stamps may prove most useful.

6. The local Governments would also be best able to indicate the persons to whom the Stamps should be entrusted for sale.

7. In estimating the quantity required, I would suggest that a supply equivalent to six months' consumption, at 200 Rupees 1,200 Rupees (and those chiefly of the smaller value) would be sufficient for a commercial town of ordinary rank; for places of much commerce, or the chief sanitaria, such as Simla, Mussourie, or Darjeeling, double that amount would be enough.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. GREY,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1859, No. 1666.

Ordered that this letter and its enclosure be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, and that they be requested to report to Government at their earliest convenience the stations to which the Telegraph Stamps should be sent, the quantities that should be supplied, and the person to wh om they should be entrusted at each place. The Board will also state whether any further regulations are necessary for carrying out the views of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 5328.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st December 1859.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th December 1859, No. 1666, R. D., communicating a letter and its Enclosure from the Government of India, on the subject of Telegraph Stamps, and requesting the Board to report, at their earliest convenience, the stations to which they should be sent, the quantities that should be supplied, and the person to whom they should be entrusted at each place; as also whether any further Regulations are necessary than that laid down by the Government of India, for carrying out the arrangement.

(In Con. 12th December 1859, No. 6181.)

Resolved that a copy of the above papers be forwarded to the Superintendent of Stamps who will be so good as to suggest to what places the Telegraph Stamps intended for this Presidency should be distributed.

To

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps.

Letter from W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps,

dated Fort Saint George, 29th December 1859, No. 241.

I regret that I am unable to give with any confidence an opinion on the subject of the Board's

Dated 21st December 1859. Order, No. 5328. I have not indeed any knowledge officially of the position of Telegraph lines and stations, much less any statistical information as to the Districts from which Messages are most frequently sent. Of course I can conceive that a demand for Stamps might arise in Districts like Coimbatore* where there are many European residents, or Trichinopoly† where large bodies of Troops are quartered; but I should only speak at random without making any practical suggestions.

* Ootacamund being the only Telegraph station there.

† I do not see any station advertised in that Zillah.

2. It appears to be the intention of Government, that these Stamps are not to be received from parties residing in the neighbourhood of the Telegraph stations; but unless some Order be issued to prohibit this, such persons will probably procure them with a view to security and facility of despatch (to say nothing of the discount on the purchase) in the same way that Postage Stamps are preferred to money payments on letters.

3. I would, therefore, notify that no Stamped Message would be received at a Telegraph Office, unless it came thither through the Post: and with this proviso, I would make known in the Gazette, that I am prepared to supply Stamps to all Collectors and Residents who require them. Each Officer would then indent as he ascertains the wants of his District.

No. 842.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of

In Con. 12th December 1859, No. 6181. Government, dated 10th December 1859, R. D., No. 1666, calling for their opinion as to the mode of distributing the Telegraph Stamps received from Calcutta, the persons to whom they should be entrusted for sale, and the further Regulations (if any) necessary for carrying out the views of the Government of India.

2. The Board have communicated with the Superintendent of Stamps, and his letter on the

Dated 29th in Con. 29th December 1859, No. 6476. subject is enclosed herein.

3. The Board direct me to append a List of the Places at which they deem it desirable that these Stamps should be sold. There are probably others at which it would be advisable to open places of sale, and the Board's apportionment of the Stamps is intended to admit of this being done by the Collectors, who will, of course, be instructed to report these arrangements to the Superintendent of Stamps.

4. Upon receipt of the Periodical Reports, which, in the Board's opinion, should reach Government through the Superintendent of Stamps, that Officer will be able to suggest such transfers of Stock, and other modifications as experience may show to be necessary. He will also be enabled thus to regulate his indents for further supplies of Stamps from Calcutta.

5. The Rules proposed by the Government of India, appear to the Board to be good and sufficient for the purpose.

6. The Board think that the proper persons to be entrusted with the sale of the Stamps in question, are the Cash-keepers at the Huzur stations, and the authorised Venders of Postage

Stamps in the Taluk Kacheris, from whom engagements should be taken not to charge more than the sum for which each kind of Stamp is intended to pass.

7. The Board have omitted Telegraph stations from their List, in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India. The new Stamps will, however, be so convenient, that they trust their use will shortly be generally permitted, in substitution of money payments.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE, Fort St. George, 16th February 1860.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

Copy to Acting Superintendent of Stamps.

List of Places where Telegraph Stamp should be sold.

Districts.	Places of Sale.	4-Annas Stamps.	1-Rupee Stamps.	4-Rupees Stamps.
Chingleput.	Chingleput.	200	200	40
	Conjeveram...			
North Arcot.	Chittur...	400	400	80
	Arcot....			
	Wallajapetta...			
	Ambur...			
	Palmanair...			
South Arcot.	Cuddalur.	400	400	80
	Porto Novo.			
Tanjore...	Tanjur...	400	400	80
	Combaconum...			
	Tranquebar...			
Cuddapah...	Cuddapah...	400	400	80
Madura...	Madura.	400	400	80
	Dindigul			
Tinnevelly...	Palamcottah...	400	400	80
	Tuticorin			
Kurnool...	Nundial...	200	200	40
Krishna District.	Guntoor	400	400	80
	Ellore			
Godavery do.	Coringa	600	600	120
	Samulcottah.			
Ganjam...	Russelcondah.	400	400	80
	Mansurcottah.			
Vizagapatam...	Bimlipatam	400	400	80
	Vizianagram.			
Coimbatore.	Coimbatore	600	600	120
	Carur...			
	Kunur.			
	Jackatallah.			
Malabar.	Manantoddy.	600	600	120
	Tellicherry...			
	Beypore.			
	Palghat			
North Canara....	Honore...	400	400	80
	Sirci...			
	Kumpla...			
South Canara.	Mangalore...	400	400	80
Salem.....	Salem	400	400	80
	Vaniembady.			
	Hosur			
Bellary.....	Adony.	400	400	80
	Ramandroog.			
	Hindupur...			
Trichinopoly....	Trichinopoly	400	400	80
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(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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

Submitting with the Board's opinion a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, reporting as to the mode of distributing the Telegraph Stamps received from Calcutta, and appending a List of the Places at which they deem it desirable that these Stamps should be sold. (Here enter 16th February 1860, No. 842.)

ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1860, No. 335.

The Government approve the proposed distribution of the Telegraph Stamps, and request, that on the receipt of those Stamps, the Superintendent may be instructed to furnish them accordingly to the several Collectors.

2. The Board will also instruct the Collectors to the effect mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the letter from the Government of India; dated 25th November last, and require them to submit the Report indicated in paragraph 4 of the same letter through the Superintendent of Stamps.

3. The Board will notify in the Official Gazette the arrangements made for the sale of Telegraph Stamps, and instruct the Collectors to make a similar publication in their District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Copy to Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.

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Trichinopoly.....	Trichinopoly.
Nellore.....	Eskapully.

Secretary.

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