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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th January 1861.

No. 270. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd December 1860, No. 6,030 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps and its enclosure, and to bring to the notice of Government that by Act XL of 1860, the Stamp Law comes into full operation on 1st January 1861, unless postponed to a later date by the Governor General in Council, and no notice of such postponement has yet been published.

Dated 22nd in Cons., 22nd December 1860, *No.* 6,722.

2. The Collectors are in a position to supply stamp papers for Inland Bills of Exchange, &c., but the adhesive stamps required for Foreign Bills have not yet been received from England, and some expedient must be devised unless the operation of the Act is to be deferred.

3. The use, as a temporary measure, of Postage Stamps, or the annexure of the paper for Inland Bills to the requisite amount, seem to be the only methods open for adoption, and both have their objections; but before resorting to either the Board would suggest that information of the intentions of Government be obtained from Calcutta by Telegraph.

No. 271. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1861, No. 136.

The Board will have learnt from the Order of Government dated 24th December 1860, No. 2,508, that an enactment containing exemption from the Stamp Act of those Foreign Bills which require adhesive stamps will shortly be passed.

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

From

W. Balmain, Esq.

Offg. Superintendent of Stamps

To

W. Hudleston, Esq;

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the disposal of the Board of Revenue a letter received from the Agent to the Agra Bank, and to request that I may be at once favored with instructions as to whether the law in regard to stamps for Bills of Exchange is to come into force on the 1st Proximo - I think that the public should be informed by notification - as if every one is left to construe for themselves Act XXXVI of 1860, there will be great confusion of practice.

Fort St. George
General Stamp Office
22nd December 1860.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Balmain
Offg. Supt. of Stamps

True Copy

W. Hudleston

Acting Secretary

C.S.

Encl^s in a letter from the Asst Secr to the Bd of Revc to the Asst Secr to Govt. dated 22d December 1860 No. 6630.

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Letter from the Supt of Stamps to the Asst Secr to the Bd of Revc dated 22d Dec^r 1860 Regd Stamps.

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No 3462

From

The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To The Acting Secretary
to Govt Rev Dept

Dated 22d
Desp 22d
Rec 24th } December 1860

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No 6030

Submitting with Board's observations a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps regarding the notice to be published for the postponement of the Stamp Act or Act 4 of 1860 to a later date than the 1st January 1861.

With an order
No 136. 19th January

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No 136.

The Board will have learnt from the order of Government dated 21st December 1860 No 2508 that an enactment containing exemption from the stamp duty of those foreign bills which require adhesive stamps will shortly be passed.

For Sec Govt
19 January 1861

13 Copies
To the Board of Revenue. Dispd 21st

21st Dec 1860 No 2507

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