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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th June 1876.*

No. 209. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1876, No. 1,295:—

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From D. TEAGIAH, Assistant to the Accountant-General in charge of Paper Stamping Department, to W. E. WRIGHT, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, dated Fort St. George, 21st December 1875, No. 83.

[Vide your No. 1,856, dated 20th December 1875.]

THE undersigned has the honor, by direction of the Commissioner, to state that the establishment of this Department is as given in the margin, costing Rupees 139 a month, and cannot be reduced by transfer of any portion to your office whether the work connected with Bills of Exchange be done here or not. The stamping of private documents requires the entire present establishment, the four pressmen being sufficient to work only one hand-press. The services of the other men cannot either be spared for obvious reasons.

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(True Copy.)

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Superintendent of Stamps.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th June 1876.

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General Stamp Office.

Extract from Home Department of Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Year.	REVENUE.		CHARGES.		TOTAL.		NET.		
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Actual as per Receipts and Disbursements.....		Fasli 1282 (A. D. 1873-73.)	RS. A. P. 41,07,003 7 10	RS. A. P. 61,795 1 11	RS. A. P. 2,359 1 5	RS. A. P. 1,00,193 14 5	RS. A. P. 42,38,798 9 9	RS. A. P. 2,93,952 15 10	RS. A. P. 39,36,745 9 11	RS. A. P. ...	
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Estimated as per Sketch Estimate,		Fasli 1285 (A. D. 1875-76.)	50,50,000 0 0	70,000 0 0	250,000 0 0	51,20,000 0 0	3,86,000 0 0	47,34,000 0 0	...		
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General Stamp Office.	1 Assistant to the Superintendent of Stamps.	RS. A. P. 250 0 0	1 Assistant to Superintendent of Stamp	RS. A. P. 250 0 0	RS. A. P. 15 0 0						
	General Department.		1 Head Accountant	85 0 0	...						
	1 Head Accountant	70 0 0	1 Accountant.....	50 0 0	...						
	1 Do.	50 0 0	2 Do. at 30 Rs. each.	60 0 0	30 0 0						
	1 Do.	30 0 0	1 Record-keeper	40 0 0	...						
	2 Clerks at 25 Rs. each.	50 0 0	1 Clerk	40 0 0	...						
	1 Record-keeper	40 0 0	3 Do. at 35 Rs. each...	105 0 0	70 0 0						
	Private Goods Department.		1 Do.	30 0 0	...						
	1 Clerk	35 0 0	3 Do. at 25 Rs. each...	75 0 0	...						
	1 Do.	30 0 0	2 Do. at 20 " " "	40 0 0	...						
	1 Do.	25 0 0	1 Supervisor	60 0 0	...						
	1 Do.	20 0 0	2 Do. at 50 Rs. each.	100 0 0	20 0 0						
	Postal Department.										
	1 Clerk.....	40 0 0									
	1 Conicopilly	21 0 0									
	Store Department.										
	1 Supervisor.....	60 0 0	1 Do.	45 0 0	17 8 0						
	1 Do.	50 0 0	1 Counter	17 8 0	...						
	1 Do.	45 0 0	1 Do.	15 0 0	...						
	1 Clerk	20 0 0	3 Do. at 13 Rs. each.	36 0 0	...						
	2 Workers at 15 Rs. each.	30 0 0	6 Do. at 10 " " "	60 0 0	...						
	4 Do. at 12 " " "	48 0 0	2 Do. at 8 " " "	16 0 0	...						
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	8 Do. at 7 " " "	56 0 0	1 Pressman	15 0 0	...						
	Office Servants.		1 Do.	12 0 0	...						
	1 Moolhee	15 0 0	2 Do. at 10 Rs. each.	20 0 0	20 0 0						
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	6 Do. at 7 " " "	42 0 0									
1 Sweeper	5 0 0										
1 Scavenger	2 0 0										
Total...	1,110 0 0	Total...	1,358 8 0	248 8 0							

MADRAS,
28th April 1876.

(Signed) W. E. WRIGHT,
Superintendent of Stamps

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th June 1876.

With the foregoing letter the Superintendent of Stamps submits, with reference to G.O., dated 25th September 1873, No. 1,937, and G.O., 11th November 1875, No. 1,624, certain proposals for the revision of his establishment.

2. Mr. Wright's proposals involve a monthly increase of expenditure, amounting to Rupees 248-8-0, which sum is made up of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Special Adhesive Stamps, additional establishment required (see Board's Proceedings, 25th August 1873, No. 1,653)...	85	0	0
2. Temporary Establishment to be made permanent...	72	0	0
3. Employment of five additional Pressmen and Counters...	47	8	0
4. Increase of pay to Head Accountant ...	15	0	0
5. Do. to Postal Conicopillay ...	29	0	0
Total ...	248	8	0

The necessity for the first of these charges has already been admitted by the Board in their Proceedings quoted. As regards the second, the Board accept the Superintendent's assertion that no further reduction is possible, and it is also clear that although, by effecting transfers of stock from one district to another, the number of pressmen now employed has hitherto sufficed for carrying on the work, that number will henceforward be inadequate. The proposal to raise the pay of the Head Accountant and of the Postal Conicopillay has likewise the approval of the Board, but the grounds assigned for raising that of the latter to an equality with the salary of the Judicial and Non-Judicial Stamps of high values do not appear to be sufficient. The Board would fix the pay of the Conicopillay at Rupees 40, his security being raised to Rupees 1,500. The monthly increase would thus be Rupees 238-8-0.

3. The Assistant Accountant-General objects to any transfers from the Stamping Department Establishment.

4. Mr. Wright's proposals to make certain alterations in the nomenclature of the appointments held by his subordinates may well be left to his discretion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 210.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1876, No. 824.

Separate Revenue, No. 25.

Stamps.

ORDERED that application be made to the Government of India for the increase proposed by the Superintendent of Stamps, as slightly modified by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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Nov. 209-210.

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	1 Assistant to the Superintendent of Stamps. 250 0 0	1 Assistant to Superintendent of Stamp 250 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.															
	General Department.	1 Head Accountant 85 0 0	85 0 0	15 0 0															
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	Private Goods Department.	3 Do. at 35 Rs. each... 105 0 0	105 0 0	70 0 0															
	1 Clerk 35 0 0	3 Do. at 25 Rs. each... 75 0 0	75 0 0	...															
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A.—On account of enhanced work and heavy responsibility and to assimilate the pay to that of Head Accountants under Collectors.

B.—Transferred from the Temporary Establishment, vide paragraph 2 of accompanying letter.

C.—One for supervising the affixing of Special Adhesive Stamps to Bills of Exchange, and one from Temporary Establishment, vide paragraphs 1 and 2 of accompanying letter.

D.—The present pay, Rupees 21, being utterly inadequate for a post of such great trust as the supervision of the packing and despatch of all postage ordinary and Service Stamps and Telegraph Stamps.—Vide explanation at paragraph 9 of above letter.

E.—For the several increases.—Vide paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the same letter which show that these extra hands are required to carry out the instructions of the Government of India relating to affixing of the Special Adhesive Stamps to Bills of Exchange on water-marked paper and for the working of the hand-presses.

MADRAS,
26th April 1876.

(Signed) W. E. WRIGHT,
Superintendent of Stamps.

With the foregoing letter the Superintendent of Stamps submits, with reference to G.O., dated 25th September 1873, No. 1,037, and G.O., 11th November 1875, No. 1,624, certain proposals for the revision of his establishment.

2. Mr. Wright's proposals involve a monthly increase of expenditure, amounting to Rupees 248-8-0, which sum is made up of the following items:—

	RS. A. P.
1. Special Adhesive Stamps, additional establishment required (see Board's Proceedings, 25th August 1873, No. 1,653)...	85 0 0
2. Temporary Establishment to be made permanent...	72 0 0
3. Employment of five additional Pressmen and Counters...	47 8 0
4. Increase of pay to Head Accountant...	15 0 0
5. Do. to Postal Conicopillay...	29 0 0
Total...	248 8 0

The necessity for the first of these charges has already been admitted by the Board in their Proceedings quoted. As regards the second, the Board accept the Superintendent's assertion that no further reduction is possible, and it is also clear that although, by effecting transfers of stock from one district to another, the number of pressmen now employed has hitherto sufficed for carrying on the work, that number will henceforward be inadequate. The proposal to raise the pay of the Head Accountant and of the Postal Conicopillay has likewise the approval of the Board, but the grounds assigned for raising that of the latter to an equality with the salary of the Supervisor who is entrusted with Judicial and Non-Judicial 'amps of high values do not appear to be sufficient. The Board would fix the pay of the Conicopillay at Rupees 40, his security being raised to Rupees 1,500. The monthly increase would thus be Rupees 238-8-0.

3. The Assistant Accountant-General objects to any transfers from the Stamping Department Establishment.

4. Mr. Wright's proposals to make certain alterations in the nomenclature of the appointments held by his subordinates may well be left to his discretion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
the Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. W. H French.

11-11-20-40 143-07
 10-10-20-40 13-21-
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No 824

Ordered that application be made
 to the Govt of India for the increase proposed
 by the Sup^t of Stamps, as slightly modified
 by the Board of Revenue

14 To the Board of Revenue, July

20 June 1876

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 Board of Revenue,
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 18th May 1876, No. 1,295.

20 June 1876

Encl.

Received 20 June

MAY.
 No. 1,295.

Establishment -- in General Stamp Office. --
 Submitting to Government, with Board's approv-
 al, proposals of Superintendent of Stamps for
 revision of --, and expressing opinion that Coni-
 copilly's pay should be fixed at Rupees 40 and
 his security raised to Rupees 1,500.

With Order
 No. 824. 20 June 1876