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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2873 Press Mis.

37.38

Dated 3—12—1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 37. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 22nd November 1867 :—

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to draw the attention of Government to an order of the High Court, dated 18th November 1867, requiring all petitions to be written upon a single paper, bearing the proper stamp, from and after the 1st of January next, which appears at page 1,662 of the "Fort St. George Gazette" of the 19th instant.

2. The Board in their Proceedings, under date 31st July 1867, No. 4,907, have already pointed out that under the amended Schedule B, attached to Act XXVI of 1867, the variations in the rates of Stamp duty are so numerous, that it has not been deemed advisable to attempt to prepare dies for each rate of duty, and even were it now thought proper to do so, it would be quite impossible to have them completed and ready for use by the 1st of January.

3. I am accordingly directed to request that application may at once be made on the subject to the Government of India, in view either to the general rule at the end of Schedule B. being made applicable to all documents whatever, irrespective of their length, or to such orders being passed as will enable the present practice to be continued, pending the amendment of the Stamp Law, which is now under consideration.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1867, No. 2,873.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Stamps.

1. The Government are already in communication with the High Court on the subject of the above letter ; but as regards paragraph 3, they observe that the requirement of the general rule at the end of Schedule B. of the Stamp Act, for the use of at least one paper of the prescribed value for Petitions of Plaint, &c., is precisely what causes the difficulty.

2. It is presumed that the Board intended to refer to Note (*a*) appended to Schedule A. of the Act, which provides for the use of one or more additional papers to make up the value.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augusti

Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
22d. November 1867.

No.

From,
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to draw the attention of Government to an order of the High Court dated 18th. November 1867 requiring all petitions to be written upon a single paper bearing the proper Stamp, from and after the first of January next which appears at page 1662 of the Fort St. George Gazette of the 19th. instant.

2. The Board in their Proceedings under date 31st. July 1867 No. 4907, have already pointed out that under the amended Schedule B attached to Act XXVI of 1867 the variations in the rates of Stamp duty are so numerous that it has not been deemed advisable to

attempt

From Board of Revenue
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Rev: 1867. Deptt
No of Govt for Decr
No. 3190.

From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To
The Secretary to
Government R.D.

Dated 22d.
Despd. 22d } Novr 1867.
Recd. 23d.

Requesting that application may be made to Govt of India in view either to general rule at end of Schedule B of Stamp Act XXVI of 1867, regarding stamping of Petitions, being made applicable to all documents, or to orders being ~~stayed~~ continuing present practice. No 2873. 3 Decr

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No. 2873.

Regd. 1 am already in Communication with the High Court on the subject of the above letter. but as regards para 3. the object that the Government of the Presidency should be guided in the matter of the Stamp Act. for the use of ~~stamps~~ papers for the purposes of Petitions of plaint &c. is precisely what causes the difficulty. It is presumed that the Bd. intended to refer to Note (a) appended to Schedule B. of the Act. as providing for the use of one or more add: papers

W.M.
W.
Under my letter of even date.
3 Dec
Revenue Bd Office
Madras

Sam accordingly directed to say that application may at once be made in the manner suggested in the 3rd para of your letter.

2. I am to add that the Government of India have under consideration the question whether the general rule at the end of Schedule B being made applicable to all documents whether papers being stamped or not, or to such orders in respect of their length, or to such orders as may be passed as will enable the present practice to be continued pending the enactment of the Stamp Law which is now under consideration.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Stokes
Secretary.

Sir,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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