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Not to be folded or roughly handled

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P.O. Box 1678

New York, U.S.A., March 11/98

Sir:

I am preparing a comparative history of the various systems of collecting revenues by means of adhesive stamps, and take the liberty of addressing you for the purpose of soliciting your aid in the matter. It is a work for which there is great need at present, as the system of stamps is of so recent a date, that there are many imperfections in it, although we are sometimes inclined to have the most perfect plan of collecting, by stamp, the revenue on smoking and tobacco, which will appear fully in the contemplated work.

To make this work at all valuable it must be complete as regards any country; not only in respect of the data and mode of administering the revenue, but must have illustrations of the stamps themselves, such as have just appeared in a work on the French Revenue System. I ask you, therefore, to send me an outline of your system, list of the stamps in use and their character, and also the specimens of the obsolete and current revenue stamps of all values and denominations — either the groups which have no fiscal value, or the stamps themselves — for the purpose of fully and completely illustrating the work. Any information concerning an answer I shall gladly send you at your wish.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. L. J. Vannichackal
Secretary of the Revenue & Public Works
Madras

Respectfully,
Joseph J. Camp
Principal English School

Press
M.S.

G.O. No.
B.P. No.

DEPARTMENT

R.D.

Letter from a Gentleman at
New York.

This is a tolerably correct request, even
for a Yankee.

At all events the Madras
Stamp department does not stand
out separately from that of the
rest of India - and I propose to
tell him that he had better apply
to the India Office - an order from
its authority will be required before
information of the kind desired
can be supplied from this
Country.

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yes
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a sum of £100 to
be paid to a similar
person has been addressed

Revenue 1876 Definite
No 1837.

From
Mr. Joseph & Co.
New York

Dated 17th March
Recd. 9 May 1876

No 1052

Decr. 1864 - 31 Decr. 1876

Stating

that his company is
comprised in the
various portions of the
revenue by means of a
stamp & requiring to be
admitted with an outline of the
system prevailing in the
various provinces with
a list of the stamps in use
& their character &c.

G.O. No.

B.P. No.

Press
Mis.

Letter from
unofficial & unauthorized
American -

Postpaid -
see Postal Guide

No 1255

unofficial & unauthorized
American -

Postpaid -
see Postal Guide } To Joseph P. Carey Esq
Principal Eng School 29
P.O. Box No 1698
New York.
United States America

Sir. In acknowledging your letter
of 17th March last, I beg to inform
you that the Stamp Revenue System
of America does not stand out of
-rately from that of the rest of British
India -

I will suggest that you apply
to the India Office, London; in which
-wise from which we are necessary before
we can set about furnishing you
with the data