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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 620 Press Mis.

215-216

Dated 8th March 1969

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No. 215. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1869, No. 929 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 12th January 1869, No. 50.

1. In accordance with paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 12th December 1868, No. 8,716, I applied to the Chemical Examiner for samples of the Stamps in which the blue ink had been discharged. He informed me that they had been destroyed. I furnished him with fifteen fresh Stamps, obtained from the Mint, of blue and black color ink. He has returned ten of these, herewith forwarded, from which, as he remarks, the colors have been discharged more or less completely. For the sake of comparison, I also forward a slip containing three* Stamps of blue and black color, obtained from the Mint at the same time as the others, but which have not been subjected to any test by the Chemical Examiner.

* Numbered 16, 17, and 18.

2. With reference to the inquiry in the paragraph of the Board's Proceedings above referred to, whether the Chemical Examiner knows of any other description of blue ink which will not present the same facilities for fraud, Doctor King refers to the letter from his office on this subject, dated 8th September last, No. 187, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th October 1868, No. 7,237.

3. I have received the Board's Proceedings of the 6th instant, recommending to Government the introduction, forthwith, of the Blue and Black bi-color Stamps, and await the Order of Government thereon, to issue instructions, if the Board's recommendation is adopted, for the submission of indents for the new Stamp papers. I presume that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner Central Provinces,† upon which the Government of India resolved on establishing a distinction between the bi-colored Stamps for non-judicial documents from the judicial papers specified in Schedule B. of Act XXVI. of 1867, the counter-stamp is to remain the same in each case.

† Concluding part of margin of Resolution of Government of India, 29th April 1868, in Madras Government Proceedings, Revenue Department, 29th May 1868, No. 1,500, Board's Proceedings, 24th June 1868, No. 4,667.

Enclosure No. 1.—Samples of Blue and Black Stamps tested by Chemical Examiner.

Enclosure No. 2.—Samples of Blue and Black Stamps untested.

On inspecting the specimens of Stamps in which the blue color has been discharged, the Board are strongly of opinion that value pieces should be introduced which will give greater security against forgery than those now in use.

2. They understand that though value pieces for dies so small as those for Blue and Black Stamps cannot be engine-turned, they can be hand-engraved, and if so, this should be done as soon as possible.

3. The views expressed in paragraph 3 are correct.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1869.

216. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 620.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Stamps.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Blue and Black Stamps.—Value pieces for dies for —, to be hand-engraved.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 8th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 8th March 1869, No. 620.

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Nos. 215-216.

Bi-color Stamps.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on letter from Superintendent of Stamps relating to this subject, recorded.