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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th September 1862.

No. 107. Read the following letter from Captain J. MITCHELL, Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th September 1862, No. 71 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the following subject for the consideration of Government.

2. G. O. G. 21st August 1862, page 331 of the "Fort Saint George Gazette," re-publishes an Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in which it is directed that the receipts of payees for salaries exceeding 20 Rupees a month must have a stamp of one Anna affixed to each, like other receipts for the payment of money.

3. By the existing Rules of the service my pay, amounting in all to less than Rupees (600) six hundred, is drawn in four distinct abstracts. My Military pay proper is drawn from the Military Paymaster. My Military allowances from the Civil Paymaster, my salary as Superintendent of the Mounted Police, in the abstract of the Police Troop, and my allowance for the Museum in the Museum abstract.

4. On presenting the abstract for my pay proper to the Military Pay Office it was returned with directions that a one Anna stamp should be affixed, which was complied with. When the Paymaster's cheque was presented at the Bank for payment it was returned because a one Anna stamp was not affixed to it also, so that these authorities require me to give two stamps for one payment.

5. I have already said that my pay is drawn in four abstracts, so that on this principle for each month's pay I must give eight stamps, I may be wrong, but I conceive the Government never contemplated such an arrangement, but merely that every man on receiving his monthly salary should attach one Anna stamp as a receipt. But the Pay Department first makes me affix a stamp on the abstract, and then the Bank demands another stamp in the Paymaster's cheque, and this process, if the Civil Department follows the example of the Military, has to be repeated four times a month, and I beg to submit that this is not the intention of Government, nor the correct reading of the order. The words "each receipt" being plainly intended to mean the receipt of "each individual" for his monthly pay.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1862, No. 1,905.

Referred to the Controller of Military Finance for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From
Captain J. Mitchell
Officer in Charge of the
Govt Central Museum
To
T. Pycroft Esqr
Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St. George

Fort St George
6th Septr 62

Dated 6th
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The Officer in Charge
of the Government
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submits for the con-
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a question regarding
Receipt Stamps.
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With our Order

No 107 & 108.