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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1878, No. 949.

Read the following paper :—

No. 269. From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 27th May 1878, No. 566.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt, in the Revenue and Commerce Department, of your letter, No. 273, dated 20th February 1878, recommending that the practice of impressing bi-color stamps on private materials may be allowed to continue in Madras.

2. It will be seen from my letter, No. 2,031, dated 31st March 1871, and subsequent correspondence that the Government of India resolved to arrange for the manufacture in England of stamp papers of very superior designs and of special water-mark, in order to guard against forgery, to which the bi-color stamp papers manufactured in this country were liable. The measure involved a heavy additional charge towards providing, which was reckoned the savings that would accrue by discharging the establishment maintained for working the machines for printing the bi-color stamps. The proposal contained in your present letter will not only, so far as it operates, frustrate the object which the Government of India had in view, but will also have the effect of facilitating forgery by perpetuating the use of the bi-color stamp paper.

3. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council regrets his inability to accede to the recommendation of the Government of Madras. The practice of impressing stamps on private materials has long been discontinued in all other parts of the country, and I am to point out that the statement made in the 2nd paragraph of your letter is incorrect, inasmuch as definite orders for the discontinuance of the practice in question were issued so long ago as October 1875.

4. I am, therefore, to request that you will move His Excellency the Governor in Council to discharge the establishment which works the machines for printing bi-color stamp papers, and to cause the machines themselves to be dismantled under competent mechanical supervision.

5. Before the machines are dismantled, they should be photographed and needful instructions prepared in detail, so that the machinery may be put together again if required.

6. If these instructions necessitate an increased supply of stamps from England, a supplementary indent should be submitted.

7. In conclusion, I am to invite your attention to my Circular, No. 2,248, dated 18th August 1876, and to point out that your letter under reply should have been addressed to me.

COPY of the letter forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information and guidance.

No. 270.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1878, No. 949.

Separate Revenue, No. 27.

Stamps.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, the Accountant-General, and the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

2. The Board and the Accountant-General will arrange for the immediate or discharge of the establishment from the end of the current month.

3. The Board will notify in the Gazette of Tuesday next for the information of the public that private goods can no longer be impressed with bi-color stamps.

4. Attention is directed to the further instructions contained in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of the letter from the Government of India. The Board will take the necessary steps to carry them into effect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant-General, with G.O., 20th February 1878, No. 272.

„ the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

No 2413.

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Communicated
to the Board of
Revenue, the
Accountant
General & the
Chairman of
the Chamber of
Commerce.

The Board &
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Nos. 269-270.

Director Stamp.—Communications to the
Board of Revenue, the Accountant-General, and
the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce letter
from the Government of India directing the same
also the maintenance of the practice of impress-
ing on private materials, and issuing thereon
for the discharge of the establishment from
the end of the current month, &c.

Vid. c. 2921/40.

of the current month.

The Board will notify in the Gazette of Tuesday next for the information of the public that private goods can no longer be impressed with Bicolor Stamps.

Attention is directed to the further instructions contained in paragraphs 4, 5, & 6 of the letter from

the Government of India - The Board will take the necessary steps to carry them into effect.

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List from
orders in Council
21.6.78

- 17 The Board of Revenue on 21 June
18 The Accountant General with G.O. 20 Feb 1890
19 The Chairman Chamber of Commerce
Bounded copies on 21 June

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.

Financial Deptth Sir,

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 continuance of the practice in question, were issued
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*Note: I do not
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7 In conclusion, I am to invite your attention
 to my circular No 2248, dated 18th August 1876, and to point
 out that your letter under reply should have been addressed to me.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant.

Recd
 The 27th May 1878

J. J. Simkison
 Officer in Charge
 of the Press
 at the Government
 Press

Copy of the letter forwarded to the Sec-
 retary General, Madras for information and
 guidance.

It is to be understood that the
 Chief Clerk of the
 India Office, who has the
 papers kept printed blank.

This letter is to be carefully collated with
 the papers & if the ~~the~~ definite order
 referred to has not been issued, it
 is to be pointed out in the margin
 in the Gazette that the practice
 will cease under order of 7 Jan 1878
 and the whole matter is to be
 done in accordance with the order of 1878.

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inwards on the practice
of improving local stamp,
on private materials and
conducting instructions
on the same.

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