Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1566

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the amount of Security now required of the Asst. Supdt of Stamps - namely Rs 3000 - is sufficient and need not be raised.

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From

To Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue Madras

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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government on the amount of security to be furnished by the Assistant Superintendents of stamps.

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Statement showing issues from the central stores to District Treasuries &c during the official year 1895-96.

Description of Stamps	Denomination of Stamps	Issues during the year			Average issues per month			Twice the issues in the case of lower values and thrice in the case of higher values.	Value of Stock with the Assistant Superintendent on the 31st December 1895	Difference between Columns 7 and 8.
		No. or quantity of Stamps	Value		No. or quantity of Stamps	Value				
1	2	3	Rs. 4	as. p.	5	Rs. 6	as. p.	7	8	9
Court Fee Stamps		Labels								
Adhesive labels	1 anna to Rupees 6 (in Sheets of 36 labels)	53,50,427	30,69,677	5 .	445,869	255,806	7 1	5,11,613	920,826	+409,213
Impressed sheets	10 Rupees to 45 Rupees	Sheets 58.080	9,77,655	. .	4840	81471	4 .	162,942	238,085	+75,143
	50 " "245 "	6,772	5,90,480	. .	564	49,206	10 8	98,413	96540	-1873
	250 " 475 "	347	113685	. .	29	9473	12 .	28,421	33,150	+4729
	500 " 725 "	97	57575	. .	8	4797	14 8	14,394	23300	+8906
	750 " 1000 "	118	109150	. .	10	9095	13 4	27,287	29775	+2488
		65414	1848545	. .	5451	154045	6 8	331457	420850	+89393
Impressed sheets for copies	2 Annas	Sheets 3297,418	4,12,177	4 .	274785	34,348	1 8	68,696	54,625	-14071
Foreign Bill Stamps										
Impressed sheets	2 Annas to 4½ Rupees	Sheets 27,39,211	1575475	8 .	228268	131289	10 .	262579	459912	+197333
	5 Rupees to 21½ "	72,435	616295	. .	6036	51357	14 8	102716	202879	+100163
	50 " 217½ "	1050	89707	8 .	88	7475	10 .	14951	30143	+15192
	250 " 437½ "	156	59087	8 .	13	4923	15 4	14772	19737	+4965
	500 " 730	52	28325	. .	4	2360	6 8	7081	12762	+5681
	775 " 1000	16	14875	. .	1	1239	9 4	3718	12100	+8382
		2812920	2383765	8 .	234410	198647	2 .	405817	737533	+331,716
Bills of Exchange - Impressed Sheets, or (Hundi Stamps)	2 annas to 18 Rs.	Sheets 51,249	32007	12 .	4271	2667	5 .	5335	10630	+5295
Adhesive Receipt or Revenue Stamps (in Sheets of 112 labels)	1 anna	Labels 3295.376	205961	. .	274615	17163	6 8	34327	17255	-17072
Foreign Bill Stamps (adhesive) in Sheets of 80 labels.	2 annas to 24 Rs	Labels 20105	15,677	4 .	1675	1306	7 .	2613	14414	+11801
Share transfer Stamps (adhesive) in Sheets of 96 labels	1 anna to 20 Rs.	Labels 2580	3907	6 .	215	325	9 10	651	6492	+5841

Special Adhesive Stamps (in sheets of 80 labels)			Labels									
	1 anna to 4 Rupees		212770	98657	7	17731	8221	7 3	16443	33410	+16967
	5 Rupees	40 "	4211	35527		351	2960	9 4	5921	18690	+12769
	50 "	200 "	206	16750		17	1395	13 4	2792	4500	+1708
		500	39	19500		3	1625		4875	5000	+125
		1000	48	48000		4	4000		12000	25000	+13000
			217274	218434	7	18106	18202	13 11	42031	86600	+44569
			Reams								
Ordinary	Post cards, in reams of 480 cards (¼ anna to 2 Annas). ~~envelopes~~		394 16½	329430		3285	27452	8	549061		
	Envelopes in reams of 480 (½ anna to 2½ annas)		310 99½	499747	6	2592	41645	9 5	83292		
	Wrappers in reams of 480 (½ anna & 1 anna)		89	1962	8	7	163	8 8	328		
	Labels in sheets of 240 (½ anna to 5 Rs)		685 46 9/15 Sheets	1424077	8	5712	118673	2	237346		
			706 05 Reams & 685 46 9/15 sheets	2255217	6	Reams 5884 Sheets 5712	187934	12 1	375870	602018	+226148
Service.	Post Cards in reams of 480. ¼ anna		Reams 788	5910		66	492	8	984		
	Envelopes in reams of 480 (½ anna to 2 annas)		158	6448	2	13	537	56	1074		
	Labels (in sheets of 240) (½ anna to 1 Rupee)		Sheets 31030	430940		2586	35911	108	71824		
			946 Reams & 310 30 sheets	443298	2	Reams 79 Sheets 2586	36941	8 2	73882	191453	+117571
Impressed labels in sheets of 80.			Sheets labels								
	1a, 2as, 4as & 1 Rupee		9868	65 40611	4	822-32	33834	4 4	67668		
	2½ Rs. 5 Rs. 10 Rs, 25 Rs & 50 Rs		910	59 54075	2 8	75-72	45062	11 4	90126		
			10779-44	946763	12	898-24	78896	15 8	157794	98,333	-59461

		Sheets								
Impressed labels 1/2a. 1a, 2as, 4as,		164	14910		14	1242	8 ·	2486		
(in Sheets of 240) 8as 1Re 2Rs 3Rs & 5Rs.		12	9600		1	800	· ·	1600		
		176	24510		15	2042	8 ·	4086	49530	+45444

Abstract

		Rs as ps	Rs as ps	Rs as ps	Rs as ps	Rupees	Rupees	Rupees
Court Fee Stamps.	Adhesive labels	3069677.5.		255806.7.1		51613	920826	+ 409213
	Impressed sheets	1848545.		154045.6.8		33145 7	420850	+ 89393
	do Copy	412177.4.	5330399	34348.1.8	444199 15 5	68696	54625	- 14071
						911,766	1396,301	+484535
Non-Judicial Stamps	Impressed Sheets. Genl	2383765.8..		198647.2..		405817	737533	+331716
	" (Bills of Exchange)	32007.12..		2667.5..		5335	10630	+5295
	Adhesive (General)	218434.7..		18202.13.11		42031	86600	+44569
	" (Receipts or Receipts)	205961....		17163.6.8		34327	17255	-17072
	Other adhesive Stamps	19584.10..		1632.0.10		3264	20906	+17642
			28597535 ..		2383121 25	490771	872924	+382150
Postage Stamps	Ordinary	2255217 .. 6		187934.12.1		375870	602018	+226148
	Service	443298. 2..	2698515 2 6	36941.8.2	224876 4 3	73882	191453	+117571
						449,752	793471	+343719
Telegraph Stamps			946763 12 .		78896 15 8	157794	98333	-59461
Postal Service	"		24510. .		2042 8 .	4086	49530	+45444
			11859941 12 6		988328 7 6	2014169	3210539	+1196387

Description of Stamps	Stamps of lower Value				Stamps of higher Value				Totals			
	Average issues per month	Three times the average	Stock on hand on 31.12.95	Difference between Columns 3 & 4	Average issue per month	3 times the average	Stock on hand on 31.12.95	Difference between Columns 7 & 8	Column 2 & 6	Column 3 & 7	Column 4 & 8	Difference of Columns 11 & 12
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Court Fee adhesive	255806	511612	920826	+409214	"	"	"	"	255806	511612	920826	+409214
" impressed sheets	130678	261356	334625	+73269	23367	70101	86225	+16124	154045	331457	420850	+89393
" Copy	34348	68696	54625	-14071	"	"	"	"	34348	68696	54625	-14071
Non judicial Stamped paper	190123	380246	692934	+312688	8324	25572	44599	+19027	198647	405818	737533	+331715
Bills of Exchange	2667	5334	10630	+5296	"	"	"	"	2667	5334	10630	+5296
Special adhesive	12578	25156	56600	+31444	5625	16875	30,000	+13125	18203	42031	86600	+44569
Revenue adhesive	17163	34326	17255	-17071	"	"	"	"	17163	34326	17255	-17071
Foreign Bills	1306	2612	14414	+11802	"	"	"	"	1306	2612	14414	+11802
Share Transfer	326	652	6492	+5840	"	"	"	"	326	652	6492	+5840
Ordinary Postage	187935	375870	602018	+226148	"	"	"	"	187935	375870	602018	+226148
Service Postage	36942	73884	91453	+117569	"	"	"	"	36942	73884	191453	+117569
Telegraph Stamps	78897	157794	98333	-59461	"	"	"	"	78897	157794	98333	-59461
Postal Service	2042	4084	49530	+45446	"	"	"	"	2042	4084	49530	+45446
Total	950811	1901622	3049735	+1148113	37,516	112548	160824	+48276	988327	2014170	3210559	+1196389

Jenl Stamp office
Madras 19th Dec. 96

C. Kalyana Sundaram Asst
for Superintendent

(True copy)

Commandant
Assistant Secretary

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 16th February 1897.

Mis No. 630.

Read letter from the Superintendent of Stamps Madras, No. 1765, dated 6th August 1896 approving the suggestion of the Board to leave Stamp cases of the value of Rupees 2000 and less in the charge of the Assistant Superintendents

Read also Government Order Mis No. 3192 Revenue dated 10th August 1896 and Board's Reference thereon dated 18th August 1896 referring the above Government order to the Superintendent of Stamps for report.

Read also letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, No. 2101 dated 18th September 1896 submitting the report called for and Board's further reference to the same officer dated 14th October 1896 requesting him to furnish details of the Stamps in the Asst Superintendent's Charge in a certain form.

Read

Read also letter from the Superintendent of Stamps No 2417 dated 30th October 1896 furnishing the details called for and Board's further reference to the same officer dated 14th November 1896 requesting him to furnish certain other details of the sales and issues from the local Depot for a year according to a certain classification adopted by him.

Read also letter from the Superintendent of Stamps Madras No 2866 dated 19th December 1896 submitting the statement of the sales and issues of stamps made to districts during 1895-96 as compared with the "stock" in the custody of the Assistant Superintendent on 31st December 1895.

Read also memorandum from the Government of Madras No 6 Revenue dated 25th January 1897.

Resolution.

In para 2 of Government order mis No 3192 Revenue dated 10th August 1896, Government requested the Board to ascertain & report (i) the value of the average stock of stamps left in charge of the Assistant Superintendent of Stamps under different heads (ii) whether the stock cannot without inconvenience be reduced to much less than 14 lakhs of Rupees and (iii) if not, whether the Assistant Superintendent should not be required to furnish additional security.

2. In his letter No 2101 dated 18th September 1896, the Superintendent of Stamps reported that the value of the stamps in charge of the Assistant Superintendent amounted to about 3 3/4 lakhs on an average and explained that, although it was much more than

than the 14 lakhs prescribed by Government yet the stock was in conformity with the ruling that it should be sufficient to meet 3 months' consumption of higher and 2 months' consumption of lower value of stamps so as to make it possible for the Superintendent to issue from his own stock to his assistant ordinarily once a month, as observed by Government in para 2 of Mr Galton's letter to the Government of India No 95 dated 16th February 1889 vide also Government of India letter No 1495 dated 20th March 1889. From the details obtained from the Superintendent subsequently it is observed, however, that the quantity required for three months' consumption of higher and two months' consumption of lower values amounts to a little over 20 lakhs and not 33¾ lakhs as reported by the Superintendent.

It was also reported that even with the present stock of 32 lakhs with the Assistant, the Superintendent has to attend 4 times a month on an average to issue Stamps and to store up those received from England.

A statement showing the issues from the central Stores to the District treasuries during 1895-96 forwarded by the Superintendent is submitted to Government for information.

3. The heavy work complained of by the Superintendent appears to be due to the unsuitability of the premises in which the bulk of the stock is kept rather than to any fault in the rules. Almost the whole stock consisting of something over 3000 dealwood cases is kept in a single room with an area of 6,750 square feet. The almost boxes are in places piled up to the ceiling and are separated by passages

passages just wide enough for a man to pass through. When issues have to be made the oldest cases which naturally are at the bottom of the pile have to be taken out and the delay in moving and replacing the others in such a confined space is enormous. An additional storeroom is urgently required, the proposals for which have already been submitted to Government and when it is built both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent think that a balance of 20 lakhs worth of stamps in the hands of the latter should suffice. In consideration of the additional value of the stamps which will be under his charge if the present rule as regards coins is adhered to the Board recommends that the Assistant Superintendent's Security be raised to

(Rs

Rs 4000.

(True Extract)

Commissioner

Assistant Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

with the Statement

" Superintendent of Stamps.

25/7/97

C. No. 1842 of 97.

For orders.

In G.O. 3192 Mis/10.8.96, the Govt., while declining to sanction the Board's proposal that the Asst. Supt. of Stamps should be exempted from furnishing the Security of Rs 3,000 which is now required of him, called for information on the following points:—

(1) What the value of the average stock of stamps left in the Assistant Superintendent's charge is

(2) Whether the stock cannot without inconvenience be reduced to much less than fourteen Lakhs; and if not

(3) Whether the Asst. Supt. should not be required to furnish additional Security.

2. From the statement received with the Proceedings read above, it appears that the value of stock with the Asst. Supt. on 31st December 1895 was 32 Lakhs of Rs. and that the value of three months' supply of stamps of higher and two months' supply of stamps of lower values which, it was sanctioned in G.O. Letter No. 1495/20.3.89, should be left with the Asst. Supt., is about 20 Lakhs

Rs

The Hon. Mr Bliss C.S.I.

The Hon. Mr Grose C.S.I.

I cant see the use of raising the amount of the security to Rs 4000 - neither this sum nor Rs 3000 bear any adequate proportion to the value (20 lakhs in the future) of the stamps in the Asst Supts charge - To be any real safeguard against fraud, the security should be much larger, say 1 or 2 lakhs. But we can't get any such security from a man on the Asst Supts pay - All we can do is to ask for security in such a sum as shows that he is not a positive pauper, and Rs 3000 is enough for his purposes Rs 4000

bs
15/3/97

I quite agree. R 3000 is enough.

JG
17/3/97

Supt. 17/3/97

× in Govt. 29.5.97

C. 13/3/97
R. 15/3/97.

Re. It is reported that the excess in the stock of stamps of the value of 12 Lakhs of Rs left in charge of the Asst. Supt. is due to the unsuitability of the premises in which the bulk of the stock is kept in the Central office and that, when an additional room, for storing unopened cases of stamps, the construction of which was recently approved in G.O. 1206 3.3.97, is built, a balance of 20 Lakhs of Rs worth of stamps in the hands of the Asst. Supt will suffice. In consideration of the additional value of the stamps which will be in charge of the Asst. Supt. if the present rule as regards issues is adhered to, the Board recommend that his security be raised to Rs. 4,000.

Orders are requested.

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A.
2 March 97

15/22/3/97

Read G.M. 18-2-97

G.O. mis No. 1566, dy 22nd March. 1897

As it is reported that the value of the stock of stamps to be left in the charge of the assistant Superintendent will, in future, amount to about 20 lacs of Rupees the Govt. considers that no adequate security, that is, such security as will prove a real safeguard against fraud - can be required of any officer on the pay of the assistant Superintendent and that all that can be done is to require security only in such a sum as will show that the incumbent is a man of some substance. For this purpose the amount now required - namely - Rs 3000 - is sufficient and need not be raised.

Accordingly

A.
20 March 97

To the Bd of Rev (S.R.) dis. 24-3-97

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