

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1864.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from T. PEACHEY, Esq., Principal Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Revenue Department, dated Fort William, the 13th April 1864, No. 1,974 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter, No. 2,320, dated 17th December 1863, I am directed to transmit a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the precautions necessary in the Stamp Department for the security of water-marked paper, its stamping, and the care of it thereafter.

2. I am to invite attention to the expediency of transferring from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, the control over the receipts and issues of Stamps by Collectors, which is now exercised by the Superintendent of Stamps, and to the desirableness of establishing some additional check over the accounts and stores of water-marked and value-stamped paper in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

3. This latter check can be provided, perhaps, by the Board of Revenue deputing their Chief Accountant to the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps, for the daily or monthly audit of that Officer's Store Accounts. This would occupy very little of the Accountant's time, while it would obviate the submission of elaborate Store Accounts to the Board.

4. It has been determined (and of this decision the local Governments will be separately apprised in more detail) to arrange with the Secretary of State for India, for the supply to the three Presidencies, of water-marked paper impressed in England with the bi-color value-stamp which is now used in Bengal. This will correct the defects in the Bengal checks, to which the Superintendent of Stamps, Calcutta, and the Bengal Board of Revenue, allude in their letters.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Government of Bengal, with a remark that the plan which the Committee on Stationery may propose for the audit of the accounts and expenditure of Stationery will perhaps be found to be well adapted for the Stamp Department, and that without some external audit of the accounts of the Superintendent of Stamps, his responsibility will be but nominal, and a punctual, regular, and rigid observance of the prescribed checks and forms of accounts may not always be ensured.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1864, No. 934.

Separate Revenue.—No. 1.
Stamps.

Ordered that the Board of Revenue be requested to report as soon as possible on the suggestions made in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this letter.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with an original enclosure.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT SAINT GEORGE,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 13th April 1864.

Financial Department.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 2320, dated 17th December 1863, I am directed to transmit a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the precautions necessary in the Stamp Department for the security of water-marked paper, its stamping, and the care of it thereafter.

2. I am to invite attention to the expediency of transferring from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, the control over the receipts and issues of Stamps by Collectors, which is now exercised by the Superintendent of Stamps, and to the desirableness of establishing some additional check over the accounts and stores of water-marked and value-stamped paper in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

3. This latter check can be provided, perhaps, by the Board of Revenue deputing their Chief Accountant to the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps, for the daily or monthly audit of that Officer's Store Accounts. This would occupy very little of the Accountant's time, while it would obviate the submission of elaborate Store Accounts to the Board.

4. It has been determined (and of this decision the local Governments will be separately apprised in more detail) to arrange with the Secretary of State for the supply to the three Presidencies, of water-marked paper impresseu with the Bi-co value-stamp which is now used in Bengal. This will correct the defects in the Bengal checks, to which the Superintendent of Stamps, Calcutta, and the Bengal Board of Revenue, allude in their letters.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Principal Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Government of Bengal, with a remark that the plan which the Committee on Stationery may propose for the audit of the accounts and expenditure of stationery will perhaps be found to be well adapted for the Stamp Department, and that without some external audit of the accounts of the Superintendent of Stamps, his responsibility will be but nominal, and a punctual, regular, and rigid observance of the prescribed checks and forms of accounts may not always be ensured.

[Exd. S. C. Roy.]

George's No 309 C 311

My dear letter to George
14 September 1869
S. J. H.

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No. of Geo. H. H. 1874

From the Principal
West. Secty. to the
Govt. of India -

Dated 13th of Feb 1869
Received 18th of May 1869

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From the Secy. to the Board of
13th of May 1869
From 808 July 1869.

Transmitting a copy
of the correspondence of the
the President, Secretary
in the West. Secty. to the
the Secretary of the
in the West. Secty. to the
and its case.

No 934. 1st June.

With answers &

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Ordered that the Board of
Revenue be requested to report as soon as
possible on the suggestions made in
para 2 of this letter.

3/3/64
10th June 1864.
J. H. H.

14th of Decr with original enclosure. Dated 13th June