

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 667.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1862.*

No. 450. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1862,
No. 1,622:—

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W.
HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Fort Saint
George, 6th March 1862, No. 969.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward in original a letter from Mr. Luxa, the Manager of the
Stamp Office, regarding the increase of pay recommended by me in the beginning of 1861, and
which was approved of by the Board and also by Government.

2. It is not necessary that I should describe in detail the large increase in the work and
responsibility caused by the passing of the new Stamp Act. The additional work has been
performed by Mr. Luxa now for a year and a half without any extra pay, and I beg strongly to
recommend that the increase of Rupees 50 proposed should be allowed to him in arrears, it
has been provided for in the Supplemental Budget for 1861-62.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with refer-
ence to their Proceedings, dated 24th July 1861, No. 1,477,
In Cons 23th July 1861, No. 4,620, Revenue Department.

2. The Board fully recognize Mr. Luxa's claim to the addition to his salary which was
proposed for him, and beg to recommend that retrospective effect be given to the sanction of
the Supreme Government whenever received, to commence with the earliest date subsequent to
the passing of the Stamp Act to which the sanction can be made to apply.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 451.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1862, No. 677.

Government will await the orders of the Supreme Government on the propositions now
before them.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

W. B. Balmain Esq.
Superintendent of Stamps
Sir,

With the greatest respect I beg to
submit this address for your kind support
and recommendation.

2. The system of work in the Stamp Office
has been very materially affected by the intro-
duction of the New Stamp Law. It is needless for
me to enter into details to show the additional
duties which have to be performed, and the very
great responsibility which has devolved on
me as manager of the Office. Still for the
present confine myself to such particulars
as require to be noticed to bear me out in
the reasonableness of this appeal.

3. The new Stamp Law came into ope-
ration on the 1st October 1860, and some time
prior to that date, it became necessary for this
Office to arrange for the preparation and issue
to the Treasury Officers of various kinds of
stamps, required to be used under the Act.
The small Establishment of the Office was
found inadequate to carry out the work

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and the only expedient left me was by attending before and after the regular office hours. I may here remark that the work does not merely consist in the stamping of the Papers; it is their safe custody and distribution considering the different values, ranging from 4 annas to Rupees 2000—, that have to be assorted and accounted for, a work calling for great care and strict supervision involving great responsibility.

4 Under the old Stamp Law, the aggregate issue of Stamps annually was 3 Lacs of rolls of only 16 different values and the net Revenue from 7 to 8,00,000 of Rupees. During Jan^y 1270, the number of Stamps issued was 23 Lacs of Rolls of ³⁷ different Judicial & General stamps and values as per Margin —

Cardians —	19,12,000—
and the amount —	30,000—
collected was 18,00,000	Bills of Exchange — 309,000
of Rupees, thus showing	Bills of Lading — 30,000—
	<u>2,281,000.</u>

(immense) an increase in the Revenue — The demand for stamps still continues in as much as nearly 3 Lacs ^{of rolls} are being issued monthly and sometimes 4 Lacs. The stamps issued from this Office formerly comprised only of Judicial stamps and to a small extent, but in addition to Judicial and general stamps, the monthly issues of which now exceed the annual issues before, there are adhesive stamps and

and stamps for 4 annas, Bills of Exchange and Bills of Lading. The aggregate value of stamps in store on the 1st January amounted to Rs. 61,49,000—

5 The number of Private documents received for stamping from parties at the Presidency during Jan^y 1270 was 205,931 and the amount paid to the General Treasury on that account was Rupees 82,718—12. Besides unstamped deeds received here and from the Districts to be stamped on payment of Penalty and Stamp duty, great attention and care are required in the disposal of these papers, more especially those given in for stamp by the Public at the Presidency to be stamped and the spoilt stamps for renewal; they are sometimes so numerous that the labor necessary to check is of no ordinary character; in the first case the correct amount of duty paid, with the number of papers given in and that each paper before delivery is impressed with the proper value; and with respect to spoilt stamps for renewal before issuing fresh ones in lieu to examine the value of each stamp, that the paper is not signed or executed as laid down in the Circular of the Calcutta Board of Revenue dated the 7th December 1861 No 175.

6 I may also here mention that in addition to the increase of work in the Stamp Office

* Value of stamps there is the Postal Department — The Postal stamps were introduced in 1854 and they were only

only of 5 annas per margin. Some time after
 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 Anna Envelopes and $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna & 10th Paper
 and stamps of 8 Pais were received & subsequently
 telegraph stamps have also been sent.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Anna
 1 Anna
 2 Annas
 4 do
 8 do

This Office is charged with their custody
 and distribution to the Districts and also for
 the correction of the Returns furnished by
 the Treasury Officers for the sale and stock
 in their hands. I receive no remuneration
 whatever for this portion of the work,
 which is one of a very responsible nature,
 though the Directors to whom a reference
 was made in the subject by the Government
 express of opinion and recommended that
 an allowance of Rupees 50 should be
 given to the Manager of the Stamp Office
 as will be seen from the enclosed Extract.

7 Upon your own personal knowledge
 of the Department and of the increase of work
 that has of late devolved on the Office, you
 were pleased to recommend an increase of
 Rupees 50 to my salary in the revised
 Establishment on account of the Stamp Office.
 The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings
 dated 27th May 1861 & 10th 26th 58 have re-
 commended the proposed increase for the
 sanction of Government. It is now more
 than a year that the Act has been
 enforced and I have been content

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to go through all the extra work imposed
 without any remuneration, fully relying
 on the disposition ever evinced by Government
 of appreciating the zeal and labor of ^{this} Public
 servants and of adequately remunerating
 them for the duties performed.

8 Under the circumstances above
 explained, and considering the very large
 amount of Revenue collected as compared
 to the Revenue of former years, I venture
 to submit this appeal and respectfully
 beg that you will kindly be pleased to
 take my services into consideration and
 to recommend the proposed increase to
 my salary being granted from the date
 that the Act came into operation.

I remain

Sr

Your Most Obedient Servant

M. C. L. (Sd)

25 Feb 1862

Extract

Extract from a letter from the Director General of the Post Office in India to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras under date the 5th February 1855 N^o 243 A.

5. An additional responsibility is imposed on the Manager and Treasurer (who I presume has joint custody of the stamps in store) some increase to the allowance of each of these Officers should I think be granted, but there is no necessity for an increase to the allowances of any other persons of the Establishment. I am not aware of the duties of a Comptroller and cannot offer any observation regarding them.

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Manager — 50
Treasurer 40
1 Writer — 40
1 Packer at
the usual rate 10
Total 140

6. The detail in the Margin shows the cost of the Establishment which in my opinion will be sufficient to provide for the performance of the duties connected with Postage stamps at Madras and to remunerate the Treasurer and Manager for the additional responsibility thrown on them —

1862

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 11th March 1862.

Recd the following:

Copy of Trishy 1171

From W. Walmain Esq.
Superintendent of Stamps.

To W. Huddleston Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

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Fort St. George
General Stamp Office
6th March 1862.

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Signed W. Walmain
Superintendent of Stamps

Ordered to be submitted to Government
with reference to their Proceedings dated 24th July 1861
and 25th July 1862
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2. The Board fully recognize Mr. Duxa's claim to the addition to his salary which was proposed for him, and beg to recommend, that retrospective effect be given to the sanction of the Supreme Government whenever

Rev. 690/62.

Enclosure to 1177/62
dated 6th March 1862.

In the 13th of July 1861
W. Huddleston

