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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 545. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1867, No. 4,471.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 27th June 1867, No. 1,575, of Fusly 1276 :—

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue that there is at present in my charge a large accumulation of Foreign Bill Adhesive Stamps. The enclosed statement shews the stock on this date to amount to 22,14,852 Stamps, valued at Rupees 69,84,198. It will be seen that the average sales during the last three years amounted to but 15,990 Stamps, so that the quantity now in store taken in the aggregate will last for upwards of 138 years. Many of the values are scarcely in demand, and under Section 11 of the Stamp Act, the Stamps of the denominations noted in the margin* are not at all required for sale, and have recently been recalled† from the District Treasuries. In these circumstances, I do not see the advantage of keeping in store in my Office so large a quantity of these useless Stamps. It not only adds unnecessarily to the responsibility of this Office, but entails a profitless expenditure of time and labour in their periodical examination at the half-yearly taking of stock.

* 2 Annas.
4 do.
8 do.
1 Rupee.
2 Rupees.
4 do.
8 do.

† *Vide* paragraph 21, Board's Proceedings, 7th February 1867, No. 750.

2. I request attention to the correspondence noted in the margin,‡ in which the subject came before the Board and Government on a former occasion. It was then proposed to relieve this Presidency of part of its heavy surplus stock of these Foreign Bill Stamps by requiring the Bengal and Bombay Governments to draw their supplies from Madras, but the Bombay Government reported that their stock was so large that no supply would be needed by them for the next fifty years, and they recommended that the surplus be destroyed in the presence of a Committee. The Government of India thereupon suggested the use of these Stamps to denote the value on paper forwarded by private individuals to be impressed in the Stamp Office, as a means both of improving the security against fraud and forgery of Steel Die Stamps, and of disposing profitably of the large stock of Stamps recommended for destruction. But the plan was opposed, as regards this Presidency, both by the Board and Government, for reasons given, and nothing has been since done to get rid of the seventy lacs worth of useless Stamps of which it is part of the duty of the Superintendent of Stamps to take care, and account for.

‡ Board's Proceedings, 14th November 1864, No. 7,427.
From Superintendent of Stamps to Board of Revenue, 15th November 1864, No. 799.
Board's Proceedings, 22nd November 1864, No. 7,610.
G. O., 14th February 1865.
G. O., 24th April 1865, No. 842.
G. O., 31st May ,, ,, 1,154.
G. O., 27th June ,, ,, 1,448.
G. O., 26th June ,, ,, 1,434.
Board's Procs., 25th August 1865, No. 5,263.
G. O., 9th September 1865, No. 2,169.

3. I lately wrote to the Superintendent of Stamps at Bombay to know if the proposal to destroy the surplus stock has been carried out in that Presidency, and I enclose his answer stating that nothing has been done.

4. I have thought it proper to bring the subject forward again in the hope that something may be done to relieve this department of the unnecessary responsibility and labour I have referred to. The Stamps may possibly be of use in England, and might be returned, or, as proposed at one time in Bombay, they might be destroyed in the presence of a Committee appointed by Government. In either case, I would retain sufficient to meet ten years' consumption, and give up the rest. This would relieve my books of more than sixty-eight lacs of Rupees which now go to swell the credit side, and leave the average quantity of Stamps of one kind or another in my custody at the moderate sum of Rupees ten lacs in round numbers, instead of at nearly eighty lacs as at present.

From the Acting Superintendent of Stamps, Bombay, to the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, dated 11th June 1867, No. 807, of 1867.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 1,387, dated 3rd instant, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Bellasis's proposal to destroy the surplus stock of Foreign Bill Stamps in this Office was not carried out, nor has any other measure been adopted to get rid of the surplus Stamps.

2. The Government of Bombay submitted Mr. Bellasis's letter to the Government of India with a request that they might be authorized to have the Stamps destroyed. Copy of the Government letter, No. 1,700, dated 22nd April 1865, is annexed.

3. The Foreign Bill Stamps now in store amount to Rupees 72,72,575.

From the Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Bombay Castle, 22nd April 1865, No. 1,700 of 1865, Revenue Department.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 1,734, dated the 31st ultimo, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward to you, for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps at this Presidency, No. 306, of 13th instant, and to state that, under the circumstances therein mentioned, this Government is unable to relieve the Government of Madras of their surplus stock of Foreign Bill Adhesive Stamps.

2. I am at the same time desired to request that this Government may be authorized to permit the destruction of the surplus stock in this Presidency as recommended by Mr. Bellasis. A Committee will then be appointed to see the orders carried out.

From the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bombay Castle, 22nd April 1865, No. 1,701 of 1865, Revenue Department.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Stamps for information, with reference to his letter No. 306, and Report No. 307, dated the 13th instant.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) V. RAMIENGAR,
Superintendent of Stamps.

Foreign Bill Adhesive Stamps.

Description.	Number of Stamps in hand.	Value.	Average sales during the last three Fuslies.	Value.	Number of years for which supply will last.
	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.
2 Annas	2,06,559	25,819 14 0	585	73 2 0	353
3 do.	17,934	3,362 10 0	2,847	533 13 0	6
4 do.	3,83,296	95,824 0 0	574	143 8 0	667
6 do.	6,652	2,494 8 0	3,194	1,197 12 0	2
8 do.	2,20,813	1,10,406 8 0	849	424 8 0	260
12 do.	19,073	14,304 12 0	3,084	2,313 0 0	6
1 Rupee	3,56,447	3,56,447 0 0	701	701 0 0	508
1½ do.	26,239	39,358 8 0	1,870	2,805 0 0	14
2 Rupees	2,51,990	5,03,980 0 0	573	1,146 0 0	439
3 do.	31,441	94,323 0 0	917	2,751 0 0	34
4 do.	3,10,228	12,40,912 0 0	251	1,004 0 0	1,235
6 do.	1,02,396	6,14,376 0 0	409	2,454 0 0	250
8 do.	1,17,910	9,43,280 0 0	75	600 0 0	1,572
12 do.	55,328	6,63,936 0 0	44	528 0 0	1,257
18 do.	54,955	9,89,190 0 0	13	234 0 0	4,227
24 do.	53,591	12,86,184 0 0	4	96 0 0	13,398
	22,14,852	69,84,198 12 0	15,990	17,004 11 0	138

MADRAS,
28th *June* 1867.

(Signed) V. RAMIENGAR,
Superintendent of Stamps.

Submitted for the orders of Government. The Board concur with the Superintendent of Stamps in considering the retention of such an enormous supply of Adhesive Bill Stamps useless and undesirable.

No. 546. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1867, No. 1,717.

Separate Revenue, No. 32.
Stamps.

1. The subject of the above correspondence will be brought under the consideration of the Government of India, in view to steps being taken to utilise or reduce the excessive stock of Foreign Bill Stamps.

2. Meanwhile, the Government desire to know whether the bulk of the stock cannot be lodged in the Mint vaults in the same manner as the Currency Note forms are stored, so as to obviate the necessity for re-examination at the half-yearly takings of stock.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29*th July* 1867.

No. 1,718.

No. 547.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith copies of the papers noted in the margin, having reference to the excessive stock of Foreign Bill Adhesive Stamps in charge of the Superintendent of Stamps here, and to suggest for consideration whether some steps had not better be taken to utilise or reduce the accumulation, which it is believed is at least equally great in the other Presidencies.

Separate Revenue, No. 33.
Stamps.

Board's Procs., dated 16th July 1867, No. 4,471.
Order thereon, ,, 29th July ,, ,, 1,717.

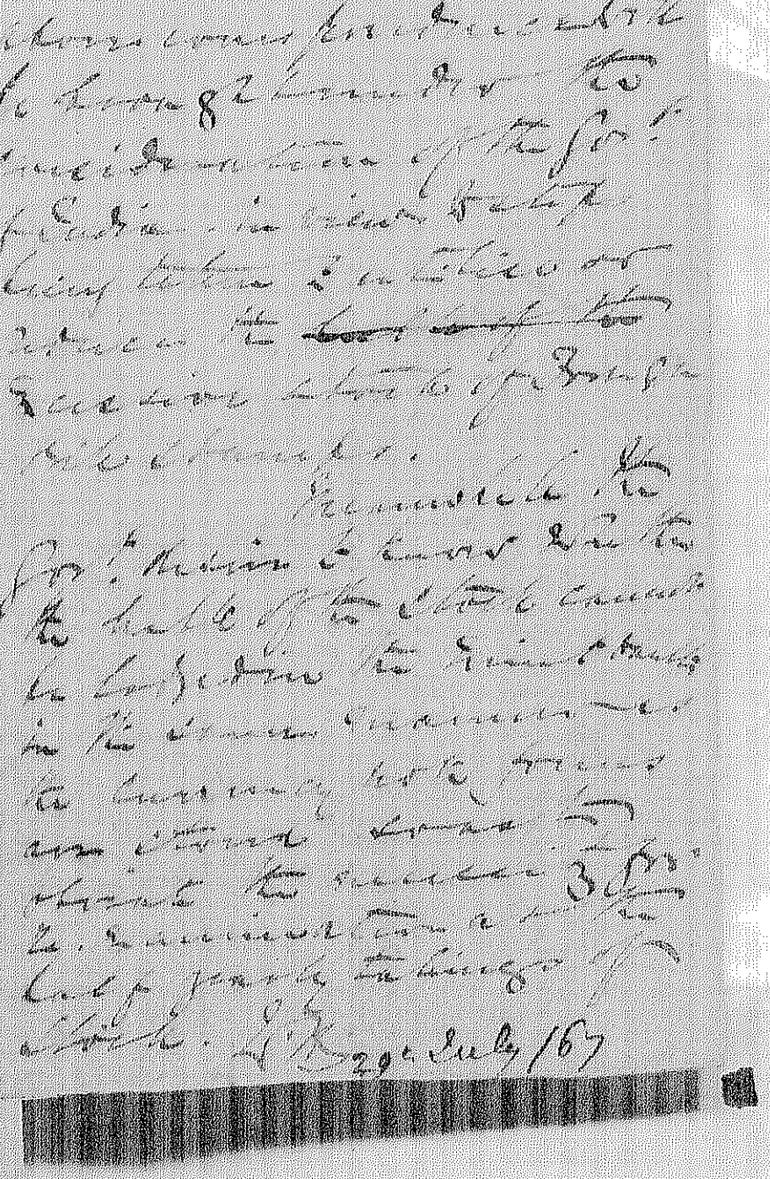
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department

No. 1718.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copies of the papers noted in the margin bearing reference to the ~~accumulation~~ of Foreign Bills, Adhesive Stamps in charge of the Superintendent of Stamps ~~at the Presidency~~ and to suggest for enquiry whether steps ~~cannot be taken~~ cannot be taken to utilize or reduce the ~~excess stock of these~~ stamps ~~accumulated~~ in Calcutta.

I have &c.

W. B.

Board's Proceedings dt 16th July 1867 No. 1471.

Order thereon dt July 1867.

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Dated 29th July 1867

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