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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th September 1872.

No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd September 1872, No. 1,741:—

Read the following letter from the Honourable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1872, No. 163:—

With reference to Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 4th ultimo, communicating Order of Government, dated 22nd June last, No. 967, directing the employment of salaried vendors, I have the honour to submit the correspondence marginally noted, for the Board's orders.

1. Deputy-Collector's letter No. 607, dated 19th July 1872.
2. My letter No. 579, dated 30th July 1872.
3. Deputy-Collector's letter, No. 687, dated 7th August 1872.

2. The Board will observe that two objections are urged by the Deputy-Collector for employing salaried vendors at Salay Street, Kappal Polu Setti Street, and Triplicane.

1*st*.—The want of a guard at these three places for securing stamps and money at night, and

2*nd*.—That the appointment of salaried vendors at the above places would not be advantageous to Government in a financial point of view.

3. With regard to these objections, I have only to observe, that if the police can arrange to take charge of a sealed box from the respective vendors, every evening the first difficulty will be removed, but the second objection seems to me to be of some weight. The amount derived from sales at these places, is too small to admit of salaried vendors being profitably employed (*Vide* also Deputy-Collector's letter, No. 607, paragraph 3) and if to this be added the additional risk incurred by Government by the employment of salaried vendors, I think the system of paying these three vendors by a discount of 3 per cent. on *all sales* made by them would be preferable.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 3.—Correspondence with the Deputy-Collector of Madras.

The foregoing correspondence will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In Government Order, 22nd June last, No. 967, it was decided that at all the places selected for the sale of stamps within the town of Madras, salaried vendors should be employed; St. Thome and Periyamuttu alone excepted.

3. It is now shown that at three of these places, viz. Salay Street, Kappal, Polu Setti Street, and Triplicane, this system will entail some uncalled for expenditure. Each vendor must be supplied with at least 3,000 Rupees worth of stamps, for which amount he must of course furnish security. The interest he would have to pay his guarantor is estimated at 30 Rupees a month: it would therefore be necessary for Government to pay him at least 70 Rupees; viz., Rupees 30 to cover that outlay, and Rupees 40 as a moderate salary. But the average of the commissions of these vendors, supposing they were remunerated in *that* way, is in two cases within 40 Rupees, and in the third within 50 Rupees a month. A

salaried vendor would also be entitled to expect some special aid from Government Officers for the safe custody of the stamps and his daily receipts; and this, it is pointed out, could not easily be secured to him in the cases under notice.

4. The Board therefore recommend that the License system may continue in force at the three places named.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1872, No. 1,320.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Stamps.

THE Board's proposal is sanctioned, subject to further report at the end of six months. The object which the Government had in view in making the change of system general was to guard against mere transfers of sales.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 2ND SEPTEMBER 1872, No. 1,741.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,741.

Stamp Vendors—at Salay Street, Kappal Polu Setti Street, and Triplicane in Madras.—Certain correspondence from Collector regarding objections to employment of salaried vendors at these places, submitted for orders of Government, and License system recommended to be continued there.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 13th,

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th September 1872, No. 1,320.

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Nos. 91-92.

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