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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th November 1861.

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th October 1861, No. 5,749:—

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, 16th October 1861, No. 435.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,610 of October 14th, and the Orders of Government which are embodied therein, I have the honor to state that the only alteration in the indent required will be to substitute—

5,00,000 sheets of Demy for { 2,50,000 rolls of No. 1. / 2,50,000 do. of do. 2.

2. In regard to the cost of the stamping of papers in this country, the whole Establishment employed in this part of the duty, including the whole of the change sanctioned for the Mint, is Rupees 478 per month, or Rupees 5,736 per annum; and the only reduction in this which would result from the paper being stamped at Home would be that of pressmen and workers, to the amount of Rupees 150 a month. The Stamping Establishment, as entered above, is calculated to turn out in the year about 30,00,000 of papers, besides 2,00,000 Bills of Exchange in addition to performing the work of stamping private documents. The cost of stamping the paper at Home would probably far exceed the saving out here; it would also be somewhat inconvenient indenting for all the different values and descriptions of stamps, and would entail the necessity of keeping a large stock of stamped paper in store not less probably than six millions of rolls. On the other hand it would be possible to obtain a superior description of colored stamp, and it would prevent to a great extent any fraud in this country in regard to the stamping of paper for which credit is not given in the accounts.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 10th October 1861, No. 1,964, Revenue Department.

2. The only alteration needed in the indent in consequence of the Government proposal to substitute Demy paper for the sizes of Decree and Plaint paper proposed by the Superintendent and the Board, will be to strike on the whole of the Nos. 1 and 2 papers, and to enter 5,00,000 sheets, or reams 1,041, quires 13, sheets 8 of Demy in their stead. The Board would, however, submit for the consideration of Government whether the convenience of the residents in the Mufassal will be promoted by this change, however well calculated it may be to meet the wishes of the Presidency legal practitioners.

3. The Board are not, on the whole, disposed to recommend that the paper be stamped at Home. There would probably be no saving of expense if not a positive increase, and the change might at times involve great inconvenience, while the additional securities it would afford against frauds on the Revenue by means of forged stamps, can, the Board believe, be equally well provided in this country.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1861, No. 2,181.

1. The Government are still of opinion that Demy is the proper size of paper for Plaints and Decrees. The Superintendent of Stamps and the Board of Revenue state that 5,00,000 *sheets* of Demy water-marked paper will be required in lieu of as many *rolls* of Nos. 1 and 2 of the specimens received from Calcutta. This is apparently a mistake. The correct quantity required is 5,00,000 rolls or 2,50,000 sheets (reams 520-16-16). The quantity of Foolscap required is 25,00,000 rolls, or reams 2,604. The Government resolve, therefore, to apply to the Secretary of State for the supply of water-marked paper as per margin.

	Rolls.
No. 1	2,50,000
„ 2	2,50,000
	5,00,000

Demy Reams...	520
Foolscap „	2,600

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2. Under the circumstances represented by the Superintendent of Stamps and the Board of Revenue, the Government will not at present recommend that the paper sent out should be stamped in England, but will request the Home Government to procure estimates of the cost, of stamping in England, and specimens of the Stamps used here will be sent Home as guides.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of their Order dated 10th October 1861, No. 1,964, the Government now find that the Governor General has, in his Notification, dated 4th September 1860, No. 1,666, prescribed under Section IV of Act XXXVI of 1860, the form and material of the Stamps to be used; a separate application to the Government of India on the subject is therefore unnecessary.

Vide "Fort Saint George Gazette," for 1860, Page 534.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Sept.ᵗʰ

No 2181

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 19th November 1861

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue:—

Proceedings with the Board's remarks, a letter from the Sept.ᵗʰ of Stamps & Exciting Ins.ᵗ for paper with information as to the cost of stamping in their country—

(Rec.ᵈ date 18th October 1861
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The Govt are still of opinion that Serry is the proper size of paper for Plaints & Decrees. The Sept.ᵗʰ & the Bd of Revenue state that 500,000 sheets of Serry

Demy water-marked paper, will be required in lieu of as many rolls of Nos 1 & 2 of the specimens received from Calcutta. This is apparently a mistake. The correct quantity required is 500,000 rolls or 2,50000 sheets. (Reams 520-16-16). The quantity of foolscap required is 2,50,000 rolls or Reams 2604. The Govt consider therefore to apply to the Secy of State for the supply of water-marked paper as per margin.

Rolls.
No 1 — 250,000.
" — 2 — 250000.
Total 500,000

Demy Reams 520.
Foolscap " 2,600.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Supdt of Stamps and the Bd of Revenue the Govt will not at present recommend that the paper should be stamped in England, but will request the Home Govt to procure estimates of the cost of stamping in England & specimens of stamps which will be sent home at once.

Vide Govt Gazette for 1860 - Page 534.

3. With reference to para 5 of their order dated 10th October 1867 No 1964, the Govt of India now find that the Govt General has in his Notification dated 4th September 1860 No 1666 prescribed under Section IV of Act XXXVI of 1860, the form & material of the stamps to be used & a separate application to the Govt of India

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J. N. L

H. Office 8th Nov. of Rec.
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Revenue 1861 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for November

No. 2781.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D/ 19th November 1861.

~~Form B of Rev d/ 26th Novr 61~~
No 2776.

Pro: of the Bd of Revr 6 March 62
No 653 in

Boards Proceedings
on the subject of Stamps,
with orders thereon.

No. 187 & 188.