

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 266

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th February 1865.*

No. 178. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1865, No. 437.

Read again letters from the Collector of Madras, dated 3rd August and 25th November 1864, in Board's Proceedings, 19th August and 8th December 1864, Nos. 5,326, and 7,849.

Read also the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLER STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 19th January 1865, No. 20:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 8th December last, No. 7,849, I have the honor to state that I now see no objection to the introduction of the Discount system throughout the District. My object in recommending its partial introduction in the Conjeveram Talook alone, was to see how it worked, and then, if successful, to extend it to the other Talooks; but if the Board think fit, I shall be glad to introduce it at once throughout the District.

Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government with the Board's request that the introduction of the Discount system for the sale of Stamps may be sanctioned for the Madras District.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1865, No. 266.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.

Stamps.

Sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,326.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th August 1864.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Sydapet,
3rd August 1864, No. 351:—

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 11th March last, No. XXIII, requesting the opinion of Collectors on the introduction of a Discount system for the sale of Stamp papers by licensed Vendors, I have the honor to state that, as far as I can judge, the system there recommended would promote a greater circulation of Stamp papers than that now in force, and would be of great convenience to the people.

2. The Discount system has worked well in regard to the sale of Postage and Adhesive Stamps; and it might be concluded that equal results would follow its extension to the sale of Stamp papers. I would however reduce the limit prescribed by the Board in the 8th paragraph of their Circular from 50 to 25 Rupees, and would grant such a rate of discount as should equal the highest rate of interest, say eight per cent., obtainable on good security.

3. The system would simplify and do away with the present mass of accounts, and relieve the Account Department of considerable labor; and as it has been tried successfully in Bengal, I think there need be no hesitation in recommending its introduction into, at first, some one District of this Presidency, and then if the result be found favorable into other Districts.

4. The Board do not state in their Circular how they propose to meet the demand for papers of the higher standard. I think a few of such papers should be lodged for sale with each Tahsildar, and a smaller quantity with each Sub-Magistrate; this would prevent people ever having to go any great distance to purchase. The stock so deposited with each of the above-named officers should be determined by the average sales of such papers during the last two years.

5. In the Presidency Town, the demand for Stamp papers of 50 Rupees and of higher value, is far greater than elsewhere. I therefore think there ought to be there more than one place where such papers could be obtained; and I think the Deputy Collector's Office at Madras might be made a depôt in addition to the Stamp Office itself. I suggest this plan, as at present many of the merchants live far from the Stamp Office, and have therefore a great distance to go to purchase a Stamp. The work which will devolve on the Deputy Collector's Office will not be very great, but the responsibility will be heavy; and on that account I would allow it the same discount as is proposed for Vendors. I would also recommend the same allowance to Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates who vend.

The Board request that Mr. Fane will report whether he wishes to try the Discount system in his District after he has perused the rules now about to be circulated.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 7,849.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th December 1864.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 25th November 1864, No. 538 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 19th August last, No. 5,326, requesting me to report whether I would like to try the discount system of selling stamps in this District after perusal of the rules which were then about to be circulated, I have the honor to state that having now read the rules carefully I would, with the Board's permission, be glad to try the system in one Taluk first, viz., in that of Conjeveram, and afterwards, if the experiment answered, to extend the system to other Taluks. I propose the Conjeveram Taluk, as it is a rich one with an important Cusbah town with Munsiff's Court, and where a greater number of merchants reside than elsewhere, and where would be a larger consequent sale of stamps.

1. The Board are averse, on principle, to the *partial* introduction of the Discount system in any District, as it does not fairly exhibit what they consider to be the real advantages of the system.
2. They request the Collector to explain his doubts as to the expediency of adopting this system throughout the District.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras,

Exd. R. H. Lee.

No.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th August 1864.

No. 5,326.

Requesting him to report whether he wishes to try Discount system for sale of Stamps in district, after perusing rules now about to be circulated.

*Enquire the law of the District
to see if the law is correct
A. G. R. Fane Esq. 25th Nov 1864
No. 538.*

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No. 43.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th January 1865.

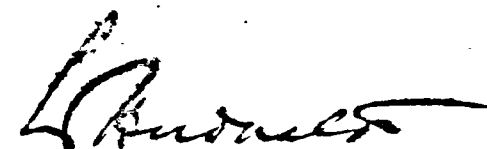
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With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 8th December last, No. 7,849, I have the honor to state that I now see no objection to the introduction of the discount system throughout the District. My object in recommending a partial introduction in the Conjeeveram Taluk alone, was to see how it worked, and then, if successful, to extend it to the other Taluks; but if the Board think fit, I shall be glad to introduce it at once throughout the District.

Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government with the Board's request that the introduction of the Discount system for the sale of Stamps may be sanctioned for the Madras District.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 19th August and 8th December 1864,
Nos. 5,326 and 7,849.

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

*Endorse the Receipt of
the above to the
R.D. dated 25th January 1865
W.H.S.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th December 1864.

No. 7,849.

Expressing aversion to the partial introduction of the Discount system in the sale of Stamps, and requesting to explain why it may not be adopted throughout the District.

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No. 263.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 25th January 1865.

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No. 437.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madras, and requesting sanction for the introduction into that District of the Discount system in the sale of Stamps.

With
Sanctioned accordingly
J. H. George
for the Bd of Revenue
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