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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd July 1863.

No. 447. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1863 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. NORFOR, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 8th July 1863, No. 43 of Fasli 1273.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that I have on the 13th May received into store thirty-five cases containing 700 Reams of water-marked paper for Judicial Stamps, being the last shipment of an intended supply advised of in the Secretary of State's Despatch, 17th December 1862, No. 54. Advice under date the 16th May 1863 of a further supply of 1,350 Reams has been lately received; it is to be regretted that 500 Reams of this quantity are again to be of the No. 2 size which is not suitable for this Presidency.

2. The total of water-marked paper received is as per margin, from this are deducted the issues showing the balance of paper in store, this balance added to the expected supplies makes any return to the old issues most improbable, and the receipt of the reserved stock applied for will render the Department safe from such a contingency under all ordinary circumstances. The old Stamps, however, cannot be destroyed until the necessary stock of paper is actually to hand, particularly as there are signs of a larger demand chiefly in the 1 and 2 Anna values.

Receipt.		No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
"Castle Eden" 31st January 1863	Rolls	90,240	90,720	9,01,440	..
"Golden Fleece" 16th April " ...	"	..	..	5,76,000	5,76,000
"Hydaspes" 13th May " ...	"	..	..	8,64,000	1,44,000
		90,240	90,720	23,41,440	7,20,000
Excess found in Stock by counting		268	171	2,022	— ..
		90,508	90,891	23,43,462	7,20,000
Issues to the Mint		90,502	5,139	12,08,160	...
Balance on the 30th June 1863		6	85,752	11,35,302	7,20,000

3. In counting out to this time the Judicial paper hitherto received, the reams have been found to be made up of 480 sheets and not 500, as mentioned in the Secretary of State's Despatch. There has been both surplus and deficiency found. In the stock Memorandum, given above, the surplus is a balance after deducting deficiencies, were the reams reckoned at 500 sheets there would be deficiency in all cases, and in some instances a very large one.

4. On receiving the last 35 cases of paper ex "Hydaspes," I was glad to avail myself of an offer kindly made by Colonel Barrow to store in the Stationery stores as many as I could not safely keep in my Office, and I sent 25 cases accordingly, which I could not have stored without much danger from white ants, and without seriously impeding the work of the Department, straitened as it already is in space for work, and in the means of working with safety. One of the dangers from without that I have previously adverted to, occurred on the 27th ultimo, a fire having broken out in a Cotton godown of Messrs. Line & Co., in the street in the rear of the Stamp Office, and almost immediately behind it; the fire was after much labor prevented from spreading to adjoining godowns.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with the request that the apparent deficiency of 20 sheets in every ream may be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State. The supply of the water-marked material is sufficient to allow of the issue being considered firmly established, and the Superintendent will not again issue the old material under any circumstances without the Board's sanction.

2. Mr. Norfor is requested to report what progress has been made in lodging the surplus stock of adhesive Stamps in the Mint.

3. The Board have recently again addressed Government on the pressing necessity of expediting the erection of the new Office. It is most undesirable that the responsibility for the safe custody of the stock of the Stamp Department should be divided in the way it now invariably is.

Superintendent of Stamps
Ordered

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1863, No. 1,373.

1. These Proceedings, with the Superintendent's letter, will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, whose attention will be called to the point noticed by the Board in the first part of paragraph 1.

2. Orders have recently been passed* on the subject referred to in paragraph 3.

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

* G. O. 14th July 1863, No. 1,288.

given above, the surplus is a balance after deducting deficiencies were the pearls reckoned at 500. Sheets there would be deficiency in all cases, and in those instances a very large one.

On perceiving the last 35 cases of pearls evidently drawn I was glad to avail myself of an offer kindly made by Colonel Barrow to store in the Stationery Stores as many as I could not safely keep in my Office; and sent 25 cases accordingly, which I could not have stored without much danger from white ants and without seriously impeding the work of the Department in Trailem b as it already is in want of space for work and in the means of working with safety. One of the dangers from without that I have previously adverted to occurred on the 27th Ultimo, a fire having broken out in a Cotton-godown of Messrs Binny & Co in the Street in the rear of the Stamps Office, and almost immediately behind it; the fire was after much labor prevented from spreading to adjoining godowns.

Stamps Office
Madras
the 4th July 1863

Signed/ R. H. Stor for
Superintt of Stamps
Ordered

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with the request, that the apparent deficiency of 20 Sheets in every Ream may be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State. The sufficiency of the watermarked material is sufficient to allow of the issue being considered firmly established, and the Superintendent will not again issue the old material under any circumstances without the Board's sanction.

Mr. Sadler is requested to report what progress has been made in lodging the surplus Stock of adhesive Stamps in the Mint.

The Board have recently again addressed Government on the subject of expediting the erection of the new Offices. It is most undesirable that the responsibility for the safe custody of the Stock of the Stamp Department should be divided in the way it now invariably is.

[True Copy & Extract]

J. Stevenson
Secretary

To
A. D. Hill Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Submitting a letter from the Superintendent of Hamsa pertaining on the quantity of Salammarked Cash received from England with the Board's request that the assistants and deficiency of 20 Maghs in every Rupee may be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State

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† G. O. 14th July 1863 No 1288.

Fort St. George
23rd July 1863

To
The Board of Revenue

No 1474 dated

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