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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th July 1870.

No. 213. Read the following Circular from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, (Separate Revenue—Stamps), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 13th July 1870, No. 1,822 :—

By the Financial Notifications noted on the margin it is declared that the instruments mentioned in Clause B., Section 5 of Act XVIII. of 1869, may, at the option of the parties to these instruments, be denoted by a special adhesive Stamp to be affixed by the Collector or the Superintendent of Stamps in lieu of the impressed Stamp therein prescribed; and that where these special adhesive Stamps are not available, the Stamp on such instruments may be denoted by embossed Stamps impressed by a cold steel die. There is no restriction as to the class of instruments the Stamps on which may thus be "denoted."

No. 319, dated 13th January 1870.
,, 2,060, ,, 23rd March ,, ,,

2. This special mode of stamping was prescribed by the Act in recognition of the practice which had become very general in regard to the stamping of English deeds in the Presidency Towns, and under the apprehension that the want of such a provision would lead to great public inconvenience in those places. But it was not contemplated that the privilege of this special form of stamping would be conceded to instruments which can be as conveniently executed on the ordinary impressed (bicolour) Stamp-paper.

3. Although by this mode of stamping the cost of paper and the discount on the Stamps is saved, yet this consideration is, perhaps, more than counterbalanced by the loss through fraud to be apprehended from extending the use of plain embossed Stamps.

4. I am desired to request that this department may be informed as to what documents in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council the denoting of Stamps by the Collector or the Superintendent of Stamps, under Section 5, Clause B. of Act XVIII. of 1869, should be confined.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1870, No. 1,115.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Stamps.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for an early expression of their opinion on the point raised in paragraph 4 of the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No 1115

Forwarding Bills &c. Plan for an early expression of their opinion in the Land Revenue in lieu of the foregoing Letter

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July, 25th.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 25th July 1870, *No.* 1,115.

Copy to the Bd of Revenue
for information & early opinion
by 2d August 70 Octo 2011.

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Stamps. — Circular letter from Supreme Government requesting to be informed as to what documents the denoting of Stamps by the Collector or the Superintendent of Stamps, under Section 5, Clause B. of Act XVIII. of 1869, should be confined, forwarded to Board of Revenue for early expression of their opinion.