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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1872.*

No. 206. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1872, No. 1,574 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 8th December 1871, No. 4,966, and 15th July 1872, No. 1,325.

Read also the following letter from J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 31st July 1872, No. 1,134 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1872, No. 1,325, I have the honour to state that there is a sufficient supply of New Court Fees Adhesive Stamps of every value excepting one Anna and eight Annas. A portion of the

old Court Fee Stamps returned from Bellary (all adhesive stamps) has been already destroyed.* I forward, herewith,

the remainder of these stamps, impressed and adhesive, excepting the one Anna stamps which have been re-transmitted to Bellary : no stamps of eight Annas value were returned from Bellary. The Bellary Stamps herewith, forwarded, are specified in the accompanying List No. 1, and amount in value to Rupees 7,35,498-2-0.

2. As under the decision passed by the Board, in the Proceedings above referred to, it appears to be of no use to retain any longer the Court Fees impressed and old adhesive stamps remaining in store in this office, I beg to forward these also for destruction. They are specified in the accompanying List No. 2, and amount in value to Rupees 18,35,751-4-0. It will be observed that there are no stamps of one Anna or eight Annas among them, and that the impressed stamps are not counterstamped.

3. I request the authority of the Board for writing off the total value of the stamps herewith, forwarded, viz., Rupees 25,71,249-6-0.

4. Please direct the return of the seven cases in which the stamps above-mentioned are sent.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Lists.

THE Board resolve to solicit the sanction of Government before destroying the large stock of stamps (nominal value Rupees 25,71,249-6-0 intrinsic value about Rupees 1,237) referred to in this letter.

2. Government will be aware that new Court Fee Stamps are being received from England, and that they are meant to take the place of the impressed stamps (red and black bi-colour) and the adhesive stamps (Foreign Bill, etc., marked "Court Fees") which have been used temporarily under Act VIII. of 1870.

3. The Governor-General in Council has decided that all Court Fees shall be paid by adhesive labels manufactured in England, and it follows that as these labels are received in sufficient numbers they must take the place of the make-shift labels now in use, and the latter being useless must be destroyed.

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4. Unfortunately the uncertainty as to the demand for stamps under a new Act and as to the date when the supply of English labels would commence has operated to swell the stock which must now be got rid of.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1872, No. 1,249.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Stamps.

As the Notification of the Governor-General in Council of 19th April 1872 permits the use of impressed stamps to denote any Court Fee chargeable under the Act, the Governor in Council does not see the need for withdrawing from the districts, or even of discontinuing the issue to them of impressed stamps already manufactured on the special water-marked paper, which conduce to the use of a superior paper for Court forms, etc.

2. The further manufacture of the impressed stamps for this purpose should be discontinued and the converted stamps (adhesive) should at once be re-called and destroyed. The Board are authorized to carry out this destruction under such precautions as they may deem necessary.

3. If the impressed stamps can be utilized for other purposes than Court Fees, the Government do not object to their use being so restricted and the new adhesive stamps alone employed to denote Court Fees; but they see no need for re-calling and destroying them at present.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department.

No. 1249.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23rd August 1872.

Read the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

Requesting sanction of
Govt for destruction of certain (H.C. 13th August 1872, H-1574)
old Court Fees Stamps -

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