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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 661 — Press ~~Mis.~~

419-420

Dated 26 - 3 - 1862.

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No. 419. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1862, No. 688:—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 27th January 1862, No. 844.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter No. 768 of 9th instant, I have the honor to submit for consideration that on the closing of the General Treasury some arrangements will be necessary for the receipt of money paid in as stamp duty on private documents sent to be stamped.

2. The number of such payments each month is about 300, and the total amount about five or six thousand Rupees. The sums vary from half an Anna up to a thousand Rupees, but 50 per cent. of the payments are under ten Rupees and 25 per cent. are under one Rupee.

3. Under the arrangements to be made with the Bank of Madras these receipts might probably be paid in there, but it will cause considerable inconvenience to the public and especially to persons requiring documents stampt in haste, if they have first to go to the Bank and then to the Stamp Office. There will, moreover, continually occur incorrect payments and over payments requiring to be refunded. At present the documents sent to be stamped are always examined and counted, and any mistakes rectified before the money is received.

4. The alternative is to allow of the money being received at the Stamp Office. With the check afforded by the value stamps being impressed at the Mint, and with proper supervision such an arrangement might answer. It would, however, involve the necessity of a Shroff to receive the cash, and the Board may perhaps see objections.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th January 1862, No. 279.

2. It appears to the Board that the simplest way of meeting the difficulty would be to constitute the Superintendent of Stamps a Collector of Stamp Revenue as already suggested in their letter to Government, dated 11th October and 22nd November 1861, Nos. 5,573 and 6,472.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

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No. 420. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1862, No. 661.

Recorded with reference to Government Order, dated 21st instant, No. 63..

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Submitting with remarks a letter from the Supt of Stamps stating that on the Closing of the General Treasury some arrangement will be necessary for the receipt of money paid in on account of the stamping of private documents.

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