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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th July 1863.*

No. 544. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1863,
No. 4,503:—

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th July 1863, No. 139.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 4th instant, desiring me to report whether a moderate stock of Stamps could not be kept in the Cochin Treasury to meet emergencies such as those referred to in the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,584, dated 18th June 1863, I have the honor to enclose for information copy of a communication from my Deputy to the Superintendent of Stamps under date the 19th ultimo, by which it will be seen that, in order to guard as far as practicable against a deficiency of Stamps again occurring, it is intended to make the Stock of Stamps in the hands of all licensed vendors equal to the *maximum* expenditure of six weeks; and in addition thereto, to reserve at all the Talook Treasuries, under the immediate charge of the Tahsildars, a supply equal to the maximum expenditure of two weeks, in order that any sudden deficiency that may arise within their divisions, may be met therefrom.

2. I believe the above arrangement will sufficiently ensure all that is required.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

(Copy.)

From W. BATES, Esq., Deputy Collector of Malabar, to R. W. NORFOR, Esq., Superintendent
of Stamps, Madras, dated Calicut, 19th June 1863, No. 1,977.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letters as per margin, I have the honor to submit a Supplemental Indent for a further supply of Stamps on water-marked paper in addition to that included in my Indent, dated 25th March last, and under the following circumstances request that it may, if practicable, be complied with at the latest by the end of the ensuing month.

2. My former Indent was prepared with reference to the actual amount of indents received and complied with at the Huzur Treasury during the six months ending last December. Different modes have been hitherto tried in order that every Stamp Vendor may be provided with a sufficient supply of at least such descriptions of stamps as are more likely to be required, but we have not been able to prevent repeated complaints in regard to some particular denomination of stamps not being procurable when wanted. Indents were at one time regulated by the average monthly sales of the previous six months, and at another, by making up the supply to double the amount of the last month's actual expenditure, but both plans have failed to ensure what is needed. The demand is so varied that it is difficult to fix on even a pretty accurate scale of supply without entrusting vendors with larger stocks than would be warranted by the amount of the securities obtained from them.

3. It has often happened that, for many months together, there has been no expenditure of some particular descriptions of stamps, and though the stock on hand has been equal to *twice* the amount of the actual monthly expenditure which last occurred, it is exhausted by sudden demands; and complaints are preferred before an emergent Indent can be received and complied with.

4. Parcels of Stamp paper of moderate weights, but exceeding 12 tolas, when forwarded by the post, are often detained a week to fifteen, and some times even twenty days, in transit, and the cause of this delay is generally attributed to the Post Office Rules not providing for the despatch of banghy parcels, except at intervals of a week or more, or a certain weight has accumulated. In order, therefore, to guard against this uncertain mode of despatch, I have occasionally forwarded all the stamps intended for each *direct* line of offices by express coolies, advantage being taken, whenever practicable, of the Railway.

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5. From 40 to 50 Indents are usually received at the Huzur in the course of the first week of every month; they are checked and complied within a week or ten days, and the supplies reach their destination according to distance (which varies from 1 to 120 miles) between the 10th and 20th of the same month; but, notwithstanding these exertions, the difficulty of ensuring a sufficient supply of stamps, to meet all requirements, has not been fully overcome.

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7. With the facilities now offered by the Railway, there will be little or no difficulty, in the Huzur Stock of Stamps being also replenished at convenient intervals, and if you should concur in these views, I shall feel obliged by measures being taken to meet the present application with as little delay as practicable.

8. I would take this opportunity of inquiring if the sale of stamped cadjans is to be continued as heretofore.

(True Copy.)

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order dated 2nd July 1863, No. 1,170, Revenue Department.

No. 545.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1863, No. 1,123.

The Board have omitted to give any opinion on the Collector's proposal. The Government leave it to them to adopt such arrangements as will ensure a sufficiency of Stamps at all places of sale.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,503.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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Exd. J. Wright.

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Dated 2nd July 1863

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30th July 1863

No. 1754

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Submitting for information a letter from the Collector of Malabar relative to the subject of keeping a moderate stock of Stamps in the Cochin Treasury to meet emergencies.

14 copies to the Secy of Revenue

30th July 1863
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With our orders

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