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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

Read the following papers :—

No. 1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1860, No. 1,735.

Read letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, dated 4th April 1860, No. 413.

The Board cannot suppose that the new Stamp Act will be brought into operation without allowing sufficient time, not merely for providing the Stamps and issuing them to the Collectors and Venders, but also for making the people fully acquainted with the intricate requirements of the Law and the penalties attached to non-conformity therewith.

2. The Board presume also that, in the interval which has elapsed since a change in the Stamp Law has determined on, arrangements have been made for the supply of Stamp, &c., from England, and full information may be expected from Calcutta at an early date.

3. But as there appears to be only one Press available here, the Superintendent of Stamps is authorized to purchase 50 Reams of the paper he recommends (No. 1) at 3½ Rupees per Ream, and commence stamping paper for Native Bills of Exchange, as soon as practicable. From paragraph 5 of Mr. Secretary Grey's letter, printed in the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th August 1859, Judicial Department, No. 1,060, it appears that paper for those Bills is to be procured in this country.

4. The Board resolve to submit Mr. Harrison's letter to Government, and to recommend that a representation be made to the Supreme Government of the absolute necessity of allowing time for the proposed new Law to be fully made known to the people, and for the necessary arrangements to be effected for bringing it into operation.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 2. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calcutta, 17th April 1860.

The new Stamp Act will not come into operation till the 1st of September. The Schedules are not yet finally arranged; as soon as they are, a communication will be made.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1860, No. 688.

1. Resolved that a copy of the above Telegram be transmitted to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Proceedings recorded at the head of this paper, and also those of the 11th April 1860, No. 1,750.

2. There will be ample time after the receipt of the promised information to take the necessary steps for the promulgation of all necessary information. Mr. Harrison may at his option have under preparation the Stamped papers for Hoondies he refers to.

3. With reference to the Order of Government marginally noted, the Mint Master will report whether the fifty-five dies therein mentioned are ready for use; if so he will forward specimen stamped papers of each sort for examination.

30th September 1859, *No.* 1,331.

4. The specimen (six anna stamp) sent by the Board does not appear to Government to be a very good sample. The centre is so faint by cut that the Queen's head is barely distinguishable, while the outer edge is so much raised as to render it not improbable that when applied to thin paper, the whole impression will be torn away. Major Orr will give his opinion on this point, and state whether he can remedy the evil, if necessary.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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