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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1873.*

No. 97. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 14th July 1873, No. 1,516:—

IN Section 26, Chapter V. of Court Fees Act, No. VII. of 1870, it is prescribed that "the stamps used to denote any fee chargeable under this Act shall be impressed or adhesive, or partly impressed or partly adhesive, as the Governor-General of India in Council may, by Notification in the *Gazette of India*, from time to time direct."

2. The inconvenience attending the compulsory use of impressed stamp-paper, prior to the passing of this Act, was considerable; and the immense relief that has been afforded in this respect to the public is shown by the fact that adhesive stamps are, I am informed, now used in nine cases out of ten, where impressed stamp-paper was formerly employed.

3. In the Stamp Act, No. XVIII. of 1869, it is enjoined (see Clause b, Section 5, Chapter II.) that "the stamp on every other instrument chargeable under this Act shall either be impressed on the paper whereon the instrument is written, or be otherwise denoted by the Collector or the Superintendent of Stamps, in accordance with such rules as the Governor-General of India in Council may, from time to time, prescribe in this behalf."

4. No steps, however, appear to have been taken in view to the alternative to the impressed stamp-paper as indicated in this Stamp Act; and as the working of this Act is, in its present form, attended with considerable inconvenience to the public, I have the honour to solicit that the Government will be pleased to order that the same relief in regard to the use of adhesive stamps may be granted as is permitted in the case of Court Fees.

5. The inconvenience of the present arrangement has come practically to my notice in connection with the preparation of Contract Bonds for Local Fund works.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
22nd July 1872. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1873, No. 846.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.

Stamp.

COLONEL ROBERTS will be informed, through the Public Works Department, that the measure advocated by him has not, as he supposes, been overlooked;

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but has, for the present, been disposed of by the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1,510, dated 14th March 1871, which was published at page 496 of the Fort St. George Gazette for 28th March 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o. 1576 District Engineers Office
Madura 14th July 1873.

From,

Lieut. Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.

District Engineer, Madura

To,

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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5. The inconvenience of the present arrangement has come practically to my notice in connection with the preparation of Contract Bonds for Local Land Works.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Alex. Roberts Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer of
Madura

No. 846

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th August 1873

Read the following

Resolution from the Secy to Govt. P. M. D.

Transferring letter from the District Engineer, Madura, re-
porting on section 26, Chapter V
of Coast Survey Act No VII of 1870

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Colonel Roberts is informed that the measure advocated by him has not, as he supposes, been overlooked, but has, for the present, been disposed of by the resolution of the Govt. of India No 1510 dated 14th March 1871 which was published at page 496 of the Sat St. George Gazette for 28th March 1871.

To Pub. Works Dept.
Copy 23/8.

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My Dear

Transferred
to the Revenue
Department

To the District Engineer
Madras
To the Secy to Govt.
P. M. D.

Dated 27th July 1873
Received 18th July 1873

Secretary to Govt.
P. M. D.

22nd July 1873

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Reports and papers
to the Secy to Govt.
P. M. D.
of 1870.

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S. G. D. 14 July 1873

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Regarding Section 26 Chap 67
of Const. Mass. Art. 18 § 1.

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