

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	446.	Press ~~Mis~~
<u>381-82.</u>		
Dated	22 nd February 1889.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd February 1869.*

No. 381. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1869, No. 963 :—

Read the following letter from J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 21st January 1869, No. 86:—

ADVERTING to the Order of the Board, dated 18th January 1869, I beg that you will have the goodness to inform me whether it is intended or desired that the complete introduction of bi-color stamps should be at once effected.

2. At present, as you are aware, the embossed stamp is still in use in the case of all values under one Rupee. But, referring to the terms of the Notification of the Government of India, dated 29th April 1868, No. 2,778,* it would I think simplify matters if the above distinction in respect to the values under one Rupee ceased.

* Fort Saint George Gazette, 15th May 1868, page 1,154.

The Mint I believe is now prepared to stamp with bi-colors to the full extent that may be required, and it only remains to supply this office with the means of counterstamping with bi-colors to the same extent.

3. The Order of Government, 27th November 1868, No. 2,976, sanctions the continuance of the temporary establishment only until the complete introduction of the bi-color stamps is effected. But as the bi-color presses can stamp only one sheet at each stroke while the embossing presses stamp two, and as the former require a larger number of men to work each than the latter, because the dies have to be supplied with ink, it is evident that the transfer of the work now done by the embossing presses to the bi-color presses will not admit of any reduction of establishment, so long as the present presses with a single plate each are in use.

4. The present average number of papers, exclusive of "private goods," to be counter-stamped in a day, is probably not less than 18,000, the average in May 1867.† Each bi-color press here is capable of giving 3,000 impressions in a day, so that six presses will have to be used for 18,000 impressions. According to the number of men allotted to each press in the letter from this office, dated 28th May 1867, No. 1,359, there should be for six presses twenty-four men, exclusive of the press for "private goods," but there are only eighteen† men available in the press room including the temporary establishment.

† No. of Permanent workers and counters in General Stamp Office	20
For single Stamp room 4}	8
„ Double do. 4}	12
Balance	6
Temporary Establishment	18
Total	18

It will not, however, be necessary to increase the establishment of this office so considerably as is here indicated, if it is furnished with a stamping machine of the kind now employed at the Mint, called Scrivens', having three plates, the cost of which is about 350 Rupees. This machine is estimated to be able to give 18,000 stamps in a day, and requires only eight men to work it, exclusive of counters, say four, making a total of twelve men.

5. I would, under the above circumstances, propose, for the consideration of the Board, (1) that the Mint Master be requested to construct for this office, as soon as possible, a Scrivens' bi-color press with three plates, with the requisite dies, etc.; (2), that simultaneously with the order for the complete introduction of bi-color stamps, the sanction of Government be granted for the continuance of the present temporary establishment of this office, and for my entertaining, if I find it necessary, additional men not exceeding six at Rupees 7 per mensem each, until the new press is brought into use.

6. In such a case, I shall, as soon as the new press is brought into use, dispense with such portion of the temporary Establishment as may be no longer required, and submit a report within a month as to the permanent establishment actually necessary.

The bi-color stamps should now be used for all values including those below one Rupee.

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2. A Scrivens' three plate bi-color press for the Stamp Office should be made up at the Mint as quickly as possible. A second press should be made in due course as a reserve in case of accidents.

3. Government will be requested to allow the Superintendent to entertain any additional Stampers who may be required till the new press is ready, at a cost not exceeding Rupees 42 a month.

No. 382.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1869, No. 446.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.

Stamps.

Sanction is accordingly granted for the entertainment, temporarily, of six Press-men on the salary of Rupees (7) seven each per mensem, in the Stamp Office. These men are to be entertained by the Superintendent as they are required.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Press-men for Stamp Office.—The enter-
tainment of six hands on seven lumps each, when
required by the Superintendent, sanctioned.

Nos. 381-382.

FEBRUARY.

G. O. 22nd February 1869, No. 416.

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Dated February, 22nd

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1869

Pro 9 Aug/67-197-8
29 May-68-163-4
27 November-492-3
15 Aug-69-239-41

Collect papers
for collection

Revenue Dept.
No. 503.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
1869.

PROCEEDINGS, 13TH FEBRUARY 1869, No. 963.

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No. 963.

22nd Feb 1869

Bi-color Stamps,—to be used for all values in-
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three plate bi-color press for Stamp office, direc-
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 11th 22nd February 1869.

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