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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 26—11—1864.

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No. 336. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1864, No. 7,362.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th October 1864, No. 206:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th ultimo, I have the honor to send copy of a letter from the Acting Head Assistant, dated 22nd instant, reporting on the loss of Rupees 3-2-0 stolen out of the chest of the Stamp Vendor at Uttengeri.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Salem, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Tripatoor, 22nd October 1864, No. 203.

1. In reply to your letter No. 766, dated 6th October 1864, requesting me to inquire into and report the particulars of the case of theft of Stamps stolen out of the chest of the Uttengeri Vendor on the 26th April 1862, I have the honor to submit the following summary of the facts contained in the three enclosures to my letter to you, dated 25th August 1864, No. 143.

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Here the matter dropped.

3. From what I have stated above, you will see that an inquiry into this case of theft was held, and that though several persons were suspected, there was not evidence enough to warrant the conviction of any one.

4. As more than two years have elapsed since this happened, I was of opinion that no good could result from fresh endeavours on my part to get to the bottom of a case which my predecessor had abandoned as hopeless so long ago.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

1. Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order dated 27th September 1864, No. 1,779, Revenue Department.

2. Under the circumstances stated in the above papers, the Board renew their recommendation that sanction be given to write off the amount.

No. 337. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1864, No. 2,171.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.
Stamps.

Sanction is accordingly granted for Rupees 3-2-0.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Exd. J. Wright.