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No. 379. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1862:—

Read the following letter from R. W. NORFOR, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1862, No. 461 of Fasli 1272.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that considerable delay and inconvenience have been experienced from obtaining through the Superintendent of Stationery supplies of paper required for the manufacture of Stamps.

2. Samples of any paper required have, in the first instance, to be sent to the Superintendent of Stationery, who has to apply to the Commissariat Department for its supply. The Commissariat on this application advertises for tenders, the samples of paper tendered are forwarded by the Commissariat to the Superintendent of Stationery, who on receiving the samples, forwards them to this Office. On their receipt here, they have to be sent for the approval of the Board, and on the Board sanctioning the purchase, the Superintendent of Stationery is requested by this Office to arrange with the Commissariat Department for the supply.

3. To exemplify the delay experienced under this system, Mr. Ellis requested the Superintendent of Stationery in a letter dated 10th October last to supply 300 Reams of country paper, the supply did not reach this Office until the 23th November 1862, and in the interval the want of paper was much felt to meet the Indents for stamps required in the Districts.

4. The paper supplied by the Commissariat is not cheaper in price than that at which it was formerly purchased. Goa paper lately purchased by this Office for Rupees 4½ per Ream, was supplied by the Commissariat through the Superintendent of Stationery at 5½ Rupees per Ream, while the country paper also received through the Superintendent was supplied at the same price at which it was always purchased by this Office by tenders, viz., Rupees 5 per Ream.

5. Under the above circumstances and as a supply of English Foolscap and Goa paper is now required to replenish the stock which is nearly exhausted, I beg that this Office may be allowed to revert to the former practice of calling for tenders for the supply, by which course any quantity of paper required can be obtained within eight or ten days the latest.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.

2. Until the issue of the recent orders directing that all supplies of stationery should be obtained through the Stationery Office, it was usual for the Superintendent of Stamps under the sanction of the Board to call for tenders to supply paper for the manufacture of Stamps at intervals as the stock needed to be replenished, and except for the risk of competing with another Department of Government in the market, which might be obviated by communication with the Commissariat there appears no objection to reverting to the former course until the water-marked paper shall be received from England.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 380. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1862, No. 2,695.

1. The Government observe that a supply of water-marked paper which they conclude is intended for the Stamp Department has just arrived from England by the "Raby Castle." This will probably render the present application superfluous.

2. Mr. Norfor's letter will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Stationery for any explanation he may wish to offer.

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

No. 2695.

The Pet. desire that a supply of Water: marked Paket - which they conclude is intended for the Stamps Dept., has just arrived from England by the "Ruby Castle". This will partially render the present application unnecessary.

From Mr Norford's letter will be forwarded to the Supt of Stationery for any explanation he may wish to offer.

J. W.

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Stating that there appears to be no objection to reverting to the former practice of the Superintendent of Stamps calling for Tenders for supply of paper, to meet the requirements of his department until the receipt of water marked paper from England.

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