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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 509 — Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 6 — 3 — 1861.

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Read the following letters :—

No. 77. From T. W. WRAY, Esq., Managing Proprietor "Madras Times," to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th January 1861.

SIR,

Referring to the order of Government No. 88 of the 12th instant, I beg to inform you that the Proprietors of the "Madras Times" would prefer to use "stamped wrappers" for the papers transmitted by post.

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No. 78. From Messrs. PHAROAH & Co., to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th January 1861.

SIR,

1. We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 12th of January 1861, No. 88, forwarding certain correspondence between the Government of India and the Director General of Indian Post Offices, on the subject of Special Stamps for Newspapers transmitted by post, and requesting us to submit our opinion as to whether a stamp impressed on each copy of the papers designed for such transmission, or the use of covers bearing a stamp, would be the preferable arrangement. In reply, we beg leave to state that the latter plan would be, we think, by far the most desirable and advantageous for Newspaper Proprietors, and this for a variety of reasons, among which we may mention the following :—

(1.) That it would be much the more economical of the two, since the capital locked up in the very large number of wrappers that we (for instance) should be obliged to get stamped in advance, to guard against contingencies, would be trifling compared with that lying idle in an equal number of sheets of paper of the size and quality required for the "Athenæum," if they were stamped in advance.

(2.) The use of covers would obviate the necessity that we should otherwise be under, of getting the stamp applied to sheets of various dimensions, in order to provide for the Extras of all sizes which are constantly issued from our Press. This we look upon as a material point.

(3.) If the paper itself bore the stamp, we should be debarred from applying it to any purpose save that of printing the "Athenæum," however convenient it might be for us to employ it in our Job Department, consequent on sudden increase of work to be executed hastily, as often happens, the delay of expected supplies from Europe, and other such like contingencies, into which we need not enter.

2. On a review of the whole question, therefore, we heartily hope the local Government will be pleased to move that of India to carry out the suggestion of the latter, "that specially "stamped wrappers for Newspapers, the stamp to be obliterated by the Post Office, would be "preferable to the plan of a special stamp impressed on the Newspapers themselves." By "Special Stamp" we understand, of course, a distinct stamp for each Newspaper, and bearing its name about the stamp, so as to avoid the risk of robbery which would else be great.

3. We must not conclude without acknowledging with gratitude that consideration for the interests of Newspaper Proprietors, which has led the authorities to consult them on the subject.

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No. 79. From Right Reverend Dr. J. FENNELLY, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th February 1861.

SIR,

With reference to order of Government, dated 12th January 1861, No. 88, Revenue Department, requesting Newspaper Proprietors to submit their opinions, whether stamped

wrappers for the payment of postage on Newspapers be preferable to the plan of a special stamp impressed on the Newspapers themselves, I have the honor to state that I am in favor of the wrappers.

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No. 80. From M. VENCATROYLOO Náyudu, Proprietor of the "Rising Sun" Press, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th February 1861.

SIR,

With reference to the Resolution of Government dated 12th January last, No. 88, I have the honor to inform you that I would prefer "stamped wrappers" for the Newspapers forwarded by Post.

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No. 81. From MULHAR Ráu, Agent of the "Carnatic Telegraph," to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th February 1861.

SIR,

With reference to the order of Government dated 12th January 1861, No. 88, and the Proceedings of Government dated 11th February 1861, No. 8, Revenue Department, I have the honor to state, that, in my opinion, the use of stamped wrappers is preferable.

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No. 82. From G. LUTCHMINARASU Chetti, Proprietor "Madras Crescent," to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st February 1861.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 11th instant, calling upon me, in common with certain other Newspaper Proprietors at this Presidency, to submit a reply to the Resolution of Government dated January 12th, concerning the pre-payment of Newspaper postage by means of stamped paper or stamped papers, with which I was favored sometime back.

2. I must apologize for having thus long omitted to answer the former communication, and with respect to that just come to hand, I beg leave to state that stamped wrappers, specially impressed for each journal, so that they could be of no use if purloined, would be far preferable to the plan of stamping the sheets on which Newspapers are printed. I therefore trust that Government will be pleased to recommend the adoption of such "specially stamped wrappers," bearing the respective titles of the journals for which they are granted; the same "to be obliterated by the Post Office;" according to the suggestions contained in Mr. Secretary Grey's letter to the Director of Indian Post Offices.

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Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 83. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 6th March 1861, No. 509.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 27th November 1860, No 2,681, I am directed to inform you that of the Proprietors of nine Newspapers in this Presidency who were requested to state whether they would prefer to have their paper stamped or to use stamped wrappers, six have answered, and they are all in favor of the wrappers. I forward copies of the letters from the Proprietors of the two papers noted in the margin, as containing reasons for preferring the wrappers, and advocating a special stamp for each Newspaper.

"Athenæum."
"Crescent."

6th March
No. 509.
To The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Home Deptt.

Sir,

I am directed to
reply to your letter of the
27th November 1860 No. 2681.
I am directed
to inform you that of the
Proprietors of nine News-
papers in this Presidency
who were requested to state
whether they would pre-
fer to have their papers
stamped or to use stamped
wrappers, seven have an-
swered, and they are
all unanimous in favor
of the wrappers. I for-
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forward copies of the letters from the proprietors of the two papers noted in the margin, containing reasons for preferring the wrappers and advocating a special stamp for each Newspaper.

Athenæum
Present.

Bd St George
6th March 1865.

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Holders of Stamped Wrappers &c
Mandalay.

Revenue 1861 Dept.
Pres: of Govt for March.

No 509.

To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dated 6th March 61.

Forwarding copies of
letters from the Proprietors
of 9 News Papers in this
Presidency preferring the
use of Stamped Wrappers
for the News Papers trans-
-mitted by Post.

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