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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th August 1868.

No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1868, No. 5,201 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 25th June 1868, No. 861.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 9th and 24th instants, relative to the adoption of a bi-color stamp consisting of blue and black colors for documents under Schedule A. of the Stamp Act, I have the honor to state that I am not aware that any special arrangements are necessary for manufacturing these stamps. I have conferred with Colonel Carpendale, and he thinks that, as the substitution of blue for red ink is all that is required, there will be no difficulty in carrying out the change from the date specified in the Notification of the Government of India.

2. At the same time it will be seen from the annexed copy of a letter to me from the Chemical Examiner, that he has found, by actual experiment, that it will be possible to discharge, by chemical means, the coloring matter from stamps impressed with blue and black printing-inks, of which I sent him samples to test, and that this can be effected without destroying the paper on which the stamp is impressed. I should also state that, under the operation of the proposed distinctive stamps for Judicial and non-Judicial documents, it will be necessary for district Officers to indent for so much of each description of stamps, and that as they can have no reliable data as to the actual requirements of their districts under each head, there must, at the outset at least, be some difficulty in proportioning the supply to the demand. Also as different stamps must be used for different purposes, the vendors will certainly have to keep ready a much larger stock of stamped papers than is now the case, and applications for renewal of spoiled stamps are also likely to be larger than now.

3. It will be necessary, with reference to the date fixed in the Notification, that the stamps supplied in satisfaction of the District Indents for the second quarter of the ensuing Fusly, which will begin to come in early next month, should be of the new kinds, and that the requisite instructions will have to be sent to the districts without delay. I beg, therefore, to be favored with early orders on the subject. I should have addressed you earlier, but Dr. Ogg's reply to my letter to him of the 28th ultimo has only just reached me.

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Government Chemical Examiner, dated Madras, 28th May 1868, No. 749.

In forwarding to you the accompanying musters of black and blue printing-ink, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me whether it will be possible, by any chemical process, to discharge their coloring matter from stamps impressed with these inks.

From the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Government Chemical Examiner, dated Madras, 19th June 1868, No. 841.

I have the honor to request your attention to my letter of the 28th ultimo, and to beg the favor of an early reply thereto, to enable me to answer a reference from the Board of Revenue and Government.

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Supt.

From the Government Chemical Examiner, to the Superintendent of Stamps, dated Madras, 24th June 1868, No. 126.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 841, dated the 19th instant, I have the honor to state that I have examined the samples of black and blue printing-inks sent for examination.

2. It is possible, by chemical means, to discharge the coloring matter from stamps impressed with these inks.

3. This may be done without destroying the paper, as I have proved by experiment, but not, I believe, without leaving a perceptible stain.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) V. RAMIENGAR,
Superintendent of Stamps.

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1. Ordered that this letter be submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 16th May 1868, No. 1,384.

2. The Board are of opinion that when blue is substituted for red on stamps under Schedule A., it will be necessary to use engine-turned value stamps instead of the plain ones now employed.

3. It appears that the blue ink can be discharged by chemical means, and as the values are indicated by blank figures on a colored ground, it may be thus possible to alter the values so as to deceive an inexperienced eye.

4. There will be the usual difficulties attending the introduction of any new system, as pointed out by the Superintendent of Stamps; but these can no doubt be overcome.

5. The manufacture of engine-turned value stamps will, however, take some time, and they will be needed for all values instead of for stamps of Rupees 50 and upwards only, as prescribed in Government Order, dated 18th June 1868, No. 1,712. The Board accordingly recommend that the introduction of the change be put off till the 1st January 1869.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1868, No. 2,125.

Separate Revenue. No. 9.
Stamps.

1. The Government agree with the Board in considering it advisable to adopt the engine-turned value stamps for all values, to prevent the possibility of alteration. It is very desirable, however, that some blue coloring matter, which cannot be removed from the paper by the application of chemicals, should, if possible, be devised. The Chemical Examiner should be consulted on the subject.

2. As the preparation of the new dies will occupy some time, an application will be made to the Government of India to postpone adopting the blue and black

bi-color stamp in Madras until the 1st January 1869, as proposed by the Board in the concluding paragraph of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
10*th August* 1868.

No. 129.

No. 2,126.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Separate Revenue, No. 10.
Stamps.

1. With reference to the Notification* of the Government of India, dated 29th April 1868, No. 2,778, directing the adoption from 1st September 1868 of a bi-color stamp, consisting of blue and black colors for documents under Schedule A. of Act X. of 1862, I am directed to forward, for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying Proceedings† of the Board of Revenue, with its enclosures, bringing to notice that the blue ink can be discharged by chemical means, and suggesting the use of engine-turned value stamps instead of the plain ones now employed.

* Proceedings Government of India, dated 29th April 1868, No. 2,777, Financial Department, (Separate Revenue—Stamps).

† Dated 16th July 1868, No. 5,201.

2. The Government agree with the Board in considering it advisable to adopt the engine-turned value stamps for all values to prevent the possibility of alteration; and as the preparation of the new dies will occupy some time, they direct me to request the permission of the Government of India to postpone adopting the blue and black bi-color stamp in Madras until the 1st January 1869.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

attestation / The Supt.

Financial 1868 Department.

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From Government of
Fort St. George.

Dated 10th Aug. } No. 2,126.
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Forwarding, for submission to the Government of India, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, bringing to notice that the blue ink can be discharged by chemical means, and suggesting the use of engine-turned value stamps instead of the plain ones now employed.

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Rev: Dept:

W. 2125

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 10th August 1868.

Read the following Pro: of the Board of Revenue -

Submitting with remarks letter from Supt: of Stamps on the subject of adoption of a bi-colour stamp, consisting of blue & black colors, for documents under Schedule A of Stamp Act & recommending that introduction of the change be put off till 1st January 1869 -

(Revenue 16 July 1868 No. 201)

The Govt: agree with the Board in considering it advisable to adopt the Engine-turned value stamps for all values to prevent the possibility of alteration - The Supt:

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Govt. of India to
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I would say
It is my duty to
bring to your notice
this & other matters
which cannot be removed
from the paper by the
application of chemicals
should it prove to be
desired.

It is not likely that
I shall require with to
ask to detain any thing
of this sort. This can
only be done by a
Chemist. I am sir

Sd/ G.

the 1st January 1869.
as proposed by the
Board in the con-
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their Proceedings -

Sd/

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Sd/ A. Bell

10th July/68.

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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Dept

Sir,

With reference to the Notification of the Govt of India dated 29th April 1868 no 2770 directing the adoption from 1st Sept 1868 of a Bi-color stamp consisting of blue and black colors for documents under Schedule A of Act X of 1862, I am directed to forward, for submission to the Govt of India, the accompanying Proof of the Bond of Revenue with its enclosures, having to notice that the blue in it can be discharged by chemical means, and suggesting the use of Engine-turned value stamps instead of the plain ones now employed.

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† Prop Govt of India 7 29 April 68 no 2770 Fin Dept (Separate Receipt Stamps)

* 7 16 July 68 no 5201.

Revenue 1868 Sept 1st
Bond of Court fee Stamps

No 2125

Copy of the Madras Govt
No 1110 August 7th 1868

From B.C. Raikes
To G Cheeseborough Esq. 3221

Order no. 415
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Rec'd 12/8/68

Mr Peterson
Mr Rowe
Mr
Despatch
A letter to Govt
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Lieut

Lieut 6/8

Revenue 1868 Dept.
Bo of Govt. for Augt.

No 2126

To The Govt. of India F.D.
D/ 10 August 1868

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To Lt Col Dorn
Asst Adjt Genl
Camp

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