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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 22-8-1867.

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No. 446. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1867, No. 5,292.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 30th July 1867, No. 216:—

Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th May last, No. 2,790, I have the honor to report that I find it will be impracticable to carry out the complete introduction of the Bi-color Stamps from the 1st of October next, as contemplated in those Proceedings. Under the operation of the amended Schedule B., the demands for Judicial Stamps on this Office for the current quarter have very largely increased. In the absence of proper data for regulating their requirements, the district authorities sent in their Indents, in the first instance, for the usual average quantity, and this was all supplied in time. But Supplemental Indents for the current quarter are since coming in so fast, and in such numbers, that it has not been practicable yet to take up the regular Indents for the ensuing quarter. Taking the last three years, the quarterly supply has been little over eight and a half lacs of Judicial Stamps; but, for the present quarter, 11,68,457 rolls have already been supplied up to this date, and I have still Indents before me for 1,20,000 more, which will raise the present quarter's supply to little short of thirteen lacs, or half as much more again as the ordinary supply, supposing that is, that no more Supplemental Indents will be received, which, however, does not seem probable. It is impossible now to judge accurately what will be the actual requirements of the next quarter. Supposing them to be no more than those of the present quarter, it will be impracticable to supply the entire quantity in Bi-colored Stamps. I, therefore, propose that the arrangement sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, already referred to, may continue till the 31st of December next, with this change that the higher values from one rupee upwards, instead of from two as at present, be supplied in Bi-colored Stamps, and all values below one rupee in Embossed Stamps. By that time, I trust that we shall have seen enough of the working of the new Schedule to judge of the average requirements of the several districts, and to regulate the work of the department accordingly. At present, the six Bi-color Presses at the Mint are calculated to give but 18,000 inpressions in a day, and the supply for the coming quarter cannot, therefore, be possibly furnished within the next two months, or by the 1st of October, so as to be ready for issue from that date. I request to be favored with early orders on the subject.

Under the circumstances stated by the Superintendent, the Board resolve to extend the period for the complete introduction of the Bi-color Stamps to the 1st of January 1868.

No. 447. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1867, No. 1,968.

Separate Revenue, No. 30.
Stamps.

Approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2283.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 15*th August* 1867.

No. 5,292.

Extending the period for the complete introduction of the Bi-color stamps to the 1st of January 1868.