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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 809	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 19-5-1860.	

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No. 118. Read the following letter from Major C. A. ORR, Mint Master, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 7th May 1860, No. 9.

Paragraph 1st. As directed in the Order of Government in the Revenue Department, under date the 1st May 1860, No. 688, I have the honor to report that the fifty-five Dies referred to are ready for use, and will be sent to the Superintendent of Stamps immediately.

2nd. With respect to the impression of the Queen's Head not appearing sufficiently distinct on the Stamp for six Annas submitted by the Board of Revenue to the inspection of Government as a sample of the Dies, I beg to state that it is probable that that specimen was struckoff on paper not damped, and, therefore, not properly fitted to rise into the hollow of the Die, and that with care a better impression might have been obtained. It is possible, however, that the Queen's Head is not deeply enough imprinted on the Die to yield a well raised impression on thin paper, because this Mint not being yet equal to the production of an original engraving on Steel of the Queen's Head in the requisite style, the impress of the Head had to be taken from a coinage Die, and that for Cents being of suitable size was selected. The Cent. being a thin coin, the Die is proportionately shallow, but if those made from it for the Stamp Department will not, on that account, answer and others be required, it may be found possible to improve upon them, or if there be no objection to slightly increasing the size of the Stamps, deeper Dies may be formed by copying the Queen's Head from the Die of a four Anna piece.

3rd. As to the edges of the Dies appearing so much raised as to render it not improbable that the whole impression may be cut away from thin paper, I believe the danger of such an accident occurring will diminish as the Dies are used, but if necessary the sharpness of the rim may be rubbed off by hand.

I enclose specimens of each Stamp on thin paper, such as may be used for Native Hoondies, and a few impressions on ordinary foolscap.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1860, No. 809.

1. The Government observe that it is in prospect* to have out from England new Dies of the several values required. There appears no necessity therefore for any change in those lately prepared by the Mint Master though such might otherwise be advisable.

* *Enclosure to Proceedings Madras Government, 6th August* 1859, *No.* 1,060, *J. D.*

2. The specimen stampt papers received with this letter will be forwarded to the Government of India, for inspection, with reference to paragraph 3 of the letter from this Government, dated 30th September 1859, No. 1,332, Revenue Department.

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

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 120. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 19th May 1860, No. 810 :—

1. In continuation of the letter from this Department, dated September 30th, 1859, No. 1,332, and with reference to paragraph 3, I am directed to forward for the inspection of the Supreme Government, specimen papers bearing the impress of the Dies therein mentioned.

2. The accompanying Proceedings of this Government with enclosure, will show that exception has been taken to the Dies, and also that it has been considered unnecessary to require any alteration in them under the circumstances stated.

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No 810.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of India

Sir

In continuation of the letter from this Department, ~~dated Sept 30~~ ~~Number~~ 30th 1859 No 1332, and with reference to para 3, I am directed to forward for the inspection of the Supreme Government, specimen papers bearing the impress of the dies therein mentioned.

2. The accompanying Proceedings of this Govt with enclosure, will show that exception has been taken to the dies, and also that it has been considered unnecessary to require any alteration in them under the circumstances

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Fort St. Geo: 19th May 1860

3°. As to the edges of the Dies appearing so much raised as to render it not improbable that the whole impression may be cut away from thin paper, I believe the danger of such an accident occurring will diminish as the Dies are used, but if necessary the sharpness of the rim may be rubbed off by hand.

I enclose specimens of each Stamp on thin paper, such as may be used for native hoondies, and a few impressions on ordinary foolscap.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed^t Servant,

Chas. A. Bird
Mint Master

Rec.d 10th May 1860 No. 1 to 3.

Ans.d No. 809

The Government observe that it is in prospect to have sent from England new dies of the several values required. There appears no necessity therefore for any change in those lately prepared by the Mint Master though such might otherwise be advisable.

2 The Specimen Stamped papers received with this letter will be forwarded to the Government of India, for inspection, with reference to para 3 of the letter from this Government dated 30th September 1859 No 1332. R. D.

Fort St. Geo.e
19th May 1860.

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1 " Mint Master
6 " Govt of India

Rec.d 1860 Depart.t
From Govt No. 963
From The Mint Master
To The Secy to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

Dated 7th 2/3 May 1860.
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2 Encls. No. 9.

No. 809. 19th May

Agreeably to Government Order No. 688 reports that the 55 Dies for the Stamp Department are ready and will be sent to the Supdt of Stamps immediately. With respect to the impression of the Queens Head not being distinct on the Stamp for 6 Annas States the possibility

With an order

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of remedying it. Encloses Specimens of each Stamp

Rec.d 11th May 1860 15th

Enclosure to Pro Madras Govt 6th August 1859 No. 1060 T. D.