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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1525 — Press / Mis.

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Dated 18. 7. 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th July 1862.

No. 237. Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, 17th June 1862, No. 4,155 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 469, dated the 3rd March last, soliciting sanction to a revision of the Stamp Department at Madras, involving an increased expenditure of Rupees 1,255-9-4 per mensem.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that, under the circumstances represented, His Excellency the Governor General in Council approves of the proposal to place the Stamp Department under an Uncovenanted Officer, on a salary not exceeding (1,000) one thousand Rupees a month, but objects to any portion of this salary being charged to the Post Office.

3. The increase proposed to the Superintendent's Office Establishment, including the addition of 50 Rupees a month to the pay of the Manager, is likewise sanctioned; but His Excellency in Council cannot, as at present informed, accede to the increase proposed for the *Counter-Stamp* Department. The placing of that Department under the Mint Master seems to be an unobjectionable arrangement; but as the Officer in charge of the Counter-Stamping Department at this Presidency draws no additional allowance for it, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that there is no sufficient reason for the proposed increase of 150 Rupees a month to the allowance of the Mint Master at Madras, who, it is observed, has only recently obtained an augmentation of salary. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that 130 Rupees a month will probably suffice for the *establishment* actually required, and that amount is accordingly sanctioned for the establishment of the Counter-Stamp Department.

	Rs.
Proposed Scale	902
Present ,, ...	753
Increase	149

4. This, together with the increases in the Superintendent's Office Establishment, are sanctioned, as requested, with retrospective effect from the 1st September 1861. But I am directed to remark, with reference to the Orders of this Department, noted in the margin,* that no portion of the additional expenditure ought to have been incurred without the previous sanction of the Supreme Government. So far from the above noted Orders having been observed, additional servants appear to have been entertained for six months, viz., from the 1st September 1861 up to the date of your letter under acknowledgment, upon the authority of the local Government, and without any reference whatever having been made to the Government of India. If the emergency was so great as to require the immediate employment of additional hands, a report of the circumstances and application for sanction to the arrangement could well have been made at a much earlier date. I am directed, therefore, to request you will, with His Excellency's permission, be good enough to submit an explanation of the circumstances under which the Orders of the Supreme Government have in this instance been contravened.

* No. 1,528, dated 14th February 1860.
,, 2,805, dated 30th March 1860.

5. I am also to request that you will explain the apparent discrepancy between the amount mentioned in the Madras Administration Report for 1860-61, as the Stamp Revenue of that year, and that mentioned in your letter under acknowledgment. The amount entered in the former is Rupees 14,89,000, while in the latter it is stated to have been "upwards of 17 lacs."

Extract paragraphs 1 to 4 of the above letter forwarded to the Auditor General of India, to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, and to the Civil Paymaster, Madras, for information.

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No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1862, No. 1,545.

1. In paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter the Government of India have called for explanation in regard to the apparent discrepancy between the amount mentioned in the Madras Administration Report for 1860-61 on the Stamp Revenue of that year and that mentioned in the letter from this Government, under date the 3rd March last. The amount entered in the former is Rupees 14,89,000 while in the latter it is stated to have been "upwards of 17,00,000." The latter statement was taken from the Board's statement of Collections for June 1861.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested to explain the discrepancy.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. They will in communication with the Mint-master report how the sum of Rs. 130 sanctioned for that Officers counter-stamping establishment can be distributed.

2 The Board will also be requested to explain the discrepancy pointed out in para 5 of this letter. The sum entered in the letter to the Government of India D/ 3rd March 1862 No. 469 was taken from the Bd's statement of Collections for June 1861.

Bd of Revenue

Pro, 3d March /62 No. 38
10 April /60 No. 19-20

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From the Secy. to the Govt. of India

Dated 17th June
Received 7th July } 1862

No. 1545 – 17 July No. 4155.

~~With an order~~

Approving proposal of this Govt. to place the Stamp Deptt. under an Uncovt. Servant on a salary of Rs. 1000 a month, but objects to any portion of this salary being charged to the Post Office – Sanctioning Rs. 130 pr. month for the Estabt. of the Counter Stamp Deptt. together with the increases in the Supdts. Office Estabt. with retrospective effect from 1st Sept. /61, and calls for an explanation of the circumstances under which the orders of the Supe. Govt. of /60 have been contravened by the entertainment of addl. servants for 6 months on the authority of this Govt. without any refee whatever having been made to Govt. of India: also of the discrepancy between the amt. mentioned in the Madras Administration Report for 1860/61 as the Stamp Revenue of that year & that mentioned in our

letter of 3d March last No. 469

No. 237.

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Under date the 18th July 1862

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Govt. of India in the Financial Department.

(Hese enter 17th June 1862 No. 4155)

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from this Govt under date the 3d March last. The amount entered in the former is Rs 14,89,000 while in the latter it is stated to have been "upwards of 17,00,000" The latter statement was taken from the Board's statement of collections for June 1861.

The Board of Revenue will be requested to explain the discrepancy.

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No. 35.

Revenue 1862 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt. for July.

No. 1545.

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D/ 18th July 1862.

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