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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th June 1864.

No. 368. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th June 1864.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of Godavery, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 6th June 1864, No. 136:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 25th ultimo, No. 897, I have the honor to submit the following proposals in regard to the introduction of the Discount system for the sale of Stamps.

2. The superiority of the Discount system over that of Commission being recognized on all hands, and its feasibility being beyond question from its having worked successfully in Bengal, the marginal* Stamp Vendors' stations which are of minor importance and where the sales are confined to Stamps below Rupees 50 value each are selected for the experiment.

* 1. Mundapeta.
2. Alamur.
3. Kottapeta.
4. Sivakodu.
5. Viravasaram.
6. Penugonda.
7. Pentapad.
8. Yernagudem.
9. Gutala.
10. Prattipadu.
11. Raghudenapuram.
12. Coringa.
13. Tuni.

3. Government having objected to the sale of Stamps on Commission and Discount in the same place, it is to be understood that the present Vendors or others who may be licensed have to provide themselves with Stamps of all kinds up to 50 Rupees value on cash payment with a Discount of Rupees 4 per cent. No issues will be made to them on indents for sale on Commission. These would be exclusively Discount sale stations. Not less than Rupees 10 worth of Stamps will be issued at a time.

4. From the difficulty of finding trustworthy persons the remuneration being meagre, and of providing for the examination of stocks, and of ensuring the punctual receipt of accounts at the Hoozoor, owing to the places being inland and out of the way of the Talook or Regular post, it was found expedient not to multiply the number of Stamp stations *ad libitum*. Under the Discount system this can be done, and each village or circle of villages, in course of time, might have its own Discount Vendor. There should be no restraint as to hours of sale and days of the week as under the present Manual; this should be left entirely to the licensed Vendor who conducts the Stamp sales as a part of his other dealings, and whose interest it is to dispose of his investment as quickly as he can. Where a Vendor might inconvenience the public by not keeping on hand such Stamps as he is permitted to purchase on Discount, or by not giving them in time, another might be licensed in supercession or addition. The Vendors would remember that while the amount of salary to Commission sales are limited by Government, the gain under the Discount system depends solely on the amount of the sales. If these were large, it would be large too. In all respects the licensed Vendors will be amenable to the provisions of the Stamp Law. The number of Discount stations may be increased from time to time according to circumstances. If at any place mentioned in paragraph 2, persons able to purchase Stamps at a Discount cannot be found, other stations in their vicinity where such persons are forthcoming might be fixed or the Commission Vendors retained.

5. The Court and the other important stations where the sales are large, and which require a constant supply of the various kinds of Stamps of value up to those worth 32† Rupees each would be reserved for supply from the Government stores under the Commission system.

† The highest value generally sold.

6. After giving the measure a trial for twelve months, any further modifications which experience may suggest, would be reported.

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1. Submitted to Government with the Board's request that the Collector may be authorized to carry out the system to the extent proposed. The Board have no doubt that he will speedily advocate its extension to the whole District.

2. On the details noticed by Mr. Fraser the Board will issue general instructions to be uniformly observed.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1864, No. 1,115.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.
Stamps.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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30th June 64

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No. 368 & 369.

Submitting with Bds recommendation letter from the Offg Collr of the Godavery Dt forwarding proposals regarding the introduction of the Discount system for the sale of Stamps—

No 1115-30 June

With an Order

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