Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31*st October* 1873.

Read the following letter :—

No. 345. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1873, No. 1,632.

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1873, No. 167 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders noted in the margin and to submit the report therein called for.

Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 6,389, of 20th September 1872.
Board's Reminder, dated 5th July 1873, No. 972.
Do. Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,257, of 9th July 1873.

2. Enclosed is a statement showing the monthly sales of the salaried and discount stamp vendors since the introduction of the salary system as well as the sales for the corresponding months in the previous year. From this it will be seen that from August 1872 to April 1873 the discount vendors sold a larger proportion of stamps than they did before the introduction of the salary system. The proportion which the sales of the discount * vendors bore to the total sales previous to the salary system varied from sixteen to twenty-seven per cent., while subsequently to the introduction of the salary system it rose from thirty-three per cent. in August to forty-one per cent. in April, thus partly realizing the apprehensions entertained by Government that by having the discount and the salary system together there would be transfers of sales from the latter vendors to the former.

* Nos. 4 to 8 in the statement.

3. Had not the rates of discount been revised, as was done in September last, the discount vendors would have sold a much larger percentage. However, since May last there has been a great fall in this percentage, owing to the reduction of the discount on Court Fee stamps to one per cent., and the proportion in May and June fell to thirteen and eleven per cent., considerably less than it has ever been. I therefore think that the present system may be safely continued.

4. A copy of the Deputy Collector's report and its enclosures are herewith sent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. RAGOONATH ROW, Deputy Collector, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 14th July 1873, No. 502.

As required in the Orders as per margin I beg to submit my report on the present arrangements regarding the sales of stamps.

Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 6,389, of 20th September 1872.
Board's Reminder, dated 5th July 1873, No. 972.
Do. Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,257, of 9th July 1873.

2. The Order of Government sanctioning the appointment of only three salaried vendors reached me on the 23rd September last. Fearing that the sales of stamps in consequence of this change would be transferred from the salaried to the discount vendors, and anticipating that, owing to the various rates of discount allowed on the sales of different sorts of stamps under the Orders as per margin, the sale of certain class of stamps would be disproportionately larger than that of others, I propose to reduce the

Government Proceedings, dated 23rd March 1872, No. 502.
Board's Proceedings, dated 10th April 1872, Miscellaneous No. 2,624.

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Fort St. George Public Dept.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 6568

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 2nd October 1873

Read Official Memorandum from the Actg. Under Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 15th September 1873 No. 163 enquiring whether certain Stamp Vendors of Madras have been forbidden to sell Court Fee stamps since May 1873 or simply had their percentage reduced.

The discount vendors at the three places referred to in the Board's Proceedings, having their places of vend within what was considered a "reasonable distance" of that of an ex-officio vendor were not supplied with Court Fee stamps from May 1873.

G.O. 28th February 1873 No. 232

The vendors at St. Thome and Peramboor too

Periamootoo are still allowed to sell Court Fee stamps at a discount of 1 percent.

| True Extract |

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Acting Secretary

To,

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

C. Sp. 2699/13

Rec'd 1893 Sept.

No. 3115.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 2nd October 1893

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No 1224-30/626 6588

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Stating that certain stamp vendors of Mahe have not been supplied with Court fee stamps from May 1893 & that certain others are still allowed to sell stamps at a discount of one per cent

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Pro: Bd of Revenue

Collr report on working of licensed Vends system adopted for sale of stamps in certain streets in town of Madras

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Answd for Orders.

1. In June 72 the Government directed that of the eight licensed Stamp Vendors in the town of Madras six should be paid by Salaries as more Economical than the discount System. Subsequently, subject to further Report, they sanctioned the retention of four of the discount Vendors & pointed out that they had wished "to guard against mere Hawkers of stamps."

In September 72 it was settled that these Vendors should receive a uniform rate of discount of 3. per cent, but since last owing

+ Salary Street
Hospital - Polu Setti Street.
Triplicane.

to the orders of the
Govt: of India marginally
noted three of them
have not been allowed
to have Court Fee
Stamps at all while
two have only received
on such Stamps the
reduced discount of
1 per cent.

3. The Collector now
submits Statements of
the Sales by both sorts of
Vendors up to July last.
These show that
until the alterations
just noted the Sales
by Salaried Vendors
showed a marked
decrease & those by
discount Vendors a
marked increase
over the corresponding
Sales of the previous
Year at the same
Stations

4. In a few

222 in S.O.
28th July 73. No. 232.

× St. Thomas
Peramboolloo
222 Bd:
Misc. of 2nd
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may last when the
alterations were effected
all this is altered &
as things now are
the substitution of
Salaried for discount
Vendors would be
no gain.

5. It is presumed
that the existing
arrangements may
be continued

Sd

To Record the Bds Pro:
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Memo. for Order.

Collector's report in working of biennial window system adopted for sale of stamps in certain streets in town

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND AUGUST 1873, No. 1,632.

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No. 1224 - 31 Oct

Received 4th September 73

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No. 1,632.

Sale of Stamps—in Salay Street, Kuppalpolu Setti Street, and Triplicane, in town of Madras.—Report from Collector on working of licensed vendor system adopted for — in lieu of system of salaried vendors, submitted to Government with opinion that no change in present arrangements is called for.

Withdrawn

Ordered to be recorded

No 1224

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