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- (3).—And the printing work also should be of a description involving a high degree of artistic skill.
- (4).—That the various values of stamps required by the Act should be designated by combining, upon one paper, the requisite number of certain selected values.
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5. All the stamp values of Rs. 10 and upwards, which are required under the Act, will be represented by a combination of the requisite number of the first twelve values in the above list. The values, however, which are prescribed by Articles 1 and 2 of Schedule I., will require also the employment of the other values ranked under Class IV., and 16-Rupree stamps will be represented by two values of Rs. 8.

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ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1871, No. 716.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
<i>Stamps.</i>

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue with the request that they will furnish the desired information at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under-Secretary to Government.

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Nos. 230-231.

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*Vide No. 2106 of 1871
from B. of Revenue*

Forgery of Stamps in India.—Letter from Government of India forwarding copy of a report of the Committee appointed to consider the means of preventing it, communicated to Board of Revenue for the submission of the required information.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
SEPARATE REVENUE.
Stamps.

To

No. 2031A.

Dated, Fort William, the 31st March 1871.

Received

E. J. Per. M. O. D. R.

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To the Secy of Revenue Dept

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No. 232. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coramandel, 17th April 1871, No. 757-28:—

I HAVE the honour herewith to submit (in original to be returned) two letters from my deputy in the Salem District, dated 30th ultimo and 17th instant, respectively, recommending the grant of leave, without pay, to Classifier Veerathalia Charry for two months, and to request the sanction of Government to the arrangement.

No. 233.

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1871, No. 717.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement,
,, the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.