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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 274. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1866, No. 5,138.

Read the following letters :—

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 10th July 1866, No. 54.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, copies of correspondence (to be returned) between the Director General of the Post Office and the Board of Revenue in Fort William, relative to the use of Foreign bill stamps of six annas value, for postage revenue, until receipt of a supply of Postage stamps.

2. I have indented on the Superintendent of Stamps, at Calcutta, for a supply of these converted stamps ; but it is possible that, as the stamps of the Stamp Department are supplied to the several Presidencies direct by the Secretary of State, I may be informed, by the Superintendent of Stamps in Calcutta, that he has none available for supply to me, and that I must make use of my own stock.

3. Of six-anna Foreign bill stamps I have comparatively a very small* stock, sufficient, if used for their own proper purposes, to last about four years, but which, if appropriated for postage purposes, would be expended in two months.

* 6 Annas labels ..... 14,610.

4. I, therefore, beg to bring under the consideration of the Board that I have a very heavy† stock of adhesive stamps of two annas, four annas, and eight annas, these values being (under the operation of Section 11 of Act X. of 1862) never made use of for Foreign bills, and I would suggest the advisability of utilising them for postage revenue by stamping the word "Postage" on the two-anna and four-anna stamps, and the words "six anna eight pie postage" on the eight-anna stamps.

† 2 Annas labels ... 1,88,000
4 Do. do. ... 4,92,000
8 Do. do. ... 1,88,000

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Director General of the Post Office of India, dated Simla, the 16th June 1866, No. 1,954.

Home Department.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 587, dated the 12th instant, submitting the report called for by my endorsement, No. 1,374A, dated the 31st ultimo, regarding the want of two-anna postage stamps in the Calcutta Stamp Office.

2. In reply I am directed to acquaint you that the following telegram was sent to the Board of Revenue at Calcutta on the 13th instant :—

"Please take immediate steps for printing the word "Postage" across six-anna Foreign bill "stamps, so that they may pass as six-anna postage stamps. Instructions as to disposal of stamps "so prepared will be sent hereafter."

3. It is understood, from your demi-official communication of the 9th instant, that the Foreign bill stamps, when ready, are to be issued only in the Presidency Towns of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay.

4. A copy of your report and of this letter will be sent to the Board direct in continuation of the telegram of the 13th instant. Further details respecting the quantity of Foreign bill stamps to be prepared for use as postage stamps, and their distribution should be arranged by you with the Board.

5. The Secretary of State will be moved to cause early compliance with the Indent for postage stamps, forwarded with your letter of the 14th July 1865, No. 995.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th August 1866.

From the Director General of the Post Office of India, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, dated Simla, 19th June 1866, No. 681.

1. With reference to the telegram to your address, dated 13th instant, from the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, I have the honor to explain that the six-anna Foreign bill stamps, when crossed with the word "Postage," will be recognised as postage stamps of the value of six annas, and can be used with the payment of postage on overland or other letters and parcels.

2. There is, it would appear, a sufficient supply of two or four-anna stamps in provincial treasuries; the issue, therefore, of six-anna stamps should be confined, for the present, to the Presidency Towns. The number of labels mentioned in margin will, I think, be a sufficient supply for three months, and the Superintendent of Stamps will, I presume, debit the Post Office Department with the number of six-anna bill stamps converted into postage stamps.

Calcutta..	70,472
Bombay..	65, 04
Madras	30,784

No. 682.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, for information and guidance.

SIMLA, 19th *June* 1866.

(Signed) H. B. RIDDELL,
Director General of the Post Office of India.

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 18th July 1866, No. 73.

With reference to my letter of the 10th instant, No. 54, I have the honor to report that I have since received from the Superintendent of Stamps, Calcutta, 4,000 six-anna Foreign bill stamps converted into postage stamps, and I have also been requested to forward for conversion, as many as I can, reserving a sufficient supply for use on bills of exchange.

1. The Board observe that the Superintendent of Stamps has not informed the Board whether the Madras Stamp Office, like that of Calcutta, is short of Postage stamps. They presume, however, that such is the case, and his proposal to convert the two annas, four annas and eight annas Foreign bill stamps into Postage labels will be submitted for the approval of Government.

2. The Superintendent should not have applied to Calcutta for new stamps until orders had been passed upon the suggestion made in the first letter above recorded.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1866, No. 2,041.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Stamps.

Proceedings of Government, 8th August 1866.

1. The Government in their Order marginally noted have sanctioned the conversion of the surplus Foreign Bill Stamps, referred to by the Superintendent of Stamps, into Service Postage labels. These Proceedings, therefore, require no orders.

2. The Government, however, remark that they would have objected to eight annas bill stamps being converted, as proposed, into Postage labels of less value as affording an opening for fraud.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 11th Augt 1866.-

Read the following Bo: of the Bd of Revue.-

Submitting for approval of Govt proposal of Supdt of Stamps to convert the two annas, four annas & eight annas foreign bill stamps into Postage labels.-

(Here sides 26th July 1866 No 5138)

Letter 18th Augt 66

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Pro. of the Madras
Government
of 11 August 1866

Regarding the use
of Foreign Bill stamps
as Postage labels.—

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