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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th May 1871.*

No. 192. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1871, No. 1,768 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th March 1871, No. 352.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your docket on the Proceedings of Government, dated 24th January last, No. 164, calling upon me to report what system of check and custody of stamps will be necessary under the recent orders of the Government of India, which direct the exclusive use, under the Court Fees' Act, of adhesive stamps manufactured in England, and which will necessitate the maintenance at the Presidency of a large stock of such stamps on hand.

2. At present the Superintendent of Stamps has in his custody stamps of one description and another of the aggregate value of nearly one hundred and fifty lacs of Rs. ; and the introduction of adhesive stamps for Court fee purposes in supersession of impressed stamps will doubtless add considerably to this already large stock. If it is of importance, and it is intended, to maintain this Office on its present footing, the only course I can suggest for the better custody of stamps is, that the bulk of the stock be kept in this Office under the joint lock and key of the Superintendent and the Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; the former being permitted to indent for, and the latter to issue, the quantity which may be required during each ensuing quarter or half year. This arrangement would, it appears to me, meet the object in view, without putting Government to the expense of any additional establishment, or of providing a strong room and other means of safe custody which already exist in this Office, but which it would be necessary to provide again, if the stamps were removed to another Office as contemplated by Government.

3. It might be desirable also, as a means of additional check, to have a half yearly examination of stock and accounts when the new stamps come into use, instead of an annual audit as at present.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 24th January 1871, No. 164.

2. In past years the Superintendent of Stamps has had so much as one hundred and six lacs worth of adhesive stamps in his custody, and nothing has occurred to show that the checks of the existing system are insufficient.

3. The large stock of Court Fees Adhesive Stamps (worth about Rs. 50,00,000) will, of course, make the "safe custody of stamps" *pro tanto* "a matter of greater importance than it has hitherto been ;" and the Board see no objection to the proposal of the Superintendent to keep the bulk of the stock of adhesive stamps under two locks, the key of one of them being held by the Board's Secretary.

4. This arrangement will involve no additional expenditure, and it will have all the effect that Government desire.

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15th May 1871.*

No. 193.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1871, No. 854.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.

Stamps.

THE arrangement proposed by the
Superintendent of Stamps and supported
by the Board of Revenue is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1871} Madras
REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Date 1 May 1871.

Recd.

G. O., 15th May 1871, No. 851.

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Nos. 192-193.

Court Fees Adhesive Stamps.—Arrangements proposed by the Superintendent of Stamps and supported by the Board of Revenue for their safe custody, approved.

No. 1,768.

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2. At present, the Superintendent of Stamps has in his custody, stamps of one description and another, of the aggregate value of nearly one-hundred and fifty lacs of Rupees; and the introduction of Adhesive Stamps for Court Fee purposes in supercession of impressed stamps will doubtless add considerably to this already large stock. If it is of importance, and it is intended, to maintain this office on its present footing, the only course I can suggest for the better custody of stamps is, that the bulk of the stock be kept in this office under the joint lock and key of the Superintendent and the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, the former being permitted to indent for, and the latter to issue, the quantity which may be required during each ensuing quarter or half year. This arrangement would, it appears to me, meet the object in view, without putting Government to the expense of any additional establishment or of providing a strong room and other means of safe custody which already exist in this office, but which it would be necessary to provide again, if the stamps were removed to another office as contemplated by Government.

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4. This arrangement will involve no additional expenditure and it will have all the effect that Government desire.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. Gole
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Superintendent of Stamps.

Erd. G. A. Turton.

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Court Fees. *Misuse* Stamps.—Letter from Superintendent of Stamps, suggesting plan for safe custody of, submitted to Government, with expression of Board's concurrence therein.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 15th May 1871.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting with ex-
pression of Board's Concurrence,
Letter from Superintendent of
Stamps suggesting plan for
Safe Custody of Court Fees Ad-
ministrative Stamps.

H. E. 27th April 1871 No. 17

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The Arrangement proposed
by the Superintendent of
Stamps and supported by
the Board of Revenue is approved

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