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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th January 1864.

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1863, No. 7,812:—

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3. On the 2nd September 1863, the office stock of water-marked paper, and that immediately expected, having been reported by me sufficient to make it improbable that any risk could arise of reversion to the old paper, instructions were issued to the Districts for the destruction of all old Judicial Stamps; the returns of this are not yet quite complete, but I expect very shortly to report to the Board the dates on which the destruction has taken place.

4. Applications having been made from certain Districts for permission to exchange the new Stamps for unused old ones in the hands of the public, permission for the exchange was given, and published in some District Gazettes, but the permission has been availed of in so small a degree, that it seems evident that there can be but very few old Stamps in the hands of the public.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order quoted by the Superintendent of Stamps.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1864, No. 50.

Communicated to the Secretary of State, with reference to paragraph 5 of his Despatch, 8th October 1863, No. 61. The fact that new will be exchanged for old Stamps should be carefully notified in every District by proclamation in the villages.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract)

Secretary.

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

Copy to R. W. Norfor, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. J. Wright.

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