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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th January 1861.

Read the following papers:—

No. 260. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1860, No. 5,407:—

From W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Superintendent of Stamps, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1860, No. 306.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,854 of October 22nd, I have the honor to report that the number of Stamps to be provided for Madras appears to be sufficient in regard to the requirements for Foreign Bills of Exchange.

2. The half Anna Stamps will be greatly in demand for checks and drafts at sight, and also for receipts on payments under Rupees 50, and I am of opinion that if the privilege of using postage Stamps is withdrawn at least 10,00,000 of half Anna Adhesive Stamps should be indented for.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd October 1860, and with the Board's recommendation that an additional indent for half Anna Stamps to the number of 7,50,000 be made direct on the Home Government to raise the entire supply to one million. There can be no doubt that unless the use of postage Stamps for the double purpose is intended to be a permanent arrangement, the sooner it is rendered unnecessary the better.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 261. From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th December 1860, No. 5,675.

SIR,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 20th November 1860, requesting that an additional indent for 7,50,000 half Anna Stamps might be made on the Home Government, I am directed to state that they have since learnt from the Acting Superintendent of Stamps that it will be sufficient, should difficulty be experienced in meeting the large indent for Stamps required by the three Presidencies, that this portion of the Madras indent be supplied towards the close of 1861, as the $1\frac{3}{4}$ million of half Anna Stamps which it is understood, the Supreme Government have required for this Presidency will probably suffice for the demand for 1861 and leave a balance at its close. At the same time Adhesive Stamps are so easily stored, and the estimates of the demand likely to be created by the new Stamp Act are so entirely conjectural, while it is desirable to have eighteen months supply on hand unsold throughout the Presidency, that if the additional $\frac{3}{4}$ million of these Stamps can be supplied at an earlier date without inconvenience, it is desirable rather than otherwise that they should be so.

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1861, No. 131.

Paragraph 9.

			Rs.	*No.*
For Foreign Bills only.	2	*Annas*.....	31,250	2,50,000
	4	,,	62,500	2,50,000
	8	,,	1,25,000	2,50,000
	1	*Rupee*.....	2,50,000	2,50,000
	2	*Rupees*.....	5,00,000	2,50,000
	4	,,	10,00,000	2,50,000
	6	,,	7,50,000	1,25,000
	8	,,	10,00,000	1,25,000
	12	,,	6,00,000	50,000
	18	,,	9,00,000	50,000
	24	,,	12,00,000	50,000

1. In their Proceedings dated 22nd October 1860, No. 4,854, the Board of Revenue recommended that three millions of one Anna Adhesive Stamps should be indented for or that at least two millions should be procured by October next, and they called upon the Superintendent of Stamps to report whether the quantity provided of the other descriptions of Stamps (*vide* marginal abstract) would suffice, regard being had, in respect of the half Anna Stamps, to the contingency of the use of postage lables being disallowed.

2. The Board now report that the Superintendent considers the provision above noted sufficient as regards Foreign Bills. Of half Anna Stamps, however, he recommends that at least one million he indented for if the privilege of using postage lables is withdrawn.

3. The Board suggest that $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million be procured, if practicable without inconvenience; the estimates of the demand being still purely conjectural.

4. The Governor in Council observes that $1\frac{3}{4}$ million of half Anna Stamps have been either provided or indented for by the Supreme Government for this Presidency, and as there is nothing to show that the early withdrawal of the privilege of using postal lables is intended, it will be sufficient if this correspondence be communicated to the Supreme Government for their information in the event of the use of lables being discontinued.

5. The Governor in Council quite concurs with the Board that the stock of Stamps should always be ample, but he hopes that in the course of next month, the Board will be able to form a fair estimate of the probable requirements of this Presidency as the Act will then have been in operation for four months, and at all events the results of three months can be procured from the Collectors.

6. The Governor in Council accordingly requests that early in February a report of the sales and balance in stock of each kind of Stamp during the last quarter of 1860 may be submitted by the Board of Revenue for his information.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 18 January 1864.
Read the following papers

Proceedings of the Bd. of Revr.
Submitting with Bd. recommendation a letter from the Supt. of Stamps stating amount required for ½ anna stamps ordered on the Home Govt.

Here enter 20th Nov. Bd. No. 5204

Letter from Secy Bd. of Revr.
Reports that the Bd. hears since learnt from the Supt. of Stamps that the 1¾ million of ½ anna stamps ordered for by the Supreme Govt as suggested for the Presy will probably suffice for the demand for 1864.

Here enter 4th Dec. Bd. No. 5645

Re Item Proc: of 22 Oct. No 4854 the Bd. of Rev. Re. Commended that 3½ millions of the Anna & Letter Stamps stated to be ordered for be at once received by October next & that they called upon the Supt. of Stamps to report the manner provided in the other descriptions of Stamps & to make such sufficient, report

For Stamps Rupees only.	Rs.	Nos. Q.
2 Annas	31,250.	2,50,000.
4 Annas	62,500.	2,50,000.
8 Annas	1,25,000.	2,50,000.
1 Rupee	2,50,000.	2,50,000.
2 Rupees	5,00,000.	2,50,000.
4 Rupees	10,00,000.	2,50,000.
6	7,50,000.	1,25,000.
8	10,00,000.	1,25,000.
12	6,00,000.	50,000
18	9,00,000.	50,000
24	12,00,000.	50,000.

Rec'd 20 Dec. 1863
Dept. of Revenue, Settlement & Agriculture
No 2044
Proceedings of Bd. of Revenue

Rec'd 22 Dec. 1863
Dept. of Revenue
No 2044

Paid Rs 20
Rupees twenty only
Rs 20
2½

From Bd. of Rev. Letter No 5204 dated 20 Nov. 1863

Submitting a letter from the Abkary Superintendent of Stamps with the Boards recommendation that an additional indent for ½ Anna stamps be made & sent to the Home Government.

Rs 20.

No 131 18th January

Rec'd 8 Dec. 1863
Dept. of Revenue
No 2 193-194

being Lost - in
respect of the
½ Anna Stamps
& the contingency
of the use of Postage
Labels being dis-
allowed.

The Bd. has
reported that the
Supt. considers that
the provision of the
Act to replenish
or expend Foreign
Bills - of Half
Anna Stamps
however he recom-
mends that abt
Coast Rs Millions
be indented for
if the privilege
of using Postage

Labels is withdrawn.

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that 3/4 of a million
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practicable without
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The first point

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The first &c. seeking by request that only in Feby Board a return of the sales & Balance in Stock of each kind of Stamps during the last Quarter of 1869 may be furnished by the Bt. of Rev. for his information.

to.

The Govt. says he has Enough & the end of 1870. unless the use of Postage Cards is discontinued - There seems to be no immediate intention of this & probably it will be better to get some data for our Estimate. Govt.

to Copies to Bd of Rev Dirs 19

Stamps.

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Proc: of Govt for January.

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Proc: of the Madras Government

of 18th January 1861.

From Bd of Rev 22d May 61 C No 1231.
Copy to 26 of the 8 Jan.

Mis: Pro: 28th March 1861 No 16.

On a letter from the Supt. of Stamps stating that if the privilege of using postage stamps is withdrawn, a supply of 1,000,000 half anna adhesive stamps should be indented for.

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