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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th February 1862.

No. 307. Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Auditor General of India, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Postal and Telegraph Department, 15th January 1862, No. 618 :—

Letter No. 520, dated 10th December 1861, from Auditor General to Director General of Post Offices in India.
Letter No. 2,310, dated 23rd December 1861, from Director General to Auditor General of India.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of the correspondence as per margin, which has passed between this Department and the Director General of Post Offices, relative to an Establishment which is maintained by the Superintendent of Stamps at Madras, expressly for the preparation of Returns of Postage Stamps, and beg to suggest that the attention of the Government of Madras may be drawn to the subject, with a view to the discontinuance of the Establishment.

From the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Auditor General of India, to G. PATON, Esq., Director General of Post Office in India, dated 16th December 1861, No. 520.

SIR,

1. A sum of Rupees 984 is provided in the Madras Postal Budget for 1861-62, under the head "Establishments under the Superintendent of Stamps," and from inquiry I understand that the Establishment is maintained for the purpose of furnishing you with monthly and quarterly accounts of postage Stamps received and issued by him.

2. I beg to be informed whether any such Return is furnished to you by the Superintendents of Stamps at Bombay and Calcutta, and whether it is one which you consider it desirable to continue at the cost mentioned.

From G. PATON, Esq., Director General of the Post Office in India, to the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Auditor General of India, dated Calcutta, 23rd December 1861, No. 2,310.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 520, dated the 16th instant, and in reply to inform you that monthly and quarterly accounts of postage Stamps are rendered to my Office by the Superintendents of Stamps of Calcutta and Bombay, without a separate Establishment being entertained by them for the purpose, and that in my opinion it is not desirable to continue the Establishment for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps at Madras, for preparing such Returns, I thought of moving in the matter long ago; but as the Madras Government had hand in it, I did not deem it right to interfere in the case.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. HUDSON,
4th Assistant Auditor General.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 21ST JANUARY 1862, No. 489.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for report, with a request that the Establishment alluded to if not considered necessary, be discontinued.

(By order of the Governor General in Council.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th February 1862.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1862, No. 315.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Stamps, who will furnish the report called for by the Government of India regarding the Establishment above referred to. Mr. Balmain will furnish a statement of the other charges, if any, connected with the Post Office which are incurred in his Office, and also a statement of the number and value of postage labels received and issued during the last three years.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Suggesting the discontinuance of the Establishment maintained by the Superintendent of stamps at Madras for preparing returns of postage stamps.—

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Mr Balmain will furnish a statement of the other charges if any, connected with the Post Office which are incurred in his office and also a statement of the number and value of Postage labels received and issued during the last 3 years.

Fort St. George
11th Feby 1862

L. A. S.