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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 5B.

Stamps.

SIR,—WITH reference to your letter, dated 4th July 1870, No. 1,177, requesting the views of this Government in regard to the proposed issue of a Notification as to the levy of Stamp-duty, under the Court Fees' Act, on telegraphic communications addressed to Government officers by private persons, I am directed to transmit the accompanying Proceedings of Government on the subject, from which it will be perceived that for the reasons therein specified, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council does not consider it expedient that such communications should be charged with Stamp-duty.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Department

Sir

With reference to your letter dated 15th July 1870, No 1177, desiring to be favored with the opinion of this Govt. in respect to a Notification proposed to be issued in connection with the levy of Stamp duty, under the Court Fees Act, on telegraphic communications addressed to Govt officers by private parties, I am directed to transmit the accompanying Pro.* of the Board of Revenue on the subject with an intimation that this Govt fully concur in the views expressed by the Board –

* of 29 July/70 –

I would tax then not true telegrams or mere copies of them – The Ex. [illegible] of telegraphing is too great to admit of any attempt to evade the Stamp Duty by [illegible] to it – and such cases as may occur [illegible] be too trifling a consideration for discouraging the use of the Telegraph.

To debar the Irish office from sending a Telegram until authority to extend by some communication by post would be to neutralise the advantages of Telegraphy generally. Thinking the Telegram mentioned by the Board was subsequent to the second judgment pending further communication I should like.

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To

Govt of India

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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 4th July 1870, No. 1177, requesting the views of this Govt in regard to the proposed issue of a Notification as to the levy of stamp duty, under the Court Fees Act, on telegraphic communications addressed to Govt officers by private persons; I am directed to transmit the accompanying Proceedings of Government

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