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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 14th April 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th April 1869.

Read the following :—

No. 290. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1869, No. 650.

Read the following letter from the Mint Master, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1868, No. 327.

Referring to the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,787, 24th September last, sanctioning the construction of a new bi-colored Stamping Machine of a pattern invented by Mr. T. E. Scriven, I have the honor to report the completion of the machine at a cost of Rupees 348-6-1, for which a bill is enclosed.

2. I have not been able, for want of a sufficient quantity of paper for stamping, in any one day to fairly test the capabilities of the machine in regard to a day's work; but, judging by the work actually performed, it appears that the machine is capable of stamping 1,000 sheets of three stamps each per hour, provided there is no change in the values: this would give in a day of six working hours 18,000 stamps. If, however, stamps of many various values are required in one day, the outturn will be very considerably reduced, as it takes from twenty minutes to half an hour to change the dies in the press for each value.

3. The enclosed statement being an abstract of the daily indents for the past month, will show the Board how variable the demand is; and it appears to be most desirable, on account of the time which is lost in changing the dies for stamping during a day, that some alteration should be made in the existing system, whereby the Superintendent's requisitions on this department might be confined to stamps of one or two values only in the same day. I refer to judicial paper only.

4. The Board are aware that embossed stamps continue in use for all judicial paper below one Rupee in value, and which, as regards number, forms the bulk of the work, because the bi-colored presses hitherto in use were not able to stamp the whole; but the time has now arrived for using the bi-colored stamp only on judicial paper, and a second press of the new pattern will be absolutely necessary; for although the demands of any day, in excess of the capability of the one machine, might be met by the old presses, it would not be safe to attempt the large issue of 18,000 to 21,000 bi-colored stamps in a day, without having a second improved press in reserve, in case of accident.

Enclosure No. 1.—Bill.

Enclosure No. 2.—Register of Indents received from Mint Master.

The Bill is passed, and will be submitted to the Examiner of Claims for payment.

2. The construction of a second press on the improved pattern is sanctioned.

3. Paragraph 3 will be referred to the Superintendent of Stamps for report.

4. The Board appreciate Mr. Scriven's praiseworthy exertions, and request the Mint Master to suggest the manner in which he thinks that the advantage derived by Government can be appropriately recognised.

No. 291. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1869, No. 1,863.
Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1869, No. 650.

Read also the following letter from the Mint Master, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1869, No. 393.

In acknowledging extract from the Board's Proceedings, No. 650, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to express my gratification at the Board's appreciation of Mr. T. E. Scriven's services in bringing the machinery for the bi-colored stamping to its present satisfactory condition, and as the Board permit me to mention in what way those exertions could be suitably recognised, I would beg to name a donation of Rupees 1,500 to Mr. Scriven as a substantial mark of approval of his work, and a remuneration that he is in the highest degree deserving of, not only on account of the ingenuity displayed in the design of the machine, but on account of the time and labor he has, at much inconvenience, expended in perfecting it.

2. I am not at present able to say what reduction of establishment it may be practicable to effect, as it remains to be seen what increase of stamps will arise from the introduction of the new Schedule in Act of 1868 and the further changes that are contemplated; but while the execution of any number in excess of the usual requirements hitherto would have been impracticable without the new machine, its construction will enable this Office to meet any demand that may arise.

The Board resolve to recommend Government to award an honorarium of Rupees 1,500 to Mr. Scriven in acknowledgment of the industry and ability he has expended in improving the stamping machinery used at the Mint, and in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

2. Both the old and the new bi-color stamping machines were invented by Mr. Scriven. The former cost Rupees 300, and was worked at an expense of Rupees 37 a-month. It was capable of giving 3,000 impressions a-day. The latter cost Rupees 348, is worked at an expense of Rupees 81, and turns out 18,000 impression a-day, or as many as would be produced by six of the old presses worked at a cost of Rupees 222.

3. It is in consequence of this invention that the Mint Master has been enabled to meet the large demands for bi-color stamps which have lately been made, and is prepared to supply them in considerably larger quantities, if necessary, without increasing his establishment. The work is at present heavy, because bi-color stamps are being substituted for those previously in use. When a complete substitution is effected the establishment will, no doubt, be reduced.

No. 292. Order thereon, 14th April 1869, No. 1,008.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Stamps.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment of an honorarium of Rupees (1,500) one thousand and five hundred to Mr. T. E. Scriven in acknowledgment of the industry and ability displayed by him in improving the stamping machinery used at the Mint and in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Rd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 963.

From Bd of Rev. Dated 15th March 1869.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Barnes' petition for grant of Rs. 1500 as remuneration for his services in connection with Stamping Machine

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 14th.

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G. O., 14th April 1869, No. 1,038.

APRIL.

Nos. 290—292.

Stamping Machine invented by Mr. Barnes. —Honorarium of Rupees 1,500 recommended by the Board of Revenue, ordered to be paid to Him.

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Under date the 14th April 1869.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue

Requesting to award Rs. 1,500 to Mr. Scriven for improvements made by him in the Stamping Machinery used at the Mint. } (R.C. 18th March 1869 No. 1863)

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