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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st April 1876.*

No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1876, No. 511 :—

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" " of Madras,	" 11th " "	" 369.
" " of Chingleput,	" 14th Dec. "	" 715.
" " of North Arcot,	" 25th Nov. "	" 637.
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" " of Madura,	" 19th Jan. 1876,	" 15.
" " of Tinnevely,	" 24th Nov. 1875,	" 639.
" " of Coimbatore,	" 17th Jan. 1876,	" 13.
" " of Nilgiris,	" 4th Dec. 1875,	" 197.
" " of Salem,	" 9th Nov. "	" 377.
" " of South Canara,	" 24th " "	" 2,248.
" " of Malabar,	" 22nd Jan. 1876,	" 25.

THE letters above recorded are replies to the Board's Proceedings of the 14th October 1875, inquiring to what extent the system of opening sub-depôts at the Civil Courts for the sale of Court Fee Stamps by ministerial officers of the Court under the authority of G.O., dated 20th March 1872, No. 483, had been carried into effect.

2. It appears that owing to the existing facilities for obtaining stamps it was not found necessary to introduce the system generally, Bellary, Madura and Salem being the only districts in which the vend of stamps was entrusted to ministerial officers of the Courts. In Bellary and Madura the practice has been discontinued, but the Sheristadar of the Salem District Court is still in charge of a sub-depôt. It does not appear that any security has been furnished, or that there is greater necessity for the maintenance of a stock of stamps at the Salem Court than at other Courts throughout the Presidency. The arrangement should be discontinued at once, unless there are special reasons to the contrary, in which case security must be furnished according to the scale prescribed by Circular Order No. XX. of 1875.

3. The Collector of Vizagapatam reports that the second English clerk in the Principal Assistant Collector's office vends stamps under the authority of Board's Proceedings, dated 27th August 1873, No. 5,458, and that no security has been taken from him. The appointment was made in consequence of the difficulty in

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4. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 13th November 1875, No. 1,637.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 114.

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1876, No. 515.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.
Stamps.

THE Board's instructions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of their Proceedings are approved. Further report on the action taken in Salem and Vizagapatam with

reference to the Board's instructions is awaited.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

Court Fee Stamps.—Approving Board's instructions on the inquiry as to what extent the system of opening sub-depôts at Civil Courts for sale of—by ministerial officers had been carried into effect; and awaiting further report on the action taken in Salem and Vizagapatam.

APRIL.
Nos. 113-114.

G.O., 21st April 1876, No. 516.

Dated April, 21st.
Recd.

Encl.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Oct. of 1876

No. 511.

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(A true Extract.)

Ch. Cotton
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with twenty-one original reports, to be returned.

„ all Collectors.

Erd. W. H. French.

No 575-

The Board's instructions in
para 2 & 3 of their proceedings
are approved - Further report on the
action taken in Salem & Nagapattinam
with reference to the Board's instructions
is awaited.

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20 March 1876
26 April 1876
13 May 1876
25 November 1875

27 April 1876

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Revenue 1876. *Deputy*
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21st FEBRUARY 1876, No. 511.

July 23rd March 1876

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FEBRUARY.

No. 511.

Court Fees Stamps. - Passing orders on Col-
lectors' replies to Board's Proceedings inquir-
ing to what extent the system of opening sub-
depôts at Civil Courts for sale of - by minis-
terial officers had been carried into effect.

No 575-21. 1876

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