*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th February 1873.*

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 19th November 1872, No. 2,230, and recorded in G. O., 22nd January 1873, No. 84.

No. 109. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1873, No. 79 :—

Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Commissioner of Paper Currency in charge of Paper Stamping Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1872, No. 462 :—

AGREEABLY to the request contained in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings No. 2,230 of the 19th ultimo, I have the honour to submit, for inspection, a set of specimen impressions (marked A) from all the new dies that have been completed. The anna value dies which are in accordance with the original design are now in use.

2. With regard to paragraph 5 the present objection to octagonal* dies would be removed were they made stronger and larger in size as per enclosed drawing (marked B.) The size then would be the only objection. It will be observed that this pattern admits of the value being shown in figures as well as in words in English only, and that in two lines; Tamil, Telugu, and Hindustani in figures alone.

* For higher Rupee value from 20 Rupees and upwards.

3. The original approved design was to express values in words as well as in figures in English, Tamil, Telugu, and in words only in Hindustani. If this is to be adopted, the size of the die will be as large as the one in use for the non-judicial documents, a specimen of which (marked C.) is enclosed.

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THE Board resolve to submit the specimens of stamps received with this letter for the information of Government. It will be observed that the precautions approved by Government in their order of the 30th December 1869, No. 3,226, have been neglected in all respects except one. The design is more elaborate than the old design, but the values of the stamps from one Rupee upwards are not expressed in words, and the shape of the stamp for values from Rupee 1 to Rupees 19 is not different from the shape for higher values.

2. This departure from the instructions of Government ought not to have taken place without their consent, but the Board think it unnecessary to incur the expense of making new dies again. The impressions show that the dies are carefully engraved and print well. Blue ink cannot be perfectly discharged, and none of the stamps give opportunity for altering an 8 into an 80 etc., as was done in South Canara. Stamps manufactured in England will almost entirely supersede stamps made in India.

3. The Board suggest, however, that the die marked "B" which gives the value in words in English should be adopted for all values from Rupees 1,000 upwards. The expense will not be great, and the inducement to forgery is stronger in the case of these stamps, where the alteration (which seems to be comparatively a simple matter) say of a "0" into a 9 will cause a gain to the forger of Rupees nine hundred.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*15th February* 1873.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1873, No. 187.

| Separate Revenue, No. 9. |
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| *Stamps.* |

BEFORE final orders are passed on these papers, they will be forwarded to Dr. P. F. Bellew, through the Government of Bombay, for explanation as to the circumstances under which he considered himself at liberty to make so material an alteration in the forms of stamps considered and approved by Government in their Proceedings dated 30th December 1869, No. 3,226, without their sanction. From paragraph 4 of the letter from the Officiating Commissioner of Paper Currency, dated 19th October 1872, No. 449, there does not appear to be even a memorandum on the records of the Office ordering the omission of the insertion of the values in words in many of the stamps.

2. Copy of the Proceedings of Government dated 30th December 1869, No. 3,226, will also be furnished to Dr. Bellew.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Cyd. F. R. Hemingway.

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated February 15th

Read. Rec'd.

G. O., 15th February 1873, No. 187.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 109-110.

*Specimens of Stamps from new Dies.*—Proceedings Board of Revenue relating to them ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Bellew, through the Government of Bombay, for explanation in connection with the alterations made in the forms of stamps considered and approved of by Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 15th February 1873.

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Read also the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting for Govt's with remarks specimens of stamps of impression from all the new dies that have been completed, from Commissioner of Paper Currency in charge of Paper Stamping Department

} R. E. 20 January 1873 No 79.

are proposed

Before passing final orders on these papers they will be forwarded to Dr F. J. Bellew through the Government of Bombay for explanation as to the circumstances under which he considered himself at liberty to make so material alterations in the forms of stamps considered and approved by Govt

Government in the Proceedings dated 30th December 1869 No. 3226 without therein - From para 4 of the letter from the officiating Commissioner of Patna dated 19th October 1872 No. 469, there does not appear to be enclosed memorandum on the words of the office ordering the omission of the insertion of the words in many of the Camps.

2. Copy of the Proceedings of Government dated 30th December 1869 No 3226 which also be furnished to Dr Bellew.

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