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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st November 1861.

No. 17. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1861, No. 5,638 :—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Fort Saint George, 14th October 1861, No. 417 of Fasli 1271.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 5,574 of October 11th, I have the honor to state that I can prepare a Statement from the monthly returns submitted to the Board, of the documents of each kind stamped up to the 30th September; but there is nothing in the records to show whether the papers stamped have been printed forms or manuscript, or only with written headings. Such documents are not in any way dated or numbered; but the Register kept shows the detail of the number of each value of Stamp impressed for each person who brings papers.

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2. The Board attach much importance to this matter, and request the Superintendent to see their instructions carried out with the least possible delay.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1861, No. 2,094.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To W. Balmain, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.
„ Lieutenant Colonel C. A. Orr, Mint Master.

Exd. J. Wright.

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