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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th August 1878, No. 1,273.

Read the following paper:—

No. 129. From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 6th July 1878.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge Proceedings of Government, 21st ultimo, reporting that the Government of India have ordered the immediate discontinuance of the practice of impressing bi-color stamps on private materials. Members of the Chamber are naturally interested to know what will be the future practice in regard to stamping such articles as books of cheques, books of bill forms, and similar materials which are usually obtained by them from England, and have hitherto been impressed with the bi-color stamp at the Stamp Office.

the Chamber, that it would be a great convenience to the public to be allowed to purchase such supplies of adhesive stamps as they might require from time to time, and to affix and cancel the same as used. This practice is already in force with stamps of low denomination, for example receipt and demand draft stamps, stamps on custom bills of entry, and stamps on transfers of shares.

3. In regard to stamps on Bills of Exchange drawn in India, stamps on Policies of Insurance, and Bills of Lading, the practice for some little time past has been to affix adhesive stamps to them at the Stamp Office, where at the same time they are cancelled by a bi-color *hand* stamp. I am informed, in answer to inquiries at the Stamp Office, that in future the public will be required to present all its private materials above described at the Stamp Office in order that the stamps may be there affixed, and cancelled by hand die as above described.

4. It appears to the Chamber that a process such as this will probably call for the employment of as large a staff of clerks as was entertained in the Impressing Establishment which has just been broken up. The Chamber venture to think that, as I remarked in my letter of 18th February, the community may safely be allowed the privilege of keeping adhesive stamps in stock, and affixing them themselves as required. In order to prevent fraud by the re-employment of such stamps, the Government might hold the persons using them responsible for their effectual defacement as is already done in the case of the stamps of small denominations above referred to.

5. I have therefore to request the consideration of Government once more to this subject, in the belief that the change of system which it is understood is now introduced will not practically reduce the duties and work of the Stamp Office establishment; while the alteration suggested by the Chamber would undoubtedly save the community much loss of time and be productive of general convenience.

No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1878, No. 1,273.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.

Stamps.

THE attention of the Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce, will be drawn
to Section 5 of the General Stamp Act*
from which he will see that the use of
adhesive stamps is limited by law.

*XVIII of 1869.

2. Copy of these Proceedings
embodying the Chairman's letter
will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
„ the Board of Revenue.

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The Chamber of Commerce.

Madras, 6th July 1878

From
The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce
To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
Proceedings of Government, 21st ultimo,
reporting that the Government of India
have ordered the immediate discontinuance
of the practice of impressing bicolor
stamps on private materials. Members
of the Chamber are naturally interested
to know what will be the future practice
in regard to stamping such articles as
Books of Cheques, Books of Bill forms,
and similar materials which are usually
obtained by them from England; and
have hitherto been impressed with the
bicolor stamp at the Stamp Office.

I In my letter of 18th February
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Cost of (1878) Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Rs. 50. 50

Printed August 8th.

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G.O., 8th August 1878, No. 1,273.

AUGUST.

Nos. 129-130.

Altering Stamp.—Directing the attention
of the Chamber of Commerce to Section 5 of the
General Stamp Act XVIII. of 1869, relative to
the use of — for stamping private materials, and
resolving to forward a copy of these provisions
for the information of the Government of India.

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above referred to.

I have therefore to request the consideration of Government once more to this subject, in the belief that the change of system which it is understood is now introduced will not practically reduce the duties, and work of the Stamp Office establishment; while the alteration suggested by the Chamber would undoubtedly save the community much loss of time, and be productive of general convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Amasa Bruce

Chairman.

For order
From Chamber of
Commerce of N. York & J. 78

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The Chairman
Chamber of
Commerce again
asks that "the
community may
be allowed to keep
buy & keep adhesive
stamps of any
value & use them
as they require
the same without
having to send
documents to be
denoted at the
Stamp office
This

Gov. can
apparently do
nothing in the
matter but
perhaps now
that improper
is disallowed
they might be
inclined to
recommend that
blank sheets of
paper or unexecuted
instruments
should be allowed
to be denoted.

Gov. did not
do this because
such materials
were improper

See Gov. letter sent
to Gov. of India with
letter d. 22 May 78
No. 783.

under the
practice now
be discontinued.

The proposals
the Chamber has
already been before
the C. of J. with the
papers submitted
with letter d. 20
Feb 1878 No 273.

It is however
contrary to law
(clause (6) sec 5 Act
XVIII of 1869) as
only certain kind
of instruments
may be stamped
by parties themselves.

Receives 1878 & 1879

paper.

From the Chairman
Chamber of Commerce

dated 23 July 1878.
Recd 31

Respectfully

consideration of the
subject relative to the
production of evidence
involving stamps on
postal materials.

Do 1879-20 Aug 1878

with order

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Do 1879
Stamp

order

Do 1879

The attention of the Chairman
Chamber of Commerce will be
drawn to the several things
from which he will be
that the rate of advance
stamps is limited by law

2. Copy of the Proceedings
introducing the Chairman's
letter will be forwarded for
the information of the Joint
Committee.

Yours

Wm. H. P. H.

20 Aug 1878

1. For the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce
14th St. Boarding Office

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