

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1871.*

No. 80. Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1870, No. 6,502, recorded in G. O., dated 15th December 1870, No. 2,040.

Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1870, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,097.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1871, No. 382.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1871, No. 20.

IN acknowledging the receipt of Government Order, 15th ultimo, No. 2,040, communicated to me for my observations, I have the honour to state that I see one strong objection to the Stamping Department being made over along with the Currency Office (with which it has no necessary connection) to the charge of the Accountant-General. This officer now receives from the Stamping Department, from this office, and from the districts, independent Returns of Stamps, manufactured and issued and received at the Collectorate treasuries every month, and he compares and checks these Returns. If the manufacture of Stamps was transferred with the Paper Currency to the Accountant-General, he would, in his latter capacity, have to check Returns furnished to him by himself as Commissioner of Paper Currency. Upon the completeness and efficiency of such a check exercised by one department over another, sitting under the same roof, I should be indisposed to rely, however much the work of the two might be kept distinct and placed under separate superintendence. I therefore think it will be preferable to leave the Stamping Department in charge of the Assay Master, if the premises which he occupies continue to be properly guarded, which I presume they will be, so long as the Assay Office and Bullion Depot are kept upon their present footing.

2. If, however, there are any doubts as to the permanency of the Assay Office, and it is considered on that account undesirable to make any arrangement now, which before long it may become necessary to alter, I shall then recommend the Stamping Department being transferred with the Paper Currency Office to the charge of the Accountant-General, provided arrangements could be made for transferring to the Office of the Board of Revenue the duty of scrutinizing and checking the Returns now performed in that of the Accountant-General.

THE Board resolve to request the Accountant-General to state whether he is prepared to take charge of the Stamping Department, and whether he considers it desirable that this arrangement should be made. If it is, the check now exercised by the Accountant-General must be transferred to the Board, and it will probably be necessary to add another Accountant to their establishment.

No. 81. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1871.

Read again Government Order, 15th December 1870, No. 2,040.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 24th January 1871, No. 382.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 30th January 1871, No. 6,565.

ADVERTING to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 24th instant, I have the honour to report that I am aware of no objection to the transfer of the Stamping

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1871.*

Department now at the Mint premises under the Commissioner of Paper Currency to this department.

2. This office now receives monthly from the Superintendent of Stamps four Store Accounts and a Cash Account, with vouchers in support of the entries in them, and from the Commissioner of Paper Currency a statement of paper currency impressed under his superintendence, by which the bulk of the credit in the last-mentioned Store Account is checked.

3. In their monthly Plus and Minus Memorandum the Collectors show the state of their stock under the four heads corresponding to the Store Accounts above alluded to; and this department renders to the Board monthly a statement of receipts and payments on account of Stamps in the Presidency Town.

4. The duty of checking the accounts of the Superintendent of Stamps forms a very small portion of the work of one of the Treasury Account Examiners, who, in addition to the above work, audits five district accounts.* There can, therefore, be no reduction in this office establishment, if the Stamp Accounts

* Ganjam, | Coimbatore,
Nellore, | South Canara,
Neilgherry Hills.

now sent to it be transferred to some other department, nor considering the lightness of the work does there appear to be any necessity for the entertainment of an additional hand by the department taking up that duty.

5. I would remark, moreover, that if the check in this office be withdrawn, it will be necessary, with a view to the debit in the Collector's Plus and Minus Memorandum for the effected sales by them being verified by the department to which the work may be entrusted, that this office should render, in addition to the statement of receipts and payments at the Presidency Town already alluded to, another statement of credits arising from sale of Stamps in the districts. Hence the work in this office will not, so far as I can see, be lightened in any respect by the transfer of the check.

THE Board resolve to report in favour of placing the Stamping Department in charge of the Accountant-General.

2. Whilst the Assay Master performed his duties in the Mint buildings, and was also Commissioner of Paper Currency, it was convenient to leave the control of the Stamping Department in his hands, but now that the work of the Assay Master is about to be merged in that of the Chemical Examiner, and the Paper-Currency Department has been transferred to the Accountant-General, a change is necessary.

3. The Stamping Department must be located somewhere where it can be well guarded and supervised by an officer of position having experience in accounts. These requisitions are found in the Accountant-General's office, and he is willing to undertake the charge, and can provide suitable accommodation for the stampers.

4. If this proposal is adopted, it will be necessary to transfer the duty of checking Stamp Returns to the office of the Board of Revenue, and an additional Clerk must be entertained to attend to the duty. The Accountant-General states

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1871.*

that the work forms a very small portion of the business allotted to one of his Accountants, but the Board are satisfied, after examining the distribution of work in their Account Department, that they cannot undertake to check Stamp Returns carefully and efficiently without additional aid.

No. 82.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1871, No. 399.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Stamps.

ORDERED accordingly that the Stamping Department be placed in charge of the Accountant-General. But the Government do not consider it

necessary to relieve that officer from the duty of checking the Stamp Returns. The Stamping and Checking Departments in the Accountant-General's office will be perfectly distinct, and the former cannot stamp any material other than that furnished by the Superintendent of Stamps to whom it will have to be accounted for.

2. Before sanctioning the additional establishments proposed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November and 15th December 1870, the Government desire to have before them the opinion of the Acting Accountant-General on the subject. With the large establishment at his disposal he may find it possible to give the Manager and Accountant of the Stamping Department such assistance as may be occasionally found necessary; and in repairing the dies and bicolour presses in order and repair, he will place himself in communication with the Inspector-General of Ordnance, and ascertain from that officer if the services of the workmen employed in the Grand Arsenal cannot be made

	RS.	available when required. The perma-
1 Engine Turner	50	nent establishment of the Stamping
1 Filer... ..	30	Department already provides the
1 Blacksmith	25	mechanics noted in the margin for any

urgent work that cannot be immediately attended to by the Ordnance Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Accountant-General.

.. the Financial Department.

.. the Military Department.

.. the Department Public Works.

.. the Commissioner of Paper Currency.

Exd. F. R. Pattleman.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 27th February 1871.

Read again Government Order
15th December 1870, No 2040.

Read again Board's Proceedings 24th
January 1871, No 382.

Read the following
Book Department.

No 6565.

From

The Accountant General to the
Government of Madras.

To,
The Secretary to the,
Board of Revenue
Sir,

Adverting to Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue of the 24th instant, I have the honor
to report, that I am aware of no objection to
the transfer of the Stamping Department now
at the eland premises under the Commission
of Paper Currency to this Department.

2. This Office now receives monthly
from the Superintendent of Stamps four Stamps
Accounts and a Cash Account with vouchers
in support of the entries in them; and
from the Commission of Paper Currency, a
Statement of paper impressed under his
Superintendence.

One for postage stamps.
One for postage service.
One for Telegraph stamps.
and one for all other
stamps.

Superintendence, by the bulk of the credit in the last mentioned store account is checked.

3. In their monthly Plus and Minus Issues, the Collectors show the state of their stock under the four heads corresponding to the store accounts above alluded to; and this department renders to the Board monthly a Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of Stamps in the Presidency town.

4. The duty of checking the Accounts of the Superintendent of Stamps forms a very small portion of the work of one of the Treasury Account Examiners who in addition to the above work audits Five District Accounts. There can therefore be no reduction in this Office Establishment, if the Stamp Accounts now sent to it be transferred to some other department, nor considering the lightness of the work, does there appear to be any necessity for the entertainment of an additional hand by the department, taking up that duty.

* Ganjam
Mellore
Coimbatore
South Canara
Mylapattanam Hills.

5. I would remark moreover that if the check in this Office be withdrawn, it will be necessary with a view to the debit in the

the Collectors Plus and Minus Issues, the expected sales by them being verified by the department to which the work may be entrusted, that this Office should render, in addition to the Statement of Receipts and Payments at the Presidency town already alluded to, another statement of credits arising from sale of Stamps in the districts. Hence the work in this Office will not so far as I can see be lightened in any respect by the transfer of the check.

Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
30th January 1871.

I have &c
Signed J. Rushington
Accountant General

The Board resolve to report in favor of placing the stamping department in charge of the Accountant General.

Whilst the assay master performed his duties in the Mint buildings and was also Commissioner of Paper Currency it was convenient to leave the control of the stamping department in his hands, but now that the work of the assay master is about to be merged in that of the Chemical Examiner, and the Paper Currency department has been transferred to the Accountant General, a change is necessary.

The Stamping Department must be located

located here where it can be well
guarded and supervised by an Officer
of position having experience in accounts.
These requisitions are found in the Accountant
General's Office and he is willing to under-
take the charge, and can provide suitable
accommodation for the Stampers.

If this proposal is adopted, it
will be necessary to transfer the duty
of checking Stamp Returns to the Office
of the Board of Revenue and an additional
clerk must be entertained to attend to
the duty. The Accountant General
states that the work forms a very small
portion of the business allotted to one
of his Accountants, but the Board are
satisfied after examining the distribution
of work in their Account Department
that they cannot undertake to check
Stamp Returns carefully and efficiently
without additional aid.

True Copy Extract

J. Grose
Acting Secretary

To, The Secretary to Government
Calcutta Revenue Department.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated March 6th.

Recd. -

24th

G. O., 6th March 1871, No. 463.

REVENUE.

Nos. 89-90.

Registers of Irrigation Works.—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the progress made in the districts in their compilation, communicated to the Public Works Department.

Q. B. 15 Dec 70 No 314-16.
Chs 355 of 1871.

Revenue 1871 Septth
77-643.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
S.O. No 399-6 March 1871
Date 27th February 1871
Sd/-
Received 28th.

Stamping Department —

Opinion submitted to Govern-
ment in favor of placing,
in charge of ex-accountant
General. — Entertainment
of an additional clerk
in Board's Office to check
Stamp Returns, recom-
mended.

Pro 6 March 71 Du M. No 80

er 8 March 71 Rf

My dear Mr. D. L. for

I meant to

... my objection to

this Stamp arrange-

ment. My pen must

have sent the basket

off by mistake. — I am

very sincerely yours

P. M.

A. D. Simon

locust → to anywhere where it can be well

Revenue Department.

No 399

PROCEEDINGS of the MMDRAS GOVERNMENT. 27th Dec 1871

Read the following letter

Pr: of the Bd of Rev: 8th
Nov: 1870. # 6522 recorded
in 8th & 15th Dec: 1870.

Read again Pr: of the
Board of Revenue 8th 15th
Dec: 1870 recorded in
the Pr: of Govt 21st Dec: 71
2097.

Read also the following
Pr: of the Board of Revenue

Requesting the Acct. Genl
to state whether he is prepared
to take charge of the Stamping
Dept. } M.E. 24 Jan 71 # 302

Subj: opinion with
reference to the above } 27 Feb.

Ordered accordingly
that the Stamping Dept.
be placed in charge
of the Accountant Genl.
But

Enter turn post
duty of the duty
in the duty of

But the Govt do not consider it necessary to relieve that officer from the duty of checking the Stamp Returns. The stamping and checking departments in the Acct. Genl's office will be perfectly ^{distinct} and the former cannot stamp any material other than that furnished by the Superintendent of Stamps to whom it will have to be accounted for.

2. Before sanctioning the additional establishments proposed in the Pr. of the Board of Revenue of 5th Nov 1870, the Govt desire to

The Accountant General is not under any order. he & his subordinates are liable to report changes - these other duties are important and the Acct. Genl. is for instance of them for their own interests & prospects - this duty & are interesting in it - carrying with it neither pay - nor promotion - nor honorably recorded as insignificant - and will be left to subordinates. The Acct. Genl. will have to exhibit the value of stamps - which

is the important one - we have no security that the case will be taken of the Dir. - that there will be any counting of the value of this or in a word that any of the necessary precautions will be taken. I would transfer the work of the Board of Acct.

In the course of the check of accounts I quite agree with Cunningham. There have been communications in the Acct. Genl's office & may be again of

to have before them the opinion of the Acct. General on the subject. With the large establishment at his disposal he may find it possible to give the Manager & Accountant of the stamping ~~dept~~ such assistance that may be occasionally found necessary, & in regard to keeping the dies and bi-color presses in order & repair, he will place himself in ^{communication} correspondence with the Insp. General of Ordnance & ascertain from that office if the services of the workmen employed in the Grand Arsenal cannot be made available.

available when required.
 The permanent staff
 of the stamping kept
 already provides the
 mechanics noted in
 the margin for any
 urgent work that
 cannot be immediately
 attended to by the
 Ordnance Department

LD

1 Engine Turner 30
 1 Filer 30
 1 Blacksmith 25

Recd.
 Dated

18
 No.

Count of 18 1 M mms.

14 Paper Dec 15 March
 6 1st. 1st. 1st.
 5 1st. 1st. 1st.
 7 1st. 1st. 1st.
 21 1st. 1st. 1st.
 1 1st. 1st. 1st.

Sept 10
Stamping Post
Blue place
der Charge of
Ac. S. 10

Ms 80482

10. 10. 10

Like an old man
of the same