

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2973

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th December 1867.*

No. 251. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1867, No. 7,980:—

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 6th December 1867, No. 964.

1. The Board are aware that, under the Orders noted in the margin, the

embossed Stamp is maintained here, as
in Calcutta, for Bills of Exchange; but it

G. O., 9th July 1867, No. 1,522.
now appears that this stamp from cold steel dies is easily effaced, and the water-marked paper turned to account by being used for forged Currency notes, for which it seems to be admirably adapted. As it is desirable to put a stop at once to the facility which thus exists for the forgeries in question, I request the Board's sanction for superseding the embossed by the bi-color stamp, which latter Colonel Carpendale thinks cannot be so easily removed. Besides, the Bill paper, unlike the blank Bills of Exchange of the Mercantile Firms, receives the bi-color impression well.

2. It will be necessary also to recall, without delay, the stamped bills in store in the several districts, to prevent their being any longer available to the public, and I request authority for doing so. I find that there are about 140,000 bills to be thus recalled, and of course they will have to be replaced by bi-color stamped bills, which shall be done as fast as possible.

3. Adverting to the urgency and importance of the matter, I have, in anticipation of the sanction now applied for, arranged, in communication with the Mint Master, to introduce the bi-color Stamps, and to recall the old bills from the District treasuries.

1. Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Superintendent's proceedings be approved.

2. The Superintendent will ascertain whether the Bill Stamps when recalled cannot be indelibly colored by some chemical process, or whether the present stamp cannot be erased and re-stamped with the bi-color Stamp.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1867, No. 2,973.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.

Stamps.

Approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 10th December 1867.

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No. 7,980.

Submitting to Government letter from Superintendent of Stamps, and recommending that his proceedings in regard to introduction of bicolor Stamps in lieu of embossed Stamps be approved, and requesting Superintendent to ascertain whether the Bill stamps when recalled cannot be indelibly colored by some chemical process, or whether the present stamp cannot be erased and restamped with bicolor stamp.

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Approved
13 Dec 1867

Enter Treasur

in copy to the Govt Secy Dec 14

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