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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th May 1867.

No. 223. Read the following letter from J. OUCHTERLONY, Esq., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th May 1867:—

1. I have the honour to request that you will bring the following matter under the notice of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council.

2. Having occasion for sundry stampt Bills of Exchange for commercial purposes, I sent a number to the Stamp Office at Madras (through my Agent) to have the needful done with them. The bills have been returned to me in the curiously illuminated condition exhibited in the enclosed specimen.

3. I beg to be allowed to ask the attention of His Lordship in Council to the following facts, apparent on the face of the bill as it now stands:—

First.—That the very material addition to the payee's name of "or order" has been obliterated.

Second.—That so much of the space left for writing the amount of the bill has been taken away, that a sufficiency does not remain for this rather necessary portion of a bill's contents; and

Third.—That there is no sufficient room for my signature in the space I have been screwed down to.

4. I need hardly add that in their present condition the stampt Bills are rendered almost entirely useless to me, nor is it necessary to say how great an inconvenience is thereby caused. The stamp formerly affixed to Bills of Exchange was simple and rational, and conformable to established usage with such documents. The substitute for it must disfigure every bill it is put upon, even if not, as in the present case, rendering such useless.

5. It is as one of the sufferers that I take the liberty of addressing His Lordship in Council, and praying the interference of Government to restrain such injurious flights of fancy on the part of the Stamp Office.

No. 224. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1867, No. 1,094.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Stamps.

1. The Government observe that the Bi-color Stamp was adopted in lieu of the embossed Stamp hitherto used, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Government, and for the greater security of the Stamp revenue.

2. The Board of Revenue have, however, already made arrangements, which will obviate the objections raised by Mr. Ouchterlony.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, J. Ouchterlony, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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