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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1254-1255 Press Mis.

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Dated 18-7-1864.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th July 1864.

No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1864.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. TEMPLE, Superintendent of Stamps, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th June 1864, No. 1,855 of Fusly 1273 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit an Indent for 50 Reams of Bills of Exchange Water-mark paper to complete the stock in this Office to two years' supply, similar to the stock of Judicial paper.

2. I have now 1¾ Reams only in my possession, 20 Reams have arrived per "Barham," but have not yet been delivered, and 30 Reams are following, being shipped in April.

3. I take this opportunity of submitting for consideration an alteration that appears needed in the Water-mark of the Bills of Exchange paper, and also in the mode of folding and cutting the sheets.

4. The paper is now water-marked with the device of the Royal Arms surmounted by the Scroll "Government of India" and under-lined "Bills of Exchange" this is four times repeated in every sheet, and it has been suggested that it was intended that each sheet should be used for four sets of two Bills each, dividing one design for each set.

5. There are, however, the following objections which have been pointed out to me by mercantile gentlemen :—

First.—There is no provision or space for a counterfoil, the use of which as a Memorandum of the transaction has become almost universal.

Second.—The division of the water-mark design renders its counterfeiture a matter of great facility, as for instance, the substitution of the word "Bank" for the word "Government" in one supply of paper and the name of some other country for the word "India" in another supply of paper would sufficiently change the water-mark to make it appear a *bonâ fide* transaction free from suspicion and free from any penalty of the law, and yet one-half of either sheet would be exactly similar to the Government paper.

Third.—Inland Bills by Natives (Hoondies) are almost invariably sole, and thus the intention suggested in paragraph 4, if such existed, is not carried out.

6. To meet the objections above pointed out, I would suggest that the water-mark which need not be so elaborate as at present should be introduced, two in a line, across the *length* of the sheet leaving a margin sufficient for the counterfoil at either side, instead of the one design now extending over the whole *breadth*. This water-mark four times repeated as at present would provide for eight Bills with a *complete* design in each which would equally serve for Bills sole or in sets.

7. I enclose two sheets of paper in explanation of my proposition, that marked A. shows the present water-mark, pattern B. shows the mark proposed.

8. By Proceedings of Board No. 3,735, dated 23rd June 1863, authority was given for the use of the present Bill of Exchange paper for Bills of Lading dividing the sheet into six Bills. But this paper is still less adapted for such a purpose as the water-mark is by such division completely mutilated and the protection hoped for in its adoption quite lost. A special paper should be provided for Bills of Lading.

Ordered that the Indent be submitted to Government for transmission to England. Colonel Temple's suggestions for a modification of the water-mark are approved by the Board. A blank form Bill of Lading is submitted as a pattern of the size provided by the Department for sale to the public. The design on the water-marked paper for this special purpose should correspond in size, so that the whole may be included in each Bill.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1864, No. 1,254.

Separate Revenue, No. 43.
Stamps.

The Indent will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and his special attention drawn to the suggestions made by the Superintendent. A copy of the Board's Proceedings and Colonel Temple's letter will also be sent to the Supreme Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th July 1864.

No. 1,255.

No. 278.
From J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Government of India.

Separate Revenue, No. 44.
Stamps.
Dated 2nd July 1864.

SIR,

1. I am directed to forward, for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, giving cover to a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, containing suggestions for a modification in the water-mark of the Bills of Exchange paper, and providing a special paper for Bills of Lading.

2. The Government approve of the Superintendent's suggestions, and consider their adoption very desirable.

3. The papers in question have also been forwarded to the Home Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Encls. to No. 1855 of 22nd 1273

Supplemental Indent of Stores Required for the Stamp Department at the Presidency of Madras for the Service of the Indian Government

I hereby certify that the Stores enumerated in this Indent are absolutely Required for the Service of the Stamp Department for a period of twelve months as a Reserve, and I further certify that I have by a personal inspection of Books and Stores satisfied myself that they comprise the least possible quantity required for the above period.—

Dated the 28th day of June 1864 at Madras.

(Signed) J. Temple.
Superintendent of Stamps

Received by the Director General in England,

the day of 1864.

Madras. Supplemental Indent No. 1855 dated 28th June 1864 Stamp Department

Description of Stores	Entitled for	Deficiency	Balances in Store	Rate on former Indent	Quantity now Indented for	Remarks with Reference to the Stores indented for
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Water Marked Paper for Bills of Exchange	30 " "	1 14 2450 " "	50 " "			In Indent No. 514 dated 1st October 1863, the annual expenditure was estimated at 30 Reams, but this has largely increased for since that date to 1st July 1864 300 Reams have been expended being at the rate of 50 Reams per Annum. A further supply of 50 Reams is to be secured as a Reserve Stock.

Act. Superintendent Stores

Madras
General Stamp Office
28th June 1864

/Signed/ J. Temple.
Superintendant of Stamps.

Rec: 1736/64

Supplemental Indent
of Stores required for
the Stamp Department
at the Presidency of
Madras

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EXCHANGE

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT. OFFICE MONTHLY NO. 5

Recd. the 3 of Oct 1863 at ___ hrs. Words Charged ___ Cost Rs. ___ As. ___

From Secretary To Chief Engr

Page Received Oct 3 To Secretary Govt

Ends. Secretary

Reported receipt of two Copies of the Address of condolence from Bengal

referred to in your letter proceedings

dated 1st Sept. 3-10-63

Sender's Signature. } { Sender's Address }

Recd. by ___ at ___ hrs. ___ mins. From Secretary

Forwd. by ___ at ___ hrs. ___ mins. To Chief Engr

Station from ___ date Station to ___ date

Chittoor Telegraph Office. Room Book No. ___ Asst. in charge.

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Shipped by the Grace of God in good order and well conditioned by
in and upon the good Ship called the
whereof is Master under God for this present Voyage and by God's grace bound for
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being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well condi-
tioned at the aforesaid Port of (The Act of God, the Queen's Enemies,
Fire, and all and every the Dangers and Accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and Navigation of what-
ever Nature and Kind soever excepted) unto
or to Assigns he or they paying Freight for the said Goods
with Primage and Average accustomed. In Witness whereof the said Master of the said
Ship, hath affirmed to Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date, one of which being accom-
plished, the others to stand void. Dated in this day of 18

Received the Letter

No. 1254.

The Inclosure will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and his special attention drawn to the Suggestions made by the Superintendent Encl. A. copy of the Board's proceedings and Col. Simpson's letter will also be sent to the Supreme

Government

Fort St. George
18th. July 1866

The Board &c. Deeply Sir

Rec'd 1864 Despatch
Mr. Gordon's Despatch
No. 19 July 1864

Copy in a Letter to Engd
No. 19 July 1864 No 24 Sep Rem

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 2d
Desp. 2d } July 1864
Rec'd 4th

Enclosing

Submitting for transmission to England, Indents received from the Superintendent of Stamps for 50 Reams of Watermarked Paper for Bills of Exchange and approving of the proposed alteration in the Watermark.

No 276 & 277

Recd 12 Sept 1864

Rec'd 17 Sept 1864

No 1255.

To Secretary to the Govt of India

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, noting the receipt of the Despatch of Your Address, the 19th ult. No 24, and submitting for the sanction of the Government, a proposed alteration in the Watermark of the Bills of Exchange Paper, and requesting a Special Paper for Bills of Lading.

2. The Govt's approval of the alteration proposed, and a supply of the Paper required, will be duly acknowledged.

I have &c

23. The papers on
Gun Shot Wound
forwarded to the Home
Govt

From Va. George
18th July 1864

Revenue 1864 Deptt.
Proc: of Govt for July.

No 1255

To
The Secretary to the
Government of
India.

Dated 18th July 1864.
Received 1st August 1864.

From the Secy to the Govt of India
No 1139

Forwarding Proceedings containing suggestions for a modification in the watermark of the Bills of Exchange and providing a special paper for Bills of Lading.

No 278

Copy sent to Engd
19 July 1864 No 4 - Sep: Rev