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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th October 1861.

No. 144. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 27th September 1861, No. 5,255 :—

SIR,

1. Referring to the Orders of Government, dated 15th August 1861, No. 1,652, Revenue Department, forwarding to the Board the Proceedings of the Supreme Government, dated 10th July 1861, No. 8,680 A, Financial Department, on the subject of the safeguards against forgery of Stamped paper, I am directed by the Board to request that the necessary measures may at once be taken to procure for the use of this Presidency the requisite quantity of water-marked paper for the manufacture of Stamps.

2. In communication with the Superintendent of Stamps, the Board have come to the conclusion, that the annual consumption of the whole Presidency, will not, on an average, exceed (3,000,000) three millions of rolls of Stamped paper. Four sizes of water-marked paper are used for the bicolor and impressed Stamps in Bengal.

3. The Board consider that Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will meet all the requirements of the public, the two first sizes which are of extra length being intended for Decrees and Plaints, and the last for all ordinary purposes.

4. Of these sizes, the following number of rolls are estimated as the average needs of a year :—

No. 1.....	250,000	125000
,, 2.....	250,000	125000
,, 3.....	2,500,000	250,000 stub - 500,000 rolls
	3,000,000	

Different sized sheets of paper are provided for the manufacture of each size of Stamped paper, and a single sheet makes two rolls of No. 1 Stamp, and three rolls of Nos. 2 and 3. Thus the number of sheets required will be as follows :—

Of No. 1. 1,25,000 sheets to form 250,000 rolls.
,, 2. 83,333 ,, ,, 250,000 ,,
,, 3. 8,333,333 ,, ,, 2500,000 ,,

5. The Board think it most desirable that no time should be lost in procuring this supply and arranging for its being maintained at this annual rate. They are conscious that the quality of the paper at present, provided, is not such as the public have a right to expect shall be supplied to them, and they are anxious to remove every just ground of complaint against the working of the Act.

6. The cost of the paper obtained from the Superintendent of Stationery and from the local market for the Stamp Department from 1st October 1860 to 26th July 1861, may be taken at about Rupees 15,000, which may be considered to have provided a year's supply of Stamps.

7. The charge amounts to an insignificant percentage on the revenue, but would probably be increased to some extent by the supply of the water-marked paper used in Bengal.

8. The Board are not aware what the cost of this paper is, but the consideration is one of no moment when weighed with the convenience of the public and the satisfaction of their reasonable expectation, and with the additional security to the Revenue which the use of this paper will it is trusted afford.

P. S.—The paper referred to in this letter is irrespective of the water-marked paper already supplied for the manufacture of Hoondee and Bills of Exchange Stamps, and of which a sufficient supply for 1862, is estimated to be in stock. The annual requirements of this paper are estimated at seventy reams, at eight stamps to a sheet.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th October 1861.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1861, No. 1,964.

1. The Governor in Council concurs with the Board that the introduction of water-marked paper for Stamps is very desirable as an additional precaution against forgery.

2. The Bengal paper is certainly superior to that now in use in Madras, but the sizes Nos. 1 and 2 are very inconvenient. For Plaints and Decrees of Court the Government would much prefer the size of paper in ordinary use in Law Offices, viz., Demy folded in half, so as to form two sheets. The Bengal paper for these purposes is inconveniently long and narrow.

3. The Board will revise their indent accordingly, and application will then be made to the Home Government.

4. The Board will at the same time consider whether it would be desirable to have the paper sent out ready stamped from England. They will state the annual cost of stamping here, after providing of course for the stamping of executed documents, Bank Cheques and the like, which must be stamped in this country.

5. The Governor in Council observes that Section 4 of the Stamp Act (XXXVI of 1860) reserves to the Governor General in Council the power of determining "the form and material
Schedule B., item 3. "of the Stamps to be used." The only kind specified in the Act is "No. 3 of the Stamp Office," a description hitherto unknown and never used here. The sanction of the Supreme Government will be sought (when the Board's reply to these Proceedings is received) for the use of the kinds ultimately selected for sale in this Presidency.

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

Co. Ho. Oct 4/61

My dear Sim

All pleadings &c
in the Cuddapah Court are
on paper or half sheets
of demy paper. Issued
for a quarter, the
thicker paper, drawn up
in the manner pleadings
are instanced together -
I have also just written a
few words to shew you
I think it is somewhat
inconvenient size than the
paper now given out by
the Govt. Proceedings
- duly written on one side

I send the inspected sentences on foolscap sheets of paper written only on the side - some rule seems to me a convenient plan - I send a specimen of the letter - the thinner paper -

I think the penny is best for pleadings, decrees &c &c & the long hand for deeds &c.

I have been suffering for a week from influenza which has returned me somewhat but I am now writing this after Mr Hoar's papers before setting my face which was to a considerable extent prepared before I started for Lincoln. before having a fair copied I shall look in to see you.

Ask me

Very truly yours

C. Dale.

J D Lincoln

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In the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras.
Plea Side

Filed on the fourth day of Octr.
in the Vacation after the fourth
Term of the year 1861.

Madras to wit John Stiles complains of Thomas
Brown.

And in Ten Thousand Rupees for the
price

No. 24

1864

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 18th Octr. 1864.

Read the following letter

from the Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Requesting that the necessary measures may be taken to procure for the use of the Presidency the requisite quantity of water-marked paper for the manufacture of Stamps.

(Honorable Dy. Sec. Sept. for Nos. 3250)

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of the stamps to be

Sch B. it. 3.

Stamp paper
to be used for
Court-fees to be
affixed—at least
I hope will
I suppose this
must be done.
to keep within
the Law. But it
may be suggested
to the Govt. that
the lower rupee
be left to the
Govt

Yrs Ever

used". The only
kind specified in
the Act is "No 3 of
the Stamp Office"
a description hitherto
unknown here. The
Sanction of the Govt.
Govt will be sought
for, when the Bill
is passed / for
the sake of the
Rules to be framed
Selected for Sale
in the Presidency

J. D. S.

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No. 12475 – 19th Novr. 61.
No. 2187.

Boards Proceedings requesting that measures may be adopted for the requisite supply of water marked Paper for the Manufacture of Stamps for the use of this Residency, with orders thereon.

Watermarked paper for the manufacture of Stamps.

2667
15-8-61
1854
20-9-61
1868
26-9-61

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No. 144 & 145.

9th October 1861