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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1875.*

No. 129. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1875, Miscellaneous No. 5,896 :—

Read the following letter from J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, in charge, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 7th June 1875, No. 254.

I HAVE the honor to return the papers forwarded to me for report with the Board's Miscellaneous No. 4,701, of 28th May.

2. The Vakeels of the Subordinate Court have two grievances: (1) that the licensed vendors do not keep a sufficient number of stamps of values under Rs. 50; and (2) that they keep no stamps at all of higher values.

3. Mr. Horsfall has satisfied himself that "the stock of stamps kept for values under Rs. 50 is insufficient," and he thinks that instead of three stamp vendors one for the three Courts would be enough. The three Courts are close to one another, and there would be no inconvenience in carrying out this arrangement. I would not, however, introduce the changes at once. The complaint of the pleaders is vague and general: they do not specify any particular occasion on which any of the stamp vendors had allowed his stock to run out. I would have the three licenses in force, and if, at any future time, the Vakeels or parties have come for complaint, the Sub-Collector might, if he found the complaint true, cancel the license. The more stamp vendors there are, the greater the convenience to the public, and while all three keep up a proper stock it would be a pity to cancel any of the licenses.

4. With regard to the second complaint, the vendors do not keep stamps of values above Rs. 50, because no discount is allowed in purchasing such stamps. The vendor gains no benefit by selling them, but, on the other hand, loses, because the money he has invested in procuring them lies idle till he has sold them. Mr. Horsfall proposed that one of the Court officials might be entrusted with the sale of these stamps, but the High Court think this objectionable. Under Rule VII. of Rules for the sale of stamps prescribed by the Governor-General on December 15th, 1871, the Board of Revenue or Government may authorise licensed vendors to be supplied with stamps without requiring ready payment on their giving security. If this rule is put in force, I think this difficulty will be met; but I do not recommend any commission.

5. The rule I have quoted is framed under Section 48 of the General Stamp Act, but by Section 6 of the Notification in the Gazette of April 24th, 1872, the rules apply to Court Fees Stamps also.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to G. O., 12th May 1875, No. 720.

2. As the three Courts are stated to be close to one another, the Board are of opinion that one vendor will suffice, and the licenses granted to the others should be cancelled. The objection that the retention of three vendors will afford greater facilities for supplying the public is of no force if their very number precludes the possibility of their securing sufficient profits to enable them to keep an adequate stock of stamps.

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3. The Collector is also authorised to supply the stamp vendor with a few stamps of values in excess of Rs. 50 on his furnishing sufficient security under Clause 7 of the Rules, without requiring payment of ready money.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1875, No. 1,047.

Separate Revenue, No. 15.

Stamps.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

3/17 Revenue Department.
 Miscellaneous No. 5896

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 30 June 1875

Read the following
 No. 254
 From John Kelsall Esquire
 Ag. Sub. Collector in charge
 To D. C. Stokes Esquire
 Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
 Madras.

Sir,
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 the Board's Miscellaneous No. 4701 of
 May 22.

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 Vendors do not keep a sufficient number
 of Stamps of values under Rupees 50 and (2)
 that they keep no stamps at all of higher
 values.

Mr. Harepal

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy, Secy,

Dated July, 12th.

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G. O., 12th July 1875, No. 1,017.

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Court Fee Stamp.—Approving Board's Pro-
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 the Vendors of the Sub-Court of Rajahmundry in
 procuring— from the vendors attached to the
 Courts.

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Godavari District
Collector's office
Camp Rajahmundry
Dr. Saker.
4 June 1875
I have &
By John Hilsall
By Sub Collector in
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Submitted

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Submitted for the information
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under clause 7 of the Rules, without re-
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W. C. C. C.
Acting Sub-Secretary

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with
2 Enclosures returned.

Ed. M. H. P.
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Submitting for the in-
formation of Govt, with
certain remarks, letter from
the Collector of the Port
District submitting reports
reg supply of stamps.

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