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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th August 1875.*

No. 237. From J. A. BOURDILLON, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, 6th July 1875, No. 1,920.

REFERRING to Nos. 199 and 200 of the Separate Revenue Proceedings of the Government of Madras for the month of March 1875, I am directed to observe that the instructions issued by the Government of India in Circular, No. 3,767, dated 23rd October 1873, should not have been cancelled by the local Government without a previous reference.

2. As those instructions are believed to provide with greater security for the destruction of the cancelled stamps, and as it is desirable that a uniform practice should prevail throughout India in the matter, I am to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to issue the necessary orders for carrying out the instructions of the Government of India referred to above.

(True Copy.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
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25th August 1875.

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No. 238.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.

Stamps.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 6th ultimo, No. 1,920, regarding the non-observance of the instruction issued by the Government of India for the destruc-

tion of cancelled stamps, I am directed to explain the circumstances under which His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctioned the continuance of the practice formerly in force in this Presidency.

2. On receipt of the Government of India Circular, No. 3,767, dated 23rd October 1873, it was communicated to the Board of Revenue who issued the necessary orders; but it was soon brought to notice that the new system was attended by many inconveniences. It was pointed out that in this Presidency the Collector had always been the only officer who granted refunds and that, on his sanctioning a refund, the stamps were then and there destroyed.

3. The Collector who suggested a return to the old practice stated that under it it was impossible for a stamp to be presented twice, that the Collector's work was less, and that the Post-office was not burdened with the conveyance of a mass of useless papers. He believed that there was more opening for fraud under the new than under the old system, and that the check exercised by the Superintendent of Stamps would be little more than nominal.

4. I am now to invite particular attention to his remarks which received the concurrence of the Board of Revenue, and are supported by the most experienced

officers; and am to state that if, after their perusal, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council still thinks it desirable that the new system should be enforced, this Government will direct its adoption, though they deprecate its introduction, as involving, in their belief, increased risk of fraud, a heavy additional burden on the postal runners, and needless extra work in the offices of Collectors.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial (1875) Department.

Government of Port St. George.

Dated 25th August 1875.

No. 1,274.

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Explaining the circumstances under which the instructions for the destruction of cancelled stamps were not observed, but the continuance of the practice formerly in force was sanctioned, stating that if it be still considered that the new system should be enforced its adoption will be directed, although its introduction is deprecated by the Madras Government for reasons specified.

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The Chief Secretary
to the Government of
Port St. George.

Port St. George Sir,

Referring to Nos 199 and 200 of the Separate Revenue Proceedings of the Government of Madras for the month of March 1875, I am directed to observe that the instructions issued by the Government of India in Circular No 3767 dated 23rd October 1873, should not have been cancelled by the local Government without a previous reference.

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To Govt of India

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