

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th July 1863.*

No. 275. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th July 1863 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to bring to the notice of Government, that the temporary Stamp Office was a few days back in imminent danger of destruction by fire. Some Cotton Godowns in its close vicinity having ignited, and been with difficulty extinguished after a considerable destruction of property.

2. The building in which the Stamp Office is now temporarily lodged is by no means secure from risk, although it is the best available house for the purpose ; and it is scarcely necessary to point out how serious an inconvenience and loss would follow, if a fire should happen in an Office which contains all the material for manufacturing Stamps for the whole Presidency.

3. The Board are taking measures for depositing the bulk of the stock of Adhesive Stamps in the Mint, but this cannot be done with the water-marked material for Stamp papers, and the single Stamp papers, a large stock of which must be kept on the premises for daily transactions.

4. Under these circumstances, and in consideration of the very large amount of revenue now dependant on Stamps, I am directed by the Board to request that instructions may be issued to expedite the erection of the new Office as much as possible.

5. The Board are aware that the plans and estimates have been prepared, and they trust that means will be found to commence the work, without waiting for the completion of the open shed to be erected in the Granary yard for the Commissariat stores which have to be removed from the site of the new Office.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,288.

Communicated to the Department Public Works with a view to immediate measures being adopted for the construction of a new Office.

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

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The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To The Secretary to the
Revenue Department

From Suptg Engrs
25 Aug 1863 c n e 2027

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