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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th February 1861.

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1861, No. 526 :—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1861, No. 565.

SIR,

1. With reference to the notice in last night's Gazette to the effect that after the 1st of March ½ Anna Postage Stamps must not be used for Drafts or Receipts, I beg to bring to notice that the total amount of ½ Anna Stamps received from England is 85,440, giving say 4,000 to each District which when distributed to the Táluqs will leave very small stock every where.

2. By the order of Government these Stamps, as also the other bill Stamps, have not been yet distributed. If the option of using Postage Stamps is to be taken away the few ½ Anna Stamps in store should be issued *without the least delay*.

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1. The Board are at a loss to understand to what Order of Government the Superintendent of Stamps refers as preventing the distribution of the ½ Anna and other Adhesive Stamps required for other purposes than Foreign Bills of Exchange, as the Order of 4th January 1861, No. 14, Revenue Department, paragraph 2, is expressly limited to this last description of Stamps.

2. The Superintendent will take immediate steps for the speedy distribution of the ½ Anna Stamps, and will report the distribution made to each District and the remaining stock in hand

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1861, No. 278.

The Board's Order is approved.

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

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

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No. 526

Submitting for information
Copy of the Board's Proceedings
passed on a letter from the
Superintendent of Stamps proposing
him to take immediate steps
for the speedy distribution of
the ½ Anna Stamps received
from England and to report
the distribution made to
each District and the re-
maining stock in hand.

No. 278. 5th February

Written order

No. 278

The Board's order
is approved.

Fort St. Geo.
5th February 1861.
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