Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4958

DATED 15th December 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Govt of India forwarding copies of the ~~new contracts~~ Despatch of the Secy. of State ~~enclosing~~ regarding the contract with Messrs. De La Rue & Co. for the supply of stamps and stamped papers.

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No. 5345 S.R.

Dated 6th Dec 1898

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Enclosures / and 4 copies of each of 2 Contracts

Spare copies.

To

The Board of Revenue (S.R.)
(with two copies of each of the contracts)

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of a Despatch from the Right Honble the Secretary of State enclosing a copy of each of the new Contracts with Messrs: De la Rue and Co: for the supply of Stamps and Stamped papers.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 6th December *1898.*

Read:-

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No.18 Financial (Stores), dated the 13th October 1898, and the Contracts received with it.

Ordered that copies of the Despatch and of the Contracts be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, for information.

Ordered also that a copy of the Despatch, with a copy of the Contract for the manufacture and supply of adhesive stamps, post cards, envelopes, &c., be forwarded to the Director General of the Post Office of India.

Offg. Under-Secy.to the Govt.of India.

FINANCIAL (STORES),

No.18.

INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, 13th OCTOBER 1898.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

In continuation of paragraph 7 of my Financial (Stores) Despatch, No. 10, dated 16th June 1898, I enclose for the information of your Excellency's Government, a copy of each of the new contracts with Messrs. De la Rue & Co., for the supply of stamps and stamped papers.

2. Nineteen copies of each of the contracts are also being sent to your Secretary in the Finance and Commerce Department, for distribution to the various officers concerned.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.) George Hamilton,

nt by Book Post.

Articles of Agreement made the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, BETWEEN THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, of Bunhill Row, in the Parish of St. Luke, London, Manufacturing Stationers (herein-after designated "the Contractors"), of the one part, and the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL (herein-after referred to as "the Secretary of State"), of the other part.

Whereas by Articles of Agreement, dated the 26th day of July, 1889, Thomas Andros De La Rue, Ernest De La Rue, Heinrich Wilhelm Hugo Müller, and William Thomas Shaw (who then constituted the firm of Thomas De La Rue and Company), agreed to manufacture for the Secretary of State all such Embossed Postage Envelopes, Soldiers' and Seamen's Envelopes, Bengal Salt Boat Notes, Bonded Salt Boat Notes, Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, Thick and Thin Square Envelopes, and Registered Envelopes as are respectively in the said Articles of Agreement specified, and as the Secretary of State should require during the period in the said Agreement specified, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1898. And whereas it has lately been agreed by and between the Contractors and the Secretary of State that new Articles of Agreement with the Contractors shall be executed containing such stipulations and provisions as are herein-after contained.

Now these Presents witness that, in pursuance of the said Agreement, and in consideration of the payments to be made to the Contractors as herein-after provided, they the Contractors do hereby promise and agree with and to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State doth hereby promise and agree to and with the Contractors in manner following, that is to say:—

Prices of Stamps, etc.

1. From the 1st day of January, 1899, the prices payable to the Contractors for all the various stamped articles herein, or in the Schedules hereto, specified, supplied under these presents, shall be at the rate of the net prices in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto specified.

Term of Contract.

2. The Contractors will, on and from the 1st day of January, 1899, manufacture for, and sell and deliver to, the Secretary of State, all the articles specified below, and in such quantities as the Secretary of State may require for the period of ten years, and this Contract shall, unless determined on either side on December 31st, 1908, by six months' previous written notice, remain a yearly running Contract, subject to determination on either side at the end of any subsequent year by six months' previous written notice. The articles herein-before referred to are Embossed Postage Envelopes (including Soldiers' and

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Seamen's Envelopes), Patent Registered Envelopes of two sizes (small size A and large size B), Single and Reply Post Cards, Bengal Salt Boat Notes and Bonded Salt Boat Notes, of the several descriptions and values at present in use in India, referred to in the Fifth Schedule hereto, and also Adhesive Stamps of the following kinds, namely:—

Postage Stamps, Service Postage Stamps, Foreign Bill Stamps, Share Transfer Stamps, Revenue Stamps, Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, and Court Fee Stamps, all such articles respectively being of the descriptions and values specified in the First and Third Schedules hereto, and in strict accordance with the specifications relating thereto respectively in the said schedules contained, and with the several specimens herein-after referred to as being in the possession of the Controller of Stamps (herein-after referred to as "the Controller"), or subject only to such modifications or variations of the same respectively as are herein or on the said specimens expressly provided for, or may hereafter be mutually agreed upon.

Use of existing Dies and Plates.

Provision for renewals.

3. The Contractors shall have the use of any dies or plates, provided at the expense of the Secretary of State, for printing any Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, and for Embossing Postage Envelopes and Registration Envelopes, under this Contract; and on the introduction of any new design the Secretary of State shall provide at his own expense one die or two dies (as the case may require), and one plate equal in dimensions to a plate of 240 multiples of the present English One Penny Postage and Revenue Stamp as respects Adhesive Stamps, or one die as respects the Stamps on Post Cards, Postage Envelopes, and Registration Envelopes; but, save as aforesaid, the Contractors shall supply, at their own expense, all dies and plates necessary for expressing or denoting the various duties upon such Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, Postage Envelopes, and Registration Envelopes as are at present in use, and such dies and plates shall bear the designs such as are now in use or have been approved by the Secretary of State; and the Contractors will at all times, without charge to the Secretary of State, furnish and complete, for the purpose of printing the said Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, and Registration Envelopes, and for embossing the said Postage Envelopes, so many additional dies and plates as may from time to time be necessary. If at any time, at the desire of the Secretary of State, the use of an existing design be discontinued, the Contractors shall receive reasonable compensation for the value of any plates supplied by the Contractors, at their own cost, which may in consequence be put out of use.

Compensation to Contractors for Plates put out of use.

Dies and Plates, property of Secretary of State.

Custody and Destruction of Punches, etc.

Custody of Dies and Plates.

Making of Dies and Plates to be done under control.

Plates on machines not to be disturbed.

4. The dies and plates, which shall have been already, or which may in future be, provided by and at the expense of the Secretary of State or of the Contractors, shall be or become the property of the Secretary of State, and shall be disposed of during the course, and at the termination, of this Contract as the Secretary of State may see fit; subject, however, to the provision for compensation in preceding Clause 3. The punches, matrices, tools, and appliances used in the reproduction of such dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, being provided by the Contractors at their own expense, shall be their property, but shall during the period of this Contract be kept in the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and at the termination thereof they shall be destroyed in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State. All the dies, plates, and duplicates in use for printing and impressing the device on each description of Stamps shall be kept in the possession of the Inspector of Stamping, and all new dies and plates and duplicates thereof shall in the manner heretofore customary be prepared under his control, and shall immediately on their completion be delivered to him; and all such dies, plates, and duplicates thereof shall be the property of the Secretary of State. The dandy rolls shall be in the custody of the Controller. Plates which are actually in use and on the printing presses shall not be disturbed in position, except for the purposes of repair or renewal, and sufficient means shall be devised by the Contractors to the satisfaction of the Controller to prevent their being tampered with during the hours of rest.

Destruction of disused Dies, etc.

5. The Contractors will, whenever thereunto required by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, utterly deface and destroy, at the expense of the Contractors, in the presence of such person or persons as the Secretary of State shall have appointed in that behalf, all or any of the disused or worn-out dies and plates which shall have been provided, made, or used for the purpose aforesaid, the material of such dies and plates after destruction to become the property of the Contractors. On the termination of this Contract all the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof herein-before mentioned, or which shall have been made by the Contractors under the provisions herein contained, and which shall not have been destroyed as herein-before provided, shall be delivered in their then working condition to the Secretary of State or his Officers duly authorised for the purpose.

New values of Stamps, etc., to be supplied at Schedule Prices.

6. Any new values or descriptions of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Bengal or Bonded Salt Boat Notes, which may be required during the continuance of this Contract, shall be supplied by the Contractors, wherever possible, according to the scales of prices in the said schedules hereto, or otherwise on such terms as may be arranged between them and the Secretary of State. Failing any arrangement as to terms, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State to procure them from such persons and on such terms as may to him seem fit.

Adhesive Stamps to be manufactured by machine or hand.

7. The Contractors shall be at liberty to manufacture the Adhesive Stamps, either by hand or by machine, by the process of surface printing. In whatever manner they may be manufactured, the Contractors shall be paid in accordance with the scale of prices specified in the Third Schedule hereto.

Manufacture of Stamps to be similar to English except for Bill and Share Transfer.

8. (*a.*) All the Adhesive Stamps (of whatever size) manufactured under this Agreement, except the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps, and the Postage Stamps of duties above One Rupee, shall be delivered in sheets of the same dimensions as those used for the English Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps, and be arranged as those Stamps are—that is to say, in two panes not larger than those of the Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps, the interval between the panes being equal to the height of each particular kind of Stamp; and the sheets of the whole of the Adhesive Stamps, except the Court Fee Stamps, shall bear no marginal lettering or other printed matter besides the Stamps, except such marks as the Contractors may require for the purposes of manufacture. In colour, design, paper, watermark in paper, and all other particulars, the Adhesive Stamps shall be in exact accordance with the Registration Sheets in the possession of the Controller. The perforation of the said Stamps shall be well and efficiently performed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State on the principle shown in the specimen sheet annexed hereto and marked A. The watermarked paper used shall (except in the case of that used for the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps) be made in double sheets measuring 22¾ inches × 22⅜ inches. The whole of the Adhesive Stamps may be dealt with in the manufacture, either in double or single sheets, at the option of the Contractors. The watermark proper to each stamp shall fall somewhere within the stamp, but not necessarily in the centre, and in order to prevent improper use of the watermarked paper the margins of the sheets shall be trimmed down to about half-an-inch in width, and holes perforated through the blank bar of paper separating the panes, so that no paper may be left on any sheet of sufficient area to serve for printing counterfeit stamps upon it. No alteration shall be made in the size of paper at present in use for the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps.

Margin round sheets and perforated through centre.

Salt Boat Notes.

8. (*b.*) The Salt Boat Notes shall correspond in all respects with the specimens hereto annexed and with those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors.

Postage. Number set on sheets.

9. The number of Postage and Service Postage Stamps (up to One Rupee in value) in each sheet as delivered shall be Two Hundred and Forty, and the size of the Stamps to be supplied shall be the same as that of the English Penny Postage and Revenue Stamp. With Stamps of values above One Rupee the number in each sheet shall be 96.

Ink for Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps.

10. (*a.*) All Foreign Bill Stamps and Share Transfer Stamps shall be printed in "Doubly Fugitive" ink, by the same process as heretofore, with a second printing of the duty in red or carmine on the Share Transfer Stamps.

Ink for Postage.

10. (*b.*) All the Postage Stamps and Service Postage Stamps shall be printed in "Fugitive" ink, with an overprint of black ink for the Service Postage Stamps.

Ink for Revenue and Court Fee.

10. (*c.*) All the Revenue Stamps and Court Fee Stamps shall be printed in "Chemically Doubly Fugitive" ink of a purple colour, similar to that used for the One Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps now in use in England.

Ink for Special Adhesive, Telegraph Stamps, Post Cards, & Salt Boat Notes.

10. (*d.*) All the Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, Post Cards, and also the Bengal and Bonded Salt Boat Notes, shall be printed in "Fugitive" ink of the same nature as that used for the Postage Stamps.

Provision for change of Ink.

10. (*e.*) The Secretary of State may at any time change the colour of any Stamp or Stamps, and may direct the employment of "Fugitive" or "Doubly Fugitive" inks as he shall from time to time consider desirable. In the event of any change being made, and the Stamps in their altered form not falling within any of the scales of prices contained in the Third Schedule hereto, they shall be charged at such rates as may be mutually agreed upon.

Envelopes. Parcelling and Packing.

11. (*a.*) The Embossed Postage and Registration Envelopes shall be the same as have recently been supplied, and corresponding in all respects with the specimen Envelopes hereto annexed and with those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors. The Envelopes shall be banded in packets and packed as heretofore, that is to say: The Envelopes of every description shall, before packing, be enclosed in bands in accordance with the specimens hereto annexed, and be made up into thin brown-paper bundles of convenient size, and these bundles into thick brown-paper parcels of larger size, according to the provisions in this clause respectively contained. The Half Anna, the One Anna Soldiers' and Seamen's, and the Two-and-a-half Annas ordinary Envelopes shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; four of such parcels shall go to the four-ream parcel; and twelve four-ream parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Half Anna Thin Square Envelopes shall be banded and packed in the same way, except that eighteen instead of twelve four-ream parcels shall be put into each tin-lined case. The One Anna Thick Square Envelopes shall be banded in packets of eight; thirty of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; and eighteen of such parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The small (size A) Patent Registered Envelopes shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; and twenty-four parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The large (size B) Patent Registered Envelopes shall be banded in packets of eight; fifteen of such packets shall go to the parcel; and thirty-six parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case.

Alteration of Envelope Bands.

If it shall hereafter be found to be convenient or desirable that the selling price of the Envelopes should be printed on the bands, the Contractors shall, at their own cost and within two months from the date of a notice in writing to that effect, provide bands printed in such manner as the Secretary of State shall desire.

Counting Envelopes after stamping.

11. (*b.*) After the Embossed Postage Envelopes have been cameo-stamped, they shall be counted by the Inspector of Stamping, and shall be by him delivered to the Contractors to be folded. As the Registration Envelopes will be folded before the Stamps are embossed thereon, they shall be counted so soon as they have been cameo-stamped, and shall then be delivered to the Contractors to be completed. Prior to such delivery of any of the Envelopes to the Contractors they shall be checked by the Contractors.

Paper for Envelopes.

11. (*c.*) The Contractors shall provide the paper and other materials for the manufacture of the Embossed Postage and Registration Envelopes, and they shall all be of a good quality and fully equal to those used in the specimens respectively annexed hereto and lodged with the Controller.

Post Cards. Parcelling and Packing.

12. (*a*) The Post Cards shall be the same in all respects as the specimen Post Cards hereto annexed and those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors. The manufacture, banding, checking, and packing thereof shall be performed as follows:—The Inland Single and the International Single Post Cards shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen packets shall go to the bundle; six bundles shall go to the parcel; and twenty-four parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Inland Reply and the International Reply Post Cards shall be banded in packets of eight; fifteen packets shall go to the bundle; eight bundles shall go to the parcel; and eighteen parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Secretary of State may make any other regulations in reference to such banding and packing that he may deem expedient, provided that no additional cost is thrown upon the Contractors. Should there be any such additional cost, the price of the article or articles shall be increased accordingly, as may be mutually agreed upon.

Post Cards. Spoiled Sheets

12. (*b.*) All the sheets of Post Cards that may be spoiled or damaged in printing shall be placed by the printer at the top of the ream before it is removed from the printing machine, and all such sheets shall be subsequently replaced by good sheets from a stock-ream to be kept by the Inspector of Stamping.

Post Cards. Stock-Reams.

12. (*c.*) When the spoiled and damaged sheets have accumulated to a ream of 480 sheets, the Contractors shall be at liberty to examine the ream for the purpose of selecting such sheets as may contain a sufficient number of good Post Cards to warrant further dealing with them. The sheets thus selected shall then be examined by the Inspector of Stamping, who may reject any sheets that appear unfit to go forward, and they, together with the sheets rejected by the Contractors, shall be burnt in the presence of the Controller, or of such officers as may be delegated by him. The sheets considered fit to go forward shall then be delivered to the Contractors to be cut into single Post Cards, which shall be carefully examined by them. When this has been done the whole of the good and waste Post Cards produced from these sheets shall be separately delivered to the Controller. Such Post Cards as may be good shall form part of the supply, and such as may be waste shall be dealt with in the same manner as the waste Post Cards mentioned in the following section of this clause, except that they shall be separately delivered and shall not be included in the Contractors' stock-reams.

Post Cards. Destruction of Waste.

12. (*d.*) All the other waste Post Cards which accrue in the processes of manufacture shall be allowed to accumulate in the Contractors' stock-reams, and when they have been carefully counted and checked the printed portion shall be cut off and destroyed by burning, in the presence of the Controller, or of such officers as may be delegated by him, and the plain portion shall be handed over to the Contractors to be carefully examined as heretofore, and then disposed of as they may think fit.

12. (*e.*) The Contractors shall, at their own expense, render the Controller such assistance as he may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this clause.

Envelopes. Examination, etc.

13. All the Envelopes (when folded, stamped, and completed) and all the Post Cards (when completed) shall be carefully examined and counted by and at the expense of the Contractors; and if, in the opinion of the Controller, they have not been properly examined or counted, they shall, upon his requisition, be again (previous to delivery for final examination on behalf of the Secretary of State) carefully examined and counted by and at the expense of the Contractors. When they have been examined and counted, and, if such requisition as aforesaid has been made, re-examined and counted, they shall be delivered to the Controller to be finally examined and counted on behalf of the Secretary of State, and shall be so finally examined and counted. The Envelopes and Post Cards shall be laid out for such examination and counting, and be gathered up when counted, etc., at the expense of the Contractors, as has hitherto been the practice. The

Contractors shall afford all necessary conveniences and accommodation for all examination, counting, and checking on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Controller shall have full power to reject any Envelopes or Post Cards, the quality or finish of which shall not, in his opinion, be in accordance with the said specimens lodged with him as aforesaid.

Envelopes and Post Cards. Uniform daily rate.

14. The Contractors will supply all the Embossed Postage Envelopes and Post Cards in such quantities as may be from time to time required by the Secretary of State, and the manufacture and delivery of the Half Anna ordinary Envelopes and of the Quarter Anna Single Post Cards to the Controller for final examination shall proceed from day to day at an approximately uniform daily rate, calculated on the total number from time to time required to be supplied monthly throughout the year.

Contractors responsible for face values.

15. (*a.*) Until the Envelopes and Post Cards bearing the Stamps shall be delivered at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, the Contractors shall be liable to the Secretary of State for the representative values of all Stamps embossed or printed, as counted by the Inspector of Stamping and made over by him to the Contractors for the purpose of being finally dealt with by them, unless the loss of such Stamps or Envelopes shall be caused by the destruction by fire, partial or otherwise, of the Contractors' business premises.

Bi-monthly Return.

15. (*b.*) The Contractors shall, if required, furnish to the Controller a bi-monthly return of any loss or deficiency of Half Anna Postage Envelopes and Quarter Anna Single and Reply Post Cards, and a like return in the case of all other Envelopes and Post Cards at the time of the completion of each order. The total amount of such loss or deficiency shall be settled once a year by the Contractors paying to the Secretary of State the representative value of the missing Envelopes and Post Cards.

Loss or deficiency to be settled yearly.

Balancing quantities at completion of order.

15. (*c.*) In addition to the returns above-mentioned and in order to ascertain the total loss or deficiency in the Half Anna Envelopes and Quarter Anna Post Cards for each year, the Contractors shall, early in the month of January of each year, hand to the Controller, for final check, the balance of the quantity delivered to them during the previous twelve months, and at the time at which this is done no Half Anna Envelopes or Quarter Anna Post Cards shall remain in the possession of the Contractors. The loss or deficiency in the One Anna, Soldiers' and Seamen's, and other Postage Envelopes, and in the Registered Envelopes, Reply Post Cards, and International Post Cards, shall be ascertained by examination of the returns or otherwise immediately on the completion of each order.

Payment for deficiency.

15. (*d.*) The loss or deficiency shown by the final check in all cases shall be the loss or deficiency for which payment shall be made by the Contractors to the Secretary of State as herein-before stated.

Envelopes and Post Cards. Provision for change of size and packing.

16. Should the Secretary of State at any time be desirous of changing in any manner the form or size of the Envelopes or Post Cards, or of any of them respectively, or the design or colour of the Stamp thereon, or the mode of banding or of packing them respectively, it shall be competent for him to order any such change or changes to be made, and the Contractors shall carry out such order, but subject always to such arrangements with the Contractors as regards increase or decrease of price, or otherwise, as may be agreed to between the parties hereto as being equitable.

Yearly order to reach Contractors before commencement of each year.

Uniform rate of delivery.

17. The orders of the Secretary of State as regards the quantities of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, and Post Cards, to be supplied shall be given to the Contractors as far as possible shortly before the commencement of each year. The Contractors shall arrange the rate of production of the Half Anna Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes and Post Cards, so that they may deliver monthly throughout the year a proportion for each Presidency, according to the quantity required for the year; but, if required by the Secretary of State for any reason to increase the monthly deliveries, they

will manufacture and deliver according to such requisition. The Contractors shall arrange the rate of production of the Adhesive Stamps, so that they may deliver monthly throughout the year a twelfth part of the total number of Stamps ordered for the year. All the Stamps of each variety or duty shall be as far as possible produced and delivered without break. The order in which the varieties or duties are dealt with shall be a subject of arrangement between the Contractors and the Controller from time to time.

Date to be given for delivery of special orders.

18. The Contractors will from time to time, if called upon, and within six weeks from the receipt of any order beyond the annual order for the manufacture of any Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, state in writing for the approval of the Secretary of State the date on which they will be prepared to deliver the same; and if the date stated be approved they will deliver the same accordingly (unless prevented by Fire, Act of God, or other sufficient cause) to the Superintendent of the India Store Depôt, at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, Lambeth.

Manufacture of Water-marked Papers for Adhesive Stamps.

Requisitions for Paper.

Contractors liable until delivery at Depôt.

19. The watermarked Adhesive Stamp paper to be used for the purposes of this Contract shall be manufactured under the control of the Officers of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue at the mill where the English Adhesive Stamp papers are made. When the watermarked paper is delivered from the mill it shall be placed under the control of the Controller. The Contractors will from time to time make requisition on him for the paper required for the production of the Stamps; and during the whole of the processes of manufacture, and until final delivery of the Stamps at the Store Depôt, they shall be liable to the Secretary of State for the amount of the duties printed or to be printed thereon, unless loss of the paper shall be caused by the destruction by fire, partial or otherwise, of the Contractors' business premises.

Examination and Counting of Stamps.

20. Previous to delivery all Adhesive Stamps shall be carefully examined and counted at the expense of the Contractors, and shall be finally examined and counted on behalf of the Secretary of State, according to the practice heretofore prevailing. The Controller shall have full power to reject any Stamps the quality, finish, or appearance of which shall not in his opinion be in accordance with the specimens lodged with him as aforesaid.

Control.

21. (*a*) All Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes, of the descriptions covered by this Agreement and manufactured by the Contractors, shall be manufactured, banded (where necessary), and packed by them under the supervision and control of the Inspector of Stamping for the printing and embossing processes, and of the Controller for all the other processes which are in any way controlled officially, and of such other Assistants and Officers as shall be from time to time appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of such supervision and control. All the said Stamps and other articles shall be counted at any stage or stages of the manufacture as the Inspector of Stamping or the Controller may consider desirable, and on the delivery of the said Stamps and other articles, whether manufactured or in course of manufacture, into the custody of the Contractors, they shall give such receipts or acknowledgments for the same respectively as the Controller shall from time to time direct.

Hours of Work.

21. (*b.*) Arrangements shall be made for the Contractors to work, and for such of the said appointed Officers as the Controller or the Inspector of Stamping shall deem necessary to attend, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, with an interval of one hour for dinner between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and a quarter of an hour for tea between 4.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m.; the hours of work on Saturdays to be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. without intervals; but all these hours shall be subject to such modifications in the working hours as may from time to time be agreed to by the contracting parties.

21. (*c.*) No delivery shall be made at the Store Depôt aforesaid under these presents by the Contractors of any Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, which shall not have been approved of by the Controller prior to delivery.

Half-sheets Stamps.

22. Of those sheets of Adhesive Stamps which may be spoiled in the process of manufacture, the panes or halves of the sheets which remain good (if any) shall be separated from the spoiled portion of the sheets and carefully trimmed and examined at the expense of the Contractors, and to the satisfaction of the Controller; and the Secretary of State shall accept delivery from the Contractors of the Stamps, and pay them for the Stamps on such good panes according to the Schedule of prices hereto; provided always that the number of panes charged at a time shall be equivalent to a definite number of entire sheets without remainder, and that the number of Stamps supplied is not to exceed the number ordered by more than four per cent. in the case of large quantities and eight per cent. in the case of small quantities.

Destruction of Stamp Waste.

23. (*a.*) All spoiled Adhesive Stamps and Salt Boat Notes shall be destroyed by burning at the expense of the Contractors, and subject to the supervision of the Controller.

Destruction of Envelopes Waste.

23. (*b.*) All Postage and Registration Envelopes which may be spoiled in embossing the Postage Stamps thereon, or otherwise, shall be cut from top to bottom into two parts in the presence of the Controller or of such officer or officers as may be deputed by him for that purpose, and the portion containing the Stamp (which shall be limited in width as far as possible) shall be burnt in the presence of the said officer or officers, and the other portion shall be handed over to the Contractors to dispose of as they may deem fit. The Contractors shall, at their own expense, render to such officer or officers such assistance as he or they may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this clause.

No alteration to be made in Stamps, etc., or Water-marked Paper.

24. No alteration of any kind whatever is to be made in any of the Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, or in the watermarks of the paper used in their manufacture, without the sanction in writing of the Secretary of State.

Manufacture of Dies, Plates, etc.

25. In impressing the device on the different kinds of Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, and other articles, the Contractors shall at all times adopt the most effectual means to guard against the possibility of the dies and plates, or any of them, or any of the duplicates thereof respectively, being used for printing or impressing any Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or articles of any description other than those to be supplied in pursuance of these presents; and all dies, plates, and duplicates thereof in course of manufacture shall be made under the control of the Inspector of Stamping in the manner heretofore customary, and shall at all times be open to the examination and inspection of any person or persons to be appointed by the Secretary of State for that purpose.

Notice of Consignments from Mill.

26. The Contractors shall be responsible for notice being given at all times by the paper makers to the Controller of the quantities of watermarked paper forwarded from time to time from the mill where it is made to the factory for the purpose of printing the said Adhesive Stamps.

Packing Cases.

27. (*a.*) All Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes manufactured by the Contractors, shall be packed by them and at their expense, in conveniently sized and properly constructed tin-lined wooden cases as heretofore, or in such other manner as the Director-General of Stores shall consider desirable; but any additional or diminished expense resulting from a change of system shall be the subject of arrangement.

Certificates and Contents Tickets.

27. (*b.*) Each case shall be closed under the supervision of the Controller, and a statement prepared by the Contractors, showing the contents of the case, shall be enclosed therein; and each delivery of Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, for each Presidency, shall be accompanied with a certificate, prepared by the Contractors and signed by the Controller, specifying as heretofore the number and denomination of the Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, comprised in such delivery, and all other particulars as heretofore.

27. (*c.*) No Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes shall be delivered by the Contractors at the Store Depôt aforesaid until they shall have been packed and otherwise dealt with as is herein provided.

Alterations in Packing.

27. (*d.*) The Secretary of State may make such alterations from time to time in the mode of packing and delivery as he shall deem proper; but any diminished or additional expense incurred thereby shall be the subject of arrangement.

Marking of Cases.

27. (*e.*) All packing cases shall be marked, as may be directed by the Director-General of Stores, at the expense of the Contractors.

List and Stock-taking of Dies, Plates, etc.

28. (*a.*) The Contractors, when called upon so to do, shall assist the Inspector of Stamping in the preparation of a properly authenticated list of the dies, plates, and punches at present, or which may hereafter be, in his possession; and shall also have proofs of the punches prepared similar to those furnished to the Board of Inland Revenue; and also shall, at their own expense, from time to time provide sufficient specimens of all the varieties and duties of Stamps supplied, or about to be supplied, for India, for use in case of reference, and to help in securing uniformity in the supplies. The said specimens shall be lodged with the Controller, and shall be kept in such custody as he may from time to time determine.

Specimens.

28. (*b.*) The Contractors shall be supplied with six cancelled impressions from each Stamp printing plate of all Adhesive Stamps, and also with a cancelled sheet of each description of watermarked paper. These specimens shall be carefully preserved in the Contractors' Printing Plate Book of Reference. And upon the determination of this Contract, or in the event of such specimens being replaced by others, shall be returned to the Controller.

Stock-taking.

28. (*c.*) Stock shall be taken early in the month of January in each year, by the Controller, of all Stamps and other articles, whether manufactured or in course of manufacture under this Agreement, then remaining on the Contractors' premises; and to enable this to be done there shall be a total cessation of work for so long a period as may be necessary.

Registration of Plates.

29. The "registration" of the printing plates shall be confined to taking an impression from the die and the first printing plate of each duty in the presence of the Controller or his deputy, who shall duly certify such impression.

Default of Contractors as to delivery.

30. If the Contractors shall make default in the due delivery of any Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, at the times and in manner herein provided and mentioned, the Contractors shall pay to the Secretary of State, as liquidated damages, and not as penalty, a sum equal to one per centum of the charge for all the Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes in respect of which such defaults shall be made; and if default shall be made for one calendar month, or any longer period, the Contractors shall pay a further additional sum equal to one per centum of such charge for every calendar month, or proportion of one calendar month, which shall elapse from the time delivery ought to have been made until the actual delivery thereof; provided always that the non-delivery shall not have been occasioned by Fire, the Act of God, or other sufficient cause. All such damages, or any part thereof, may be deducted from any money from time to time due to the Contractors under these presents or on any other account.

No other person to be employed in making Contract Articles.

31. If the Contractors shall in all things well and truly perform and keep the provisoes and agreements herein on their part contained and expressed, and to be by them performed and kept (but not otherwise), the Secretary of State will employ them to manufacture and supply all such Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, and other articles and things in these presents mentioned, as may be required for the purposes of the Government of India during the term of ten years, commencing on the First day of January, 1899, or for any further period as provided for under Clause 2 hereof. And the Secretary of State will pay the Contractors for all such Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, and other articles and things supplied by them under these presents, according to the rates and scale of prices specified in the Second, Third, and Fifth Schedules hereto annexed, which Schedules it is hereby agreed shall form an integral part of this Contract.

Payment of Accounts.

32. All payments due to the Contractors by the Secretary of State for India in Council under this Contract shall be made in cash not later than fourteen days after delivery and subsequent receipt by the Director-General of Stores of a claim (according to the practice of the India Office) for payment.

Renewal of Plates, Dies, and Dandy Rolls.

Provision for Dandy Rolls of a new design.

33. The prices in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto specified include the cost of the repair and reproduction of Stamp, Post Card, and Salt Boat Note printing plates and Envelope embossing dies of the existing duties, and duplicates thereof respectively, as from time to time they may be required, provided they are struck from the same or duplicate dies as heretofore, and the reproduction or repair of any dandy roll which may be worn out during the continuance of this Contract, provided that the roll to be reproduced or repaired is identical with an existing roll, it being understood that the making a new roll, or modifying an existing roll, is to be charged for at such price as shall from time to time be arranged, unless such roll is made or modified at the request of the Contractors, in which case they are to bear the expense. The prices in the said Schedules for each description of Stamp or other article include the cementing and perforating of the Adhesive Stamps, the cementing of the Postage and Registration Envelopes, and the expenses for paper, printing, stamping, loss by spoilage, cutting, examining, banding, packing cases, and packing in suitable tin-lined cases, delivery, and all things and processes which may be necessary with a view to the due delivery in manner herein provided of all the said articles, and also include all necessary accommodation for the objects aforesaid of the appointed Officers of the Secretary of State, and also all other charges of the Contractors whatsoever not herein specially provided for. The Secretary of State is to be at liberty at any time during the currency of the Contract to supply the packing cases required under this Contract, and the Contractors undertake to purchase them at the rates set out in the Fourth Schedule hereto; in such an event, to make payment either monthly or quarterly as the Secretary of State may prefer.

Provision for Dies and Plates of a new design.

34. If at any time the Secretary of State shall require the Contractors to provide him with any dies and plates of new values, or modifications of existing values, of any of the sizes or descriptions of Stamps, Envelopes, or Post Cards mentioned in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto, the Contractors shall provide the same at the prices specified in the Second Schedule hereto, which shall be in full of all claims whatsoever on account thereof; but the maintenance of those dies, plates, and rolls of any design which may have been once paid for, shall be undertaken by, and at the expense of, the Contractors, whether repairs thereof only are necessary, or whether a new die, plate, or roll of the same design has to be reproduced; and any alteration or new work of any description whatever on dies, plates, or rolls initiated by the Contractors shall be paid for by them, unless it shall at the time be otherwise specially agreed upon. All dies and plates provided by the Contractors at their own cost under this Agreement shall, when necessary, be renewed or repaired by them at their own cost, in the same manner as has been agreed for the renewal or repair of the dies or plates provided at the cost of the Secretary of State.

Salt Boat Notes.

35. The Bengal Salt Boat Notes and Bonded Salt Boat Notes shall be bound by the Contractors in books, numbered and bound complete, according to the approved specimens now in the possession of the Controller. The prices named in the Schedule shall cover the cost of numbering and binding as well as packing and every other expense incidental to the supplying of the said Notes.

Fire clause.

36. In the event of the destruction of or damage to the Paper Mills where the paper shall be from time to time made, by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to their own factory by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then for a period (not exceeding three months in the first case or six months in the second) during which the operations are so suspended the Contractors shall not be liable to continue the supply of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes during such period; but they shall, on resuming work, use their best endeavours to make up any deficiency in the supplies caused by such temporary cessation.

Default of Contractors, and power to terminate Contract.

37. If the Contractors at any time shall make default in proceeding with the manufacture and delivery of the Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes, in accordance with the orders of the Secretary of State (unless prevented from so proceeding by fire or other cause over which they have no control), or if they shall commit any wilful breach of the terms or stipulations herein contained and on their part to be observed, or if they shall wilfully do any act or thing contrary to the provisions of this Contract whereby loss or inconvenience may be caused to the public service, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State to determine this Contract upon giving to the Contractors six months' previous notice in writing of his intention so to do. And upon such notice in writing being given to the Contractors, on behalf of the Secretary of State, or being left at their principal place of business, properly directed to them, with some person there in their employ, this Contract and everything herein contained shall, upon the expiration of the notice, cease and determine, when it shall be lawful for any person appointed by the Secretary of State to take possession of all special watermarked paper (whether at the paper mills or at the Contractors' factory), and all Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, wholly or partially manufactured, and all dandy rolls, dies and plates, and duplicates thereof, provided for the manufacture of such Stamps and other articles, and all safes which may have been provided by the Secretary of State, and all specimen books and specimens, and every article and thing of which the Secretary of State can claim possession. But the Contractors shall nevertheless be liable to the Secretary of State for all loss and damage which he may sustain by reason of the default of the Contractors in the performance of this their Contract.

Officers to have free access to all rooms.

38. The Secretary of State, the Controller, and the Inspector of Stamping, and such other Assistants and Officers as may from time to time be appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of supervision and control, shall at all times have free access to all and every of the rooms used for any of the purposes of this Agreement, and have all proper and necessary control over the rooms in which the printing, stamping, etc., are conducted, and the persons to be employed and engaged in making and preparing the said dies and plates, and in printing the said Stamps and other articles, and in stamping the said Postage Envelopes and Registered Envelopes.

Definition of the term "Secretary of State."

39. In construing this Agreement the terms "Controller," "Inspector of Stamping," "Director-General of Stores," "Superintendent of the India Store Depôt," and their respective deputies, as also Officers of the Secretary of State, shall be held to include any person or persons duly appointed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Contract.

Arbitration Clause.

40. Whenever any doubt, difference, or dispute shall hereafter arise between the parties hereto, or their respective successors or personal representatives, touching these presents or the proper construction hereof, or the acts, rights, duties, or liabilities of either party under these presents, the matter in difference shall be referred to two arbitrators or their umpire pursuant to "The Arbitration Act, 1889," or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

The Marginal Notes hereto shall not affect the construction of the clauses of this Contract.

In witness whereof the said Company, THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, has caused its Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, and GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD ALISON, Bart., G.C.B., and SIR JAMES LYLE MACKAY, K.C.I.E., being two Members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

The Common Seal of THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, was hereto affixed in the presence of

SEAL

THOS. DE LA RUE
HUGO MÜLLER } *Directors.*

W. AULD, *Secretary.*

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above-named two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA in the presence of

A. ALISON.
JAS. L. MACKAY.

W. H. TREASURE,
India Office.

SCHEDULES above referred to.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

List of different descriptions of existing Adhesive Stamps to be supplied under this Agreement.

POSTAGE.	REVENUE.	TELEGRAPH—*continued.*
3 Pies.	1 Anna.	2 Rupees 8 Annas.
½ Anna.		5 Rupees.
1 Anna.		10 Rupees.
1 Anna 6 Pies.	FOREIGN PAPERS OR SPECIAL ADHESIVE.	25 Rupees.
2 Annas.		50 Rupees.
2 Annas 6 Pies.	2 Annas.	
3 Annas.	3 Annas.	SHARE TRANSFER.
4 Annas.	4 Annas.	
6 Annas.	6 Annas.	2 Annas.
8 Annas.	8 Annas.	3 Annas.
12 Annas.	12 Annas.	4 Annas.
1 Rupee.	1 Rupee.	8 Annas.
2 Rupees.	2 Rupees.	12 Annas.
3 Rupees.	3 Rupees.	1 Rupee.
5 Rupees.	4 Rupees.	1 Rupee 4 Annas.
SERVICE POSTAGE.	5 Rupees.	2 Rupees 8 Annas.
½ Anna.	6 Rupees.	3 Rupees 12 Annas.
1 Anna.	7 Rupees.	5 Rupees.
2 Annas.	8 Rupees.	6 Rupees 4 Annas.
4 Annas.	9 Rupees.	7 Rupees 8 Annas.
8 Annas.	10 Rupees.	10 Rupees.
1 Rupee.	20 Rupees.	20 Rupees.
FOREIGN BILL.	25 Rupees.	
2 Annas.	30 Rupees.	COURT FEE.
3 Annas.	40 Rupees.	
4 Annas.	50 Rupees.	1 Anna.
6 Annas.	100 Rupees.	3 Annas.
8 Annas.	200 Rupees.	4 Annas.
12 Annas.	500 Rupees.	6 Annas.
1 Rupee.	1000 Rupees.	8 Annas.
1 Rupee 8 Annas.		12 Annas.
2 Rupees.		1 Rupee.
3 Rupees.	TELEGRAPH.	1 Rupee 2 Annas.
4 Rupees.		1 Rupee 8 Annas.
6 Rupees.	1 Anna.	2 Rupees.
8 Rupees.	2 Annas.	3 Rupees.
12 Rupees.	4 Annas.	4 Rupees.
18 Rupees.	8 Annas.	5 Rupees.
24 Rupees.	1 Rupee.	6 Rupees.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Description of Dies and Plates, and Prices to be paid for them, if required.

DESCRIPTION OF DIES AND PLATES.	No. Set per Sheet.	Dies and Plates.	
Postage	240	£125	
„ Bi-colour	240 or 96	£175	
Revenue	112	£125	
Share Transfer	96	£150	
Postage Service "On H.M.S."	240	£50	
		Die.	Plate.
Telegraph	80	£50	£75
Foreign Bill	80	£50	£75
Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive	80	£50	£75
Court Fee	36	£70	£80
Original Head Die for Stamps	—	£200	—
„ „ Post Cards	—	£100	—
Working Die for Post Cards	—	£50	—

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Prices to be paid for the Adhesive Stamps to be supplied under this Agreement.

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive or Doubly Fugitive inks, in two panes of 120 Stamps each=240 Stamps to the sheet.

POSTAGE 240 SET.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

		Singly Fugitive.		Doubly Fugitive.
96,000,000	Price per thousand ...	0*s.* 4⅜*d.*	...	0*s.* 5½*d.*
36,000,000	„ ...	0*s.* 5*d.*	...	0*s.* 5¾*d.*
18,000,000	„ ...	0*s.* 5½*d.*	...	0*s.* 6¼*d.*
12,000,000	„ ...	0*s.* 5¾*d.*	...	0*s.* 6½*d.*
6,000,000	„ ...	0*s.* 6*d.*	...	0*s.* 6¾*d.*
1,200,000	„ ...	0*s.* 6½*d.*	...	0*s.* 7¼*d.*
240,000	„ ...	0*s.* 9½*d.*	...	0*s.* 10¼*d.*
All quantities less than 240,000 ...	„ ...	1*s.* 0*d.*	...	1*s.* 0¾*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 120,000 to be charged as 120,000.
Stamps printed on coloured papers, 1*d.* extra per 1,000.
Postage Service Stamps, 1*d.* extra per 1,000.
If the Stamps should be required at any time in panes of less than 120, the price shall be adjusted to yield the Contractors the same payment as if the sheet contained 240 Stamps.

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive ink, and with the duty printed in a different colour of Singly Fugitive ink, in two panes of 120 Stamps each=240 Stamps to the sheet.

POSTAGE 240 SET.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

96,000,000	Price per thousand ...	0*s.* 11¾*d.*
36,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 0½*d.*
18,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 2*d.*
12,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 2¾*d.*
6,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 3½*d.*
1,200,000	„ ...	1*s.* 5*d.*
240,000	„ ...	2*s.* 2*d.*
All quantities less than 240,000...	„ ...	2*s.* 9½*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 120,000 to be charged as 120,000.

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive ink, and with the duty printed in a different colour of Singly Fugitive ink, in eight panes of 12 Stamps each=96 Stamps to the sheet.

POSTAGE 96 SET.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

38,400,000	Price per thousand ...	2*s.* 5⅜*d.*
14,400,000	„ ...	2*s.* 7¼*d.*
7,200,000	„ ...	2*s.* 11*d.*
4,800,000	„ ...	3*s.* 0⅞*d.*
2,400,000	„ ...	3*s.* 2¾*d.*
480,000	„ ...	3*s.* 6½*d.*
96,000	„ ...	5*s.* 5*d.*
All quantities less than 96,000	„ ...	6*s.* 11¾*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 48,000 to be charged as 48,000.

REVENUE 112 SET.

TELEGRAPH AND SPECIAL ADHESIVE 80/SET.

COURT FEE SIZE 36 SET.

THIRD SCHEDULE.—*continued.*

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive or Doubly Fugitive inks, in two panes of 56 Stamps each=112 Stamps to the sheet.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

		Singly Fugitive.		Doubly Fugitive.
44,800,000	Price per thousand ...	0*s.* 9⅜*d.*	...	0*s.* 11$\frac{11}{14}$*d.*
16,800,000	„ ...	0*s.* 10$\frac{5}{7}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 0$\frac{9}{28}$*d.*
8,400,000	„ ...	0*s.* 11$\frac{11}{14}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 1$\frac{11}{28}$*d.*
5,600,000	„ ...	1*s.* 0$\frac{9}{28}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 1$\frac{13}{14}$*d.*
2,800,000	„ ...	1*s.* 0$\frac{6}{7}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 2$\frac{15}{28}$*d.*
560,000	„ ...	1*s.* 1$\frac{13}{14}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 3$\frac{15}{28}$*d.*
112,000	„ ...	1*s.* 8$\frac{5}{14}$*d.*	...	1*s.* 9$\frac{27}{28}$*d.*
All quantities less than 112,000 ...	„ ...	2*s.* 1$\frac{5}{7}$*d.*	...	2*s.* 3$\frac{9}{28}$*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 56,000 to be charged as 56,000.

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive or Doubly Fugitive inks, in two panes of 40 Stamps each=80 Stamps to the sheet.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

		Singly Fugitive.		Doubly Fugitive.
32,000,000	Price per thousand ...	1*s.* 1⅛*d.*	...	1*s.* 4½*d.*
12,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 3*d.*	...	1*s.* 5¼*d.*
6,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 4½*d.*	...	1*s.* 6¾*d.*
4,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 5¼*d.*	...	1*s.* 7½*d.*
2,000,000	„ ...	1*s.* 6*d.*	...	1*s.* 8¼*d.*
400,000	„ ...	1*s.* 7½*d.*	...	1*s.* 9¾*d.*
80,000	„ ...	2*s.* 4½*d.*	...	2*s.* 6¾*d.*
All quantities less than 80,000 ...	„ ...	3*s.* 0*d.*	...	3*s.* 2¼*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 40,000 to be charged as 40,000.

STAMPS of the size noted in the margin, printed in Singly Fugitive or Doubly Fugitive inks, in two panes of 18 Stamps each=36 Stamps to the sheet.

For any quantity of Stamps of any one kind, ordered at one time, not being less than—

		Singly Fugitive.		Doubly Fugitive.
14,400,000	Price per thousand ...	2*s.* 5⅛*d.*	...	3*s.* 0⅜*d.*
5,400,000	„ ...	2*s.* 9⅓*d.*	...	3*s.* 2⅓*d.*
2,700,000	„ ...	3*s.* 0⅜*d.*	...	3*s.* 5⅝*d.*
1,800,000	„ ...	3*s.* 2⅓*d.*	...	3*s.* 7⅓*d.*
900,000	„ ...	3*s.* 4*d.*	...	3*s.* 9*d.*
180,000	„ ...	3*s.* 7⅓*d.*	...	4*s.* 0⅓*d.*
36,000	„ ...	5*s.* 3⅓*d.*	...	5*s.* 8⅓*d.*
All quantities less than 36,000...	„ ...	6*s.* 8*d.*	...	7*s.* 1*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 18,000 to be charged as 18,000.

THIRD SCHEDULE.—*continued.*

"SHARE TRANSFER STAMPS" of the size noted in the margin, printed in *Extra* Doubly Fugitive ink, and with the duty over-printed in Singly Fugitive ink, in one pane of 96 Stamps.

SHARE TRANSFER 96 SET.

Price per thousand ... ... 4*s.* 6*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 24,000 to be charged as 24,000.

"FOREIGN BILL STAMPS" of the size noted in the margin, printed in *Extra* Doubly Fugitive ink, in one pane of 80 Stamps.

FOREIGN BILL 80 SET.

Price per thousand ... ... 5*s.* 0*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 20,000 to be charged as 20,000.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Price at which the Secretary of State is to provide the Contractors with Packing Cases in accordance with Clause 33 of the foregoing Contract.

			PRICE PER TIN-LINED CASE.
Reply Post Cards	Cases for 36 reams	...	3*s.* 9*d.*
Single „	„ 72 „	...	3*s.* 8*d.*
Postage Envelopes	„ 48 „	...	4*s.* 1*d.*
Registered „	„ 24 „	...	4*s.* 1*d.*
Adhesive Stamps	„ 5 „	...	2*s.* 1*d.*

N.B.—The above prices are exclusive of soldering on the covers, which the Contractors undertake to do without charge.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

List and Specification of the various descriptions of POSTAGE and REGISTRATION ENVELOPES, POST CARDS, and SALT BOAT NOTES to be supplied under the Agreement, with the Prices to be paid.

DESCRIPTION.	Price. £	s.	d.
½ ANNA INLAND POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be 3 lbs. 11¼ ozs.		2	7
½ ANNA INLAND REPLY POST CARDS... ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be 7 lbs. 6½ ozs. The percentage of ash in Inland Cards not to exceed, on the average, 20.		5	8
1 ANNA INTERNATIONAL POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be as hereafter arranged.		3	7
1 ANNA INTERNATIONAL REPLY POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be as hereafter arranged. The percentage of ash in the International Cards not to exceed, on the average, 20.		8	0
½ ANNA POSTAGE ENVELOPES (4½ Size) ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 1 lb. 12½ ozs.		1	10
1 ANNA SOLDIERS' AND SEAMEN'S ENVELOPES (Size 8¼), printed on front as well as stamped ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 2 lbs. 8½ ozs.		4	8
½ ANNA THIN SQUARE ENVELOPES (Size 13) ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 1 lb. 5½ ozs.		5	9
1 ANNA THICK SQUARE ENVELOPES (Size 13) ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 3 lbs. 14 ozs.		5	0
2½ ANNA POSTAGE ENVELOPES (Size, 5¾ × 3½ inches) ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 2 lbs. 1 oz.		4	5
A SIZE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 3 lbs. 8 ozs.		8	6
B SIZE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 8 lbs. 6 ozs.	1	12	0
BENGAL SALT BOAT NOTES AND BENGAL BONDED SALT BOAT NOTES { Per Book of 50 Notes. }		6	0
{ Per Book of 25 Notes. }		3	3

Dated 20th July, 1898.

THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED

AND

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL.

CONTRACT

FOR THE

SUPPLY OF ADHESIVE STAMPS, POSTAGE & REGISTERED ENVELOPES, POST CARDS, AND SALT BOAT NOTES, FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR 10 YEARS FROM THE 1ST JANUARY, 1899.

Articles of Agreement made the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, BETWEEN THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, of Bunhill Row, Middlesex, Wholesale Stationers and Stamp Contractors (herein-after referred to as "the Contractors"), of the one part, and the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL (herein-after referred to as "the Secretary of State"), of the other part.

Whereas the Secretary of State, being desirous of obtaining a continuous supply of Stamped Papers for the use of the Government of India, has agreed to entrust to the Contractors the manufacture and supply, in such quantities as may from time to time be required, of Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, Court Fee Stamped Papers, Hundi Stamped Papers, and Stamped Papers for copies (all of which are included in the general term "Stamped Papers" herein-after used), of such descriptions, upon such terms, and for such a period as are herein-after respectively specified. Articles to be supplied.

Now these Presents witness that, in consideration of the payments to be made as herein-after provided by the Secretary of State to the Contractors, and of the premises, they the Contractors do promise and agree to and with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State doth hereby promise and agree to and with the Contractors, in manner following, that is to say:—

1. The Contractors will, on and from the 1st day of January, 1899, manufacture for, and sell and deliver to, the Secretary of State, all the Stamped Papers specified in the schedule hereto, and in such quantities as the Secretary of State may require for the period of ten years, and this Contract shall, unless determined on either side on December 31st, 1908, by six months' previous written notice, remain a yearly running Contract, subject to determination on either side at the end of any subsequent year by six months' previous written notice. Term of Contract.

2. The said Stamped Papers shall be of the several descriptions and weights specified in the said schedule, and in design, colouring, quality of paper, watermarks, execution, and in all other respects, shall be in strict conformity with the specimens hereto annexed, or subject only to such modifications and variations as are on the said specimens expressly stated, or may hereafter be mutually agreed upon. Descriptions and weights of paper.

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Yearly order to reach Contractors in December.

Uniform rate of delivery.

3. In order that the manufacture of the said Stamped Papers may be proceeded with continuously and at an approximately uniform rate throughout each year, the Secretary of State shall, in December of each year, place an order with the Contractors for the quantities of the various articles required during the ensuing year, and the Contractors shall thereupon arrange to conduct the manufacture at an equable rate throughout the year, so as to ensure a continuous and uniform delivery of the articles so required. But it is expressly agreed that the Secretary of State shall not be bound to order any particular quantities, as the supplies are to depend upon the requirements of the Government of India.

Deliveries to be made twice in each week.

4. Throughout the term of this Contract deliveries shall be made in such quantities as may be mutually agreed upon at the times and places herein-after specified, or as may be mutually arranged. Provided always, that the Contractors are to be at liberty to make deliveries at least twice in each week of all Stamped Papers which may be completed and ready for delivery.

Watermark.

5. All the said Stamped Papers shall bear the prominent watermark shown respectively on the several specimens hereto annexed. The secret watermarks in the paper in Categories III., IV., and V. in the said schedule shall be similar to those which have hitherto been adopted by the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to change once a year, as he may require.

Preparation of paper, and method of printing.

6. The Contractors shall use their best endeavours so to prepare the paper that it may resist the destructive action of the damp climate of India, and the printing shall be with coloured inks of such a character as to prevent a transfer to stone or other direct process of forgery for the Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, the Court Fee Stamped Papers, and the Stamped Papers for copies, but with "Doubly Fugitive" inks for the Hundi Stamped Papers, which last are to be on paper chemically prepared as herein-after mentioned. A slightly toned overprint in non-fugitive ink shall be employed for either or all of Categories I. to V. The printing shall be of the highest character by the surface system from electrotype plates, and shall be such as to withstand the trying light, damp, and other influences of the Indian climate.

Examination and counting.

7. All the said Stamped Papers shall, at the expense of the Contractors, be examined and counted by such persons as they may from time to time appoint, and will be subsequently examined and checked by the Officers of the Secretary of State preparatory to packing. If in the opinion of such officers any of the papers shall have been insufficiently examined they shall be returned to the Contractors for re-examination.

Situation of Premises.

Accommodation for Officers.

8. The Contractors, for the purpose of enabling them properly to perform this Contract, shall provide suitable premises, to be approved by the Secretary of State, within four miles of Whitehall, wherein to carry on the work, and they shall provide or arrange for such accommodation at their factory and at the paper mill or mills where the paper shall be from time to time made as the Secretary of State shall consider necessary and sufficient for the security of the Stamped Papers and special Watermarked Paper, and for the Officers of the Secretary of State engaged in the examination and checking of the Stamped Papers or in the supervision of any of the processes of the manufacture or printing thereof under the provisions of this Contract.

Supervision.

9. The manufacture of the special Watermarked Paper for Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII., and all the processes connected with the printing in colour, examining, and packing of the Stamped Papers in all the categories, shall be carried on under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, for whom the Contractors must provide adequate accommodation. Such supervision shall be so exercised as not to interfere with or impede the servants or workpeople

of the Contractors; but such officers shall, if necessary, call the Contractors' personal attention to any defect in the work during its progress, and in the event of any misconduct on the part of any of their servants or workpeople the Contractors shall, upon the requisition of the Director-General of Stores for India, the Controller of Stamps, or the Inspector of Stamping, or their deputies, remove the person or persons so offending from any of the rooms or places under the control of the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Right to require removal of Workpeople.

10. No work other than the production of Stamps for the Indian or Imperial Government shall be performed in the room in which the colour printing is done.

Indian and British work only in rooms.

11. The Stamped Papers which are demanded in such large quantities as to make it desirable for the Contractors to produce them by steam machines, namely, those in Categories I., II., and III., are to be printed in sheets of eight stamps; those in Categories IV. and V. are to be printed in sheets of two stamps, and those in Categories VI. and VII. are to be printed in sheets of eight stamps. No variation from these systems entailing additional labour or cost to the Secretary of State, or interfering in any way with the efficacy of the system of control, is to be made without the consent in writing of the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Number set on sheets.

12. The sheets of paper, whether printed or unprinted, shall be counted in the printing room by the Officers of the Secretary of State as often as they may think necessary; and upon the completion of the printing in colour, and during the whole of the subsequent processes, the Contractors shall be responsible for and liable to the Secretary of State for the representative value of the Stamps according to the duties with which the paper is printed, and their responsibility in this respect shall continue up to the time at which the Stamped Papers are delivered at the India Store Depôt, or on board ship in the Port of London, as the case may be.

Counting of Paper.

Contractors responsible for face values.

13. The various processes after the printing in colour and up to the time of packing shall not be controlled by the Officers of the Secretary of State, except that the Stamped Papers before being parcelled shall be subjected to a complete examination and check by such officers, who shall have the absolute right of rejecting all or any of such Stamped Papers which in their opinion are either inferior in quality to, or do not satisfy the requirements of, the specimens or samples hereto annexed. During the whole of the processes which are either controlled or uncontrolled the Officers of the Secretary of State shall at all times have the right of access to and of inspection of the premises where such processes are being carried on. If at the time of final examination and check any question arises as to quantity, the particular parcel or parcels of Stamped Papers shall be re-counted by the Contractors in the presence of the Officers of the Secretary of State, so that the matter in dispute may be at once cleared up.

Printing and Packing only under control.

Right of rejection.

Officers to have free access to all rooms.

Re-counting.

14. The Contractors shall make proper arrangements, to be approved by the Officers of the Secretary of State, for the security of all dies, plates, duplicates, etc., Watermarked Paper, and Stamped Papers which may be in use during the preparation, printing, and packing of the Stamped Papers, and shall guard to the best of their ability against the misuse, loss, or abstraction of any such articles whilst in the hands of their workpeople.

Security of Dies, etc.

15. Subject to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractors shall be at liberty to employ any means they may deem desirable in the manufacture of the Stamped Papers, and to modify or change their system of manufacture from time to time as they may consider expedient, provided that no additional cost or expense is thereby caused to the Secretary of State, and that no dissatisfaction with the result of such modification or change is expressed by the Officers of the Secretary of State; but if the Contractors shall agree to bear any such additional cost they shall be equally unfettered as if no such additional cost were involved.

Contractors may modify or change system of manufacture.

Quantities in parcels and cases.

Thickness of cases.

16. All the Stamped Papers shall be made into parcels of 1,000 in each parcel, and in approved wrappers, and shall be packed by the Contractors in properly constructed cases, 1 inch in thickness at side, top, and bottom, and 1¼ inch at ends, lined with $\frac{10}{1000}$-inch thick terne plates; sixteen thousand of the Stamped Papers of Categories I., II., and III., twelve thousand of those of Category IV., nine thousand of Category V., and thirty-six to forty thousand of Categories VI. and VII. being packed in each case. The Stamped Papers of Categories IV. and V. shall be packed together in the manner which may mutually be found from time to time most convenient.

Cases to be packed under supervision.

17. Each case shall be packed under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and shall contain a list specifying the number and denomination of Stamped Papers contained therein.

Marking of cases.

Certificates.

Delivery to Store Depôt or Dock.

18. The packed cases, duly marked and addressed in such way as the Officers of the Secretary of State may require, and accompanied by a certificate specifying the number and denomination of the Stamped Papers which each case contains, shall be delivered on Wednesday and Friday in each week at the India Store Depôt in Belvedere Road, Lambeth, unless instructions for delivery free on board vessels in the Port of London are sent by the Superintendent of the India Store Depôt to the Contractors, so as to be received by them not later than the Saturday preceding the week in which the shipment is to be made.

Custody of Dies, etc.

19. All dies, plates, and duplicates, when not in the course of manufacture or undergoing any repair, or when not in use for printing the Stamped Papers, shall be kept in iron fire- and thief-proof safes, supplied by the Contractors at their own cost, but in the sole custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State. The Contractors are to be at liberty to use for the above purpose all such safes now in use belonging to the Secretary of State.

Procedure with Plates on machines.

20. Plates which are actually in use and on the printing presses shall not be disturbed in position except when necessary for repair or renewal; provided that sufficient means are devised by the Contractors, to the satisfaction of the Officers of the Secretary of State, for protecting them from being tampered with during the hours of rest.

Use of existing Dies and Plates. Provision for renewals.

21. The Contractors are to be at liberty to use all dies, plates, dandy rolls, etc., which have hitherto been used in the manufacture of the said Stamped Papers, but shall at their own expense provide for all renewals of the same respectively when necessary. All such renewals of dies and plates and duplicates thereof, and all new dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, shall, as heretofore, be made under the control of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and shall be approved by them before delivery as provided for in the following clause. If at any time, at the desire of the Secretary of State, the use of an existing design be discontinued, the Contractors shall receive reasonable compensation for the value of any plates supplied by the Contractors at their own cost, which may, in consequence, be put out of use.

Compensation to Contractors for Plates put out of use.

Custody of Dandy Rolls.

22. All dandy rolls for Categories I. and II. shall be delivered to and remain in the custody of the Contractors until the termination of this Contract, when they shall be delivered by them to the Secretary of State, without charge, and remain his property. All new dandy rolls for Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII., and all dies and plates and duplicates thereof, for all the categories in the schedule, shall upon completion be immediately delivered to the Officers of the Secretary of State, and with any existing dandy rolls or renewals thereof, dies and plates or duplicates thereof respectively, which may have been already or may be hereafter manufactured, shall be the absolute property of the Secretary of State, and shall be disposed of during the course of this Contract as the Secretary of State may see fit; subject, however, to the provision for compensation in the preceding Clause 21. If any such dandy rolls, dies, and plates, or any duplicates thereof, shall be worn out or defaced, or be unfit for use, the same shall be effectually destroyed under the superintendence of such officers, and when so destroyed shall be returned to the Contractors.

Destruction of disused Dies, etc.

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23. The Contractors will, whenever thereunto required by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, utterly deface and destroy, at the expense of the Contractors, in the presence of such person or persons as the Secretary of State shall have appointed in that behalf, all or any of the disused or worn-out dies and plates which shall have been provided, made, or used for the purpose aforesaid, the material of such dies and plates after destruction to become the property of the Contractors. On the termination of this Contract all the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof herein-before mentioned, or which shall have been made by the Contractors under the provisions herein contained, and which shall not have been destroyed as herein-before provided, shall be delivered in their then working condition to the Secretary of State or his Officers duly authorised for the purpose.

Dies and Plates property of the Secretary of State.

Custody and destruction of Punches, etc.

24. The punches, matrices, tools, and appliances used in the reproduction of such dandy rolls, dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, being provided by the Contractors at their own expense, shall be their property, but shall during the period of this Contract be kept in the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and at the termination thereof they shall be destroyed in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State.

List and Stock-taking of Dies, Plates, etc.

25. The Contractors shall, whenever required to do so, assist the Officers of the Secretary of State in the preparation of a properly authenticated list of the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof, which may from time to time be in the possession of the Secretary of State, and also assist them in the necessary manipulation of the same during stock-taking and at any other period, and shall also have proofs of the dies, punches, and original plates prepared similar to those furnished by them of the Adhesive Stamp dies and punches.

Specimen Books.

26. Two books shall be prepared, at the expense of the Secretary of State, containing specimens of the several descriptions of Stamped Papers referred to in the schedule hereto and in this Agreement, which shall be signed by the Contractors and by two members of the Council of India on behalf of the Secretary of State, and shall be considered as annexed hereto; and the specimens therein contained shall be the standards of quality for all future supplies; subject, however, to any variation in description which may be noted on any of the said specimens. Specimens of any new denominations of Stamps or Stamped Papers to be supplied by the Contractors under the provisions of Clause 44 of this Agreement shall be from time to time added to the said books as occasion shall require. If from any cause any of the said specimens shall during the term of this Contract be destroyed or deteriorate, they shall be replaced by new specimens, to be provided by the Contractors and approved by both parties to this Agreement, and such new specimens shall thenceforth be the standards of quality for future supplies.

Registration of Plates.

27. The "registration" of the printing plates shall be confined to taking a first impression from the original printing plate of each duty in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State, who shall duly certify such impression.

Hours of Work.

28. Arrangements shall be made for the Contractors to work at their factory, and for the Officers of the Secretary of State controlling the manufacture to attend, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on each week-day except Saturday, with an interval of one hour for dinner between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and one quarter of an hour for tea between 4.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. The hours of work on Saturdays are to be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. without an interval. The working hours herein-before stated shall, however, be subject to such modifications as may from time to time be mutually agreed upon.

Stock-taking.

29. The work at the factory shall be as far as necessary stopped on one day in January of every year, to enable the Officers of the Secretary of State to take stock of all printed and unprinted material.

Watermarked Papers, where to be manufactured.

30. The manufacture of the Watermarked Papers (except for the Hundi Stamped Papers) may be conducted at any paper mill or mills selected by the Contractors and approved by the Secretary of State; and the Officers of the Secretary of State who shall be appointed to supervise the work shall make such arrangements that the work at such selected mill or mills shall be carried on during the hours of work which may be then in force. The manufacture of the Hundi Stamped Papers shall, so long as the Secretary of State shall think fit, be carried on at Roughway Mill, Tonbridge. under the conditions at present in force at such mill; and the Contractors shall arrange the terms of manufacture with the owners.

Change of Paper Mills.

31. The Contractors shall be at liberty to change the mill or mills selected by them from time to time as they may deem desirable, provided that one month's notice in writing of such intended change is given to the Officers of the Secretary of State, and that such other mill or mills as may be selected are approved of by the Secretary of State.

Control of Watermarked Papers.

32. The manufacture of the paper for Stamped Papers in Categories I. and II. shall be carried on without continuous control by the Officers of the Secretary of State. Such officers shall, however, have the right to inspect the premises and system of manufacture whenever they may think fit. The papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. shall be made under the direct superintendence of the Officers of the Secretary of State, who shall have the custody of the various dandy rolls, and shall check the paper as provided herein-after in clause 39. The Contractors shall provide cupboards fitted with locks for storing the dandy rolls when not in use.

Notice of Consignments from Mill.

Paper to be counted by Officer on delivery.

33. In regard to all the papers, the Contractors shall at all times give or cause to be given to the Officers of the Secretary of State notice and full particulars of all consignments of paper from the mill to the Contractors' premises. On arrival there all the paper (except the Hundi, which is counted at the mill) shall be unpacked and counted by the Officers of the Secretary of State and then delivered to the Contractors, who shall give an acknowledgment for the quantity so delivered to them.

Penalty for loss of Paper.

34. The Contractors shall pay to the Secretary of State a penalty of £3 for each parcel of watermarked paper sealed at the mill by the Officers of the Secretary of State and not duly delivered at the factory, and shall also pay to the Secretary of State a penalty of £1 for each sheet or part of a sheet of unprinted watermarked paper which may be lost at the factory.

Quality of Paper.

Ash.

35. The paper in all the categories is to be made of pure rags and to be animal-sized and glazed between plates; that in Categories III., IV., and V. is to be loft-dried. They shall all yield an ash of not more than 1½ per cent.

Hundi Paper to be chemically prepared.

36. The paper in Categories VI. and VII. is to be chemically prepared as heretofore, so as to preclude alterations in the manuscript which it may afterwards bear.

Retree Paper.

37. No retree paper is to be used for any of the categories.

Disposal of Waste.

38. All the special watermarked papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. which may be spoiled in the process of manufacture shall be re-pulped at the paper mill in the presence of the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State, and those sheets which may from any cause be rejected by the Contractors as unfit

for printing after they have been delivered at the Contractors' factory shall be allowed to accumulate until a sufficient quantity to be conveniently dealt with is obtained. They shall then be packed in sacks to be sealed by the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State, and thus under seal be transmitted to the paper mill to be re-pulped in manner aforesaid. In the case of all Stamped Papers which may be spoiled in printing or in any of the subsequent processes, the printed portions shall be cut off and burned in the presence of the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State in a furnace provided by the Contractors, and the remaining portions of the sheets of Stamped Papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. shall then be dealt with in the same manner as the spoiled unprinted paper. The watermarked papers in Categories I. and II. which may be rejected by the Contractors as unfit for printing, and the plain portions of any sheets rejected after printing, shall be cut up into strips as heretofore under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and then handed to the Contractors to dispose of as they see fit.

Paper to be counted or weighed.

39. All the watermarked papers for Categories III., IV,, V., VI., and VII. shall be either counted or weighed, and sealed in parcels at the mill by the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Strike and Fire Clause.

40. In the event of a strike of the workpeople employed by the Contractors or of those employed at the paper mills where the paper shall be from time to time made, or of any analogous cause, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to the paper mills by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then in any of such events for the period (not exceeding three months) during which the operations are so suspended, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to their own factory by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then for a period (not exceeding six months) during which the operations are so suspended, the Contractors shall not be liable to continue the supply of the Stamped Papers during such period, but they shall, on resuming work, use their best endeavours to make up any deficiency in the supplies caused by such temporary cessation.

Default by Contractors and power to terminate Contract.

41. And it is hereby expressly declared that should the Contractors at any time make default in proceeding with the manufacture and delivery of the Stamped Papers in accordance with the annual order to be furnished by the Officers of the Secretary of State, as provided in Clause 3 of this Agreement, unless prevented from so proceeding by Fire, Act of God, or other cause operating as or by way of force majeure, or if they shall commit any wilful breach of the terms or stipulations herein specified, or if they shall do any act or thing contrary to the provisions of this Contract, whereby loss or inconvenience may be caused to the public service, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State, or his officer or officers duly appointed, to put an end to these presents on giving to the Contractors six months' previous notice in writing of his intention so to determine the Contract; and upon such notice in writing on behalf of the Secretary of State being given to the Contractors, or being left at their principal place of business, properly directed to the Contractors, with some person there in their employ, these presents and everything herein contained shall, upon the expiration of the notice, cease and determine, when it shall be lawful for any person appointed by the Secretary of State, to take possession of all special watermarked paper (whether at the Contractors' works or at the mills), all Stamped Papers, and dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof, provided for their manufacture, and all safes which may have been provided by the Secretary of State, and all specimen books and specimens, and every article and thing whatsoever which may have been supplied for the use of the Secretary of State; but the Contractors shall nevertheless be liable to him for all loss and damage which he may sustain by reason of the default of the Contractors in the performance of this their Contract.

Contractors' bond.

42. The Contractors shall forthwith execute a bond or covenant, by themselves and by two sureties approved by the Secretary of State, in the sum of ten thousand pounds each, to secure the due performance of this Contract.

No other person to be employed in making Contract Articles.

43. If the Contractors shall well and truly perform and keep all and every the agreements herein on their part contained, but not otherwise, they shall (unless the Contract shall as herein provided be sooner put an end to) be retained and solely employed to manufacture and supply all Stamped Papers of the character of the specimens hereto, or other Stamped Papers of a similar character which may be substituted for them, on and from the First day of January, 1899, until the expiration of the said term of this Contract, or until the use of such Stamped Papers shall be discontinued by the Government of India, whichever event shall first happen, and the Contractors shall be paid by the Secretary of State in cash for all dandy rolls,

Provision for Dies, etc., of a new design.

dies, and plates of a new description which the Contractors may hereafter be called upon to furnish, the prices respectively applicable thereto contained in the said schedule hereto, upon the completion and delivery into the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State of such dandy rolls, dies, and plates of a new description; and the Contractors shall, upon the delivery of accounts in such form as the Secretary of State may require, be also paid for all such Stamped Papers as may be supplied under this Contract by the Secretary of State in cash within the first ten days in each month succeeding the month in which the deliveries shall be made.

Payment of Accounts.

Such payments shall be made according to the scale of prices contained in the said schedule hereto, which prices shall include the cost and expense of the reproduction from time to time of duplicate stamp printing plates and any necessary renewals or repair of dandy rolls, dies, and plates, also the necessary alterations in the secret watermarks, and the expenses for paper, printing, loss by spoilage, cutting, examining packing cases and packing in the cases, delivery, and all things and processes which may be necessary to the due delivery of the said Stamped Papers in manner hereinbefore stated, and also including all necessary accommodation for the objects aforesaid required by the appointed Officers of the Secretary of State, and also of all other charges of the Contractors whatsoever under these presents, except in regard to any duties which may be imposed by the Legislature upon paper or raw paper-making materials, and also the cost of any dandy rolls, dies, and plates for new denominations of Stamped Papers, or any modifications of the existing denominations of Stamped Papers, or any modification of the terms of this Contract, or any obligations thrown upon the Contractors beyond those expressed in this Contract which shall involve greater cost to them, which excepted charges shall be borne by the Secretary of State.

Provision for Dies, etc., of a new design.

44. If at any time during the said term of ten years (unless this Contract under the provisions herein-before contained is sooner put an end to) the Secretary of State shall require the Contractors to furnish and provide him with any new dandy rolls, dies, and plates of new values for Stamped Papers, and Stamped Papers of similar descriptions and sizes as those mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed, the Contractors shall and will find and provide the same or any of them upon the general terms and conditions of these presents, and at or for the prices specified in the said schedule, which shall be in full of all claims whatsoever on account of the same.

Definition of the term "Secretary of State."

45. (*a.*) The term "Officers of the Secretary of State" shall mean the Director-General of Stores for India, the Controller of Stamps, and the Inspector of Stamping, and their respective subordinates, and such other officers as may from time to time be duly recognised by the Secretary of State for the various purposes herein referred to.

Notices by Secretary of State.

45. (*b.*) Any notice, determination, decision, direction, requirement, requisition, approval or sanction to be given by the Secretary of State under these presents shall be sufficient and binding if given by the Director-General of Stores for India, or the Controller of Stamps, or the Inspector of Stamping, or their deputies.

Arbitration Clause.

46. Whenever any doubt, difference, or dispute shall hereafter arise between the parties hereto, touching these presents or the proper construction hereof, or the acts, rights, duties, or liabilities of either party under these presents, the matter

in difference shall be referred to two arbitrators or their umpire, pursuant to "The Arbitration Act, 1889," or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

The Marginal Notes hereto shall not affect the construction of the clauses of this Contract.

In witness whereof THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, has caused its Common Seal to be affixed, and GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD ALISON, Bart., G.C.B., and SIR JAMES LYLE MACKAY, K.C.I.E., being two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA, have hereunto set their hands and seals respectively the day and year first above mentioned.

The Common Seal of THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, was hereto affixed in the presence of

SEAL

THOS. DE LA RUE
HUGO MÜLLER
Directors.

W. AULD, *Secretary.*

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above-named two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA in the presence of

A. ALISON.
JAS. L. MACKAY.

W. H. TREASURE,
India Office.

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The SCHEDULE above referred to.

CONTAINING the PARTICULARS of and PRICES for the STAMPED PAPERS now or hereafter to be supplied, and for any DANDY ROLLS, DIES, and PLATES which may be required for new descriptions of STAMPED PAPERS.

PARTICULARS AND PRICES OF STAMPED PAPERS.

CATEGORY I.

Large Stamps "for Copies" at 4 Annas or other duties to be printed in colour, perforated, ruled on face (in green), and endorsed in black, and to be in all respects in accordance with specimen No. 1 in the book of specimens hereto annexed. Large Stamps "for Copies" at 3 annas or other duties, printed in colour, with table in black, and otherwise printed or ruled in black on both sides, as in specimen No. 1*a*. To be overprinted in colour when required, as in the said specimens.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 15 lbs. 7 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 100,000 or upwards of a duty, 23*s*. 3*d*. per thousand as in specimen 1, and 24*s*. 8*d*. as in specimen 1*a*. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 100,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted.

CATEGORY II.

Small Stamps "for Copies" at 2 and 4 Annas or other duties, and Class V., Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, at 2, 4, and 8 annas or other duties, to be printed in colour, and to be in other respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 2 to 6 hereto annexed. The said copies to be ruled with 20 faint lines as in specimen No. 2, or overprinted in the vernacular, etc., as in specimen No. 3. The values of the Stamped Papers to be printed in figures as in specimens Nos. 4, 5, and 6 respectively. The whole are to be overprinted in colour when so required in accordance with the said specimens.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 12 lbs. 9 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 100,000 or more of a duty, 20*s*. 8*d*. per thousand as in specimen No. 2; 21*s*. 4*d*. as in specimen No. 3; and 20*s*. as in specimens Nos. 4, 5, and 6. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 100,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted.

CATEGORY III.

Non-Judicial Stamped Papers of Class IV. from 1 Rupee to 9 Rupees, to be printed in colour and with the respective values in figures, and to be in all respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 7 to 20 annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 14 lbs. 2 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For not less than 10,000 of a duty, 34*s*. 3*d*. per thousand. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 10,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities from 10,000 to 99,999 of a duty are ordered.

CATEGORY IV.

Non-Judicial and Court Fee Stamped Papers of Class III. from 10 Rupees to 97½ Rupees. To be printed in colour and with the respective values in figures, and in other respects, except as to overprint in colour, to be in accordance with the specimens Nos. 21 to 75 annexed. The overprint in colour, when required, is to be in accordance with specimen No. 21*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 16 lbs. 13 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 5,000 or more of a duty, 59*s*. 8*d*. per thousand. For 1,000 to 4,999 of a duty, 106*s*. 4*d*. per thousand. For 501 to 999 inclusive, at the rate of 74*s*. 4*d*. per five hundred. For 500 or less of a duty, 74*s*. 4*d*. the lot. Fractions to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities less than 100,000 of a duty are ordered.

CATEGORY V.

Non-Judicial and Court Fee Stamped Papers of Classes II. and I. from 100 Rupees to 1,000 Rupees. To be in all respects, except as to overprint, in accordance with the specimens Nos. 76 to 197 annexed. The overprint in colour, when required, and the respective values in figures, is to be in accordance with specimens Nos. 76*a*, 117*a*, and 135*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 21 lbs. 10 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 500 or less of a duty, 85*s*. the lot. Any fraction of 500 above 500 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities below 100,000 are ordered.

CATEGORIES VI. AND VII.

Hundi Papers from 2 Annas to 18 Rupees to be in all respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 198 to 216 annexed. The respective values to be printed in figures in the manner shown in the specimen No. 198*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 5 lbs. 8 ozs.

Price.

For 100,000	or more	of a duty	...	...	...	Per thousand	...	16*s*. 6*d*.
„ 50,000	to 99,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	17*s*. 0*d*.
„ 25,000	„ 49,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	18*s*. 1*d*.
„ 10,000	„ 24,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	21*s*. 6*d*.
„ 5,000	„ 9,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	24*s*. 9*d*.
„ 1,000	„ 4,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	53*s*. 4*d*.
„ 250	„ or less	„	...	...	...	The lot	...	37*s*. 2*d*.

Fractions of a thousand to be charged *pro rata*.

Extra Charge in respect of the articles included in all the Categories for delivery free on board in the Port of London instead of at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, Lambeth:—

2*d*. per thousand for Categories I. to V. 1*d*. per thousand for Categories VI. and VII.

Particulars of and Prices for Dies, Plates, and Dandy Rolls for any new description of Stamped Papers which may from time to time be required:—

	£
Original Queen Victoria Head Die, about...	200
Original Head Die, with tiara, earrings, and hair varied	50
Stamp Die	65
Tablet Plate	100
Tablet Duty Plate	25
Dandy Roll for Semi-Transparent Watermark	65
Dandy Roll for Semi-Opaque and Semi-Transparent Watermark	100
Hundi Original Tablet Plate	60
Hundi Special Duty Tablet...	12
Hundi Dandy Roll for Semi-Transparent Watermark	65

PACKING CASES.

The Secretary of State is to be at liberty at any time during the currency of the Contract to supply the Contractors with Packing Cases at the following prices.

		PRICE PER TIN-LINED CASE.
Stamped Papers "for Copies" and Non-Judicial Stamped Papers ...	Large Cases for 16,000 Papers ...	5*s*. 7*d*.
Ditto, ditto, ditto	Small „ „	4*s*. 10*d*.

N.B.—The above prices are exclusive of soldering on the covers, which the Contractors undertake to do without charge.

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S.S.—
A = Copy in full.
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Q = Copy heading only.

Dated 20th July, 1898.

THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY,
LIMITED
AND
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA
IN COUNCIL.

CONTRACT
FOR THE
SUPPLY OF STAMPED PAPERS FOR
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOR 10 YEARS FROM THE
1ST JANUARY, 1899.

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Articles of Agreement made the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, BETWEEN THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, of Bunhill Row, in the Parish of St. Luke, London, Manufacturing Stationers (herein-after designated "the Contractors"), of the one part, and the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL (herein-after referred to as "the Secretary of State"), of the other part.

Whereas by Articles of Agreement, dated the 26th day of July, 1889, Thomas Andros De La Rue, Ernest De La Rue, Heinrich Wilhelm Hugo Müller, and William Thomas Shaw (who then constituted the firm of Thomas De La Rue and Company), agreed to manufacture for the Secretary of State all such Embossed Postage Envelopes, Soldiers' and Seamen's Envelopes, Bengal Salt Boat Notes, Bonded Salt Boat Notes, Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, Thick and Thin Square Envelopes, and Registered Envelopes as are respectively in the said Articles of Agreement specified, and as the Secretary of State should require during the period in the said Agreement specified, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1898. And whereas it has lately been agreed by and between the Contractors and the Secretary of State that new Articles of Agreement with the Contractors shall be executed containing such stipulations and provisions as are herein-after contained.

Now these Presents witness that, in pursuance of the said Agreement, and in consideration of the payments to be made to the Contractors as herein-after provided, they the Contractors do hereby promise and agree with and to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State doth hereby promise and agree to and with the Contractors in manner following, that is to say:—

Prices of Stamps, etc.

1. From the 1st day of January, 1899, the prices payable to the Contractors for all the various stamped articles herein, or in the Schedules hereto, specified, supplied under these presents, shall be at the rate of the net prices in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto specified.

Term of Contract.

2. The Contractors will, on and from the 1st day of January, 1899, manufacture for, and sell and deliver to, the Secretary of State, all the articles specified below, and in such quantities as the Secretary of State may require for the period of ten years, and this Contract shall, unless determined on either side on December 31st, 1908, by six months' previous written notice, remain a yearly running Contract, subject to determination on either side at the end of any subsequent year by six months' previous written notice. The articles herein-before referred to are Embossed Postage Envelopes (including Soldiers' and

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Seamen's Envelopes), Patent Registered Envelopes of two sizes (small size A and large size B), Single and Reply Post Cards, Bengal Salt Boat Notes and Bonded Salt Boat Notes, of the several descriptions and values at present in use in India, referred to in the Fifth Schedule hereto, and also Adhesive Stamps of the following kinds, namely:—

Postage Stamps, Service Postage Stamps, Foreign Bill Stamps, Share Transfer Stamps, Revenue Stamps, Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, and Court Fee Stamps, all such articles respectively being of the descriptions and values specified in the First and Third Schedules hereto, and in strict accordance with the specifications relating thereto respectively in the said schedules contained, and with the several specimens herein-after referred to as being in the possession of the Controller of Stamps (herein-after referred to as "the Controller"), or subject only to such modifications or variations of the same respectively as are herein or on the said specimens expressly provided for, or may hereafter be mutually agreed upon.

Use of existing Dies and Plates.

Provision for renewals.

3. The Contractors shall have the use of any dies or plates, provided at the expense of the Secretary of State, for printing any Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, and for Embossing Postage Envelopes and Registration Envelopes, under this Contract; and on the introduction of any new design the Secretary of State shall provide at his own expense one die or two dies (as the case may require), and one plate equal in dimensions to a plate of 240 multiples of the present English One Penny Postage and Revenue Stamp as respects Adhesive Stamps, or one die as respects the Stamps on Post Cards, Postage Envelopes, and Registration Envelopes; but, save as aforesaid, the Contractors shall supply, at their own expense, all dies and plates necessary for expressing or denoting the various duties upon such Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, Postage Envelopes, and Registration Envelopes as are at present in use, and such dies and plates shall bear the designs such as are now in use or have been approved by the Secretary of State; and the Contractors will at all times, without charge to the Secretary of State, furnish and complete, for the purpose of printing the said Adhesive Stamps, Post Cards, and Registration Envelopes, and for embossing the said Postage Envelopes, so many additional dies and plates as may from time to time be necessary. If at any time, at the desire of the Secretary of State, the use of an existing design be discontinued, the Contractors shall receive reasonable compensation for the value of any plates supplied by the Contractors, at their own cost, which may in consequence be put out of use.

Compensation to Contractors for Plates put out of use.

Dies and Plates, property of Secretary of State.

Custody and Destruction of Punches, etc.

4. The dies and plates, which shall have been already, or which may in future be, provided by and at the expense of the Secretary of State or of the Contractors, shall be or become the property of the Secretary of State, and shall be disposed of during the course, and at the termination, of this Contract as the Secretary of State may see fit; subject, however, to the provision for compensation in preceding Clause 3. The punches, matrices, tools, and appliances used in the reproduction of such dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, being provided by the Contractors at their own expense, shall be their property, but shall during the period of this Contract be kept in the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and at the termination thereof they shall be destroyed in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State. All the dies, plates, and duplicates in use for printing and impressing the device on each description of Stamps shall be kept in the possession of the Inspector of Stamping, and all new dies and plates and duplicates thereof shall in the manner heretofore customary be prepared under his control, and shall immediately on their completion be delivered to him; and all such dies, plates, and duplicates thereof shall be the property of the Secretary of State. The dandy rolls shall be in the custody of the Controller. Plates which are actually in use and on the printing presses shall not be disturbed in position, except for the purposes of repair or renewal, and sufficient means shall be devised by the Contractors to the satisfaction of the Controller to prevent their being tampered with during the hours of rest.

Custody of Dies and Plates.

Making of Dies and Plates to be done under control.

Plates on machines not to be disturbed.

Destruction of disused Dies, etc.

5. The Contractors will, whenever thereunto required by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, utterly deface and destroy, at the expense of the Contractors, in the presence of such person or persons as the Secretary of State shall have appointed in that behalf, all or any of the disused or worn-out dies and plates which shall have been provided, made, or used for the purpose aforesaid, the material of such dies and plates after destruction to become the property of the Contractors. On the termination of this Contract all the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof herein-before mentioned, or which shall have been made by the Contractors under the provisions herein contained, and which shall not have been destroyed as herein-before provided, shall be delivered in their then working condition to the Secretary of State or his Officers duly authorised for the purpose.

New values of Stamps, etc., to be supplied at Schedule Prices.

6. Any new values or descriptions of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Bengal or Bonded Salt Boat Notes, which may be required during the continuance of this Contract, shall be supplied by the Contractors, wherever possible, according to the scales of prices in the said schedules hereto, or otherwise on such terms as may be arranged between them and the Secretary of State. Failing any arrangement as to terms, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State to procure them from such persons and on such terms as may to him seem fit.

Adhesive Stamps to be manufactured by machine or hand.

7. The Contractors shall be at liberty to manufacture the Adhesive Stamps, either by hand or by machine, by the process of surface printing. In whatever manner they may be manufactured, the Contractors shall be paid in accordance with the scale of prices specified in the Third Schedule hereto.

Manufacture of Stamps to be similar to English except for Bill and Share Transfer.

8. (*a.*) All the Adhesive Stamps (of whatever size) manufactured under this Agreement, except the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps, and the Postage Stamps of duties above One Rupee, shall be delivered in sheets of the same dimensions as those used for the English Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps, and be arranged as those Stamps are—that is to say, in two panes not larger than those of the Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps, the interval between the panes being equal to the height of each particular kind of Stamp; and the sheets of the whole of the Adhesive Stamps, except the Court Fee Stamps, shall bear no marginal lettering or other printed matter besides the Stamps, except such marks as the Contractors may require for the purposes of manufacture. In colour, design, paper, watermark in paper, and all other particulars, the Adhesive Stamps shall be in exact accordance with the Registration Sheets in the possession of the Controller. The perforation of the said Stamps shall be well and efficiently performed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State on the principle shown in the specimen sheet annexed hereto and marked A. The watermarked paper used shall (except in the case of that used for the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps) be made in double sheets measuring 22¾ inches × 22⅜ inches. The whole of the Adhesive Stamps may be dealt with in the manufacture, either in double or single sheets, at the option of the Contractors. The watermark proper to each stamp shall fall somewhere within the stamp, but not necessarily in the centre, and in order to prevent improper use of the watermarked paper the margins of the sheets shall be trimmed down to about half-an-inch in width, and holes perforated through the blank bar of paper separating the panes, so that no paper may be left on any sheet of sufficient area to serve for printing counterfeit stamps upon it. No alteration shall be made in the size of paper at present in use for the Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps.

Margin round sheets and perforated through centre.

Salt Boat Notes.

8. (*b.*) The Salt Boat Notes shall correspond in all respects with the specimens hereto annexed and with those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors.

Postage. Number set on sheets.

9. The number of Postage and Service Postage Stamps (up to One Rupee in value) in each sheet as delivered shall be Two Hundred and Forty, and the size of the Stamps to be supplied shall be the same as that of the English Penny Postage and Revenue Stamp. With Stamps of values above One Rupee the number in each sheet shall be 96.

Ink for Foreign Bill and Share Transfer Stamps.

10. (*a.*) All Foreign Bill Stamps and Share Transfer Stamps shall be printed in "Doubly Fugitive" ink, by the same process as heretofore, with a second printing of the duty in red or carmine on the Share Transfer Stamps.

Ink for Postage.

10. (*b.*) All the Postage Stamps and Service Postage Stamps shall be printed in "Fugitive" ink, with an overprint of black ink for the Service Postage Stamps.

Ink for Revenue and Court Fee.

10. (*c.*) All the Revenue Stamps and Court Fee Stamps shall be printed in "Chemically Doubly Fugitive" ink of a purple colour, similar to that used for the One Penny Postage and Revenue Stamps now in use in England.

Ink for Special Adhesive, Telegraph Stamps, Post Cards, & Salt Boat Notes.

10. (*d.*) All the Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, Post Cards, and also the Bengal and Bonded Salt Boat Notes, shall be printed in "Fugitive" ink of the same nature as that used for the Postage Stamps.

Provision for change of Ink.

10. (*e.*) The Secretary of State may at any time change the colour of any Stamp or Stamps, and may direct the employment of "Fugitive" or "Doubly Fugitive" inks as he shall from time to time consider desirable. In the event of any change being made, and the Stamps in their altered form not falling within any of the scales of prices contained in the Third Schedule hereto, they shall be charged at such rates as may be mutually agreed upon.

Envelopes. Parcelling and Packing.

11. (*a.*) The Embossed Postage and Registration Envelopes shall be the same as have recently been supplied, and corresponding in all respects with the specimen Envelopes hereto annexed and with those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors. The Envelopes shall be banded in packets and packed as heretofore, that is to say: The Envelopes of every description shall, before packing, be enclosed in bands in accordance with the specimens hereto annexed, and be made up into thin brown-paper bundles of convenient size, and these bundles into thick brown-paper parcels of larger size, according to the provisions in this clause respectively contained. The Half Anna, the One Anna Soldiers' and Seamen's, and the Two-and-a-half Annas ordinary Envelopes shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; four of such parcels shall go to the four-ream parcel; and twelve four-ream parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Half Anna Thin Square Envelopes shall be banded and packed in the same way, except that eighteen instead of twelve four-ream parcels shall be put into each tin-lined case. The One Anna Thick Square Envelopes shall be banded in packets of eight; thirty of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; and eighteen of such parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The small (size A) Patent Registered Envelopes shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen of such packets shall go to the bundle; two bundles shall go to the parcel; and twenty-four parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The large (size B) Patent Registered Envelopes shall be banded in packets of eight; fifteen of such packets shall go to the parcel; and thirty-six parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case.

Alteration of Envelope Bands.

If it shall hereafter be found to be convenient or desirable that the selling price of the Envelopes should be printed on the bands, the Contractors shall, at their own cost and within two months from the date of a notice in writing to that effect, provide bands printed in such manner as the Secretary of State shall desire.

Counting Envelopes after stamping.

11. (*b.*) After the Embossed Postage Envelopes have been cameo-stamped, they shall be counted by the Inspector of Stamping, and shall be by him delivered to the Contractors to be folded. As the Registration Envelopes will be folded before the Stamps are embossed thereon, they shall be counted so soon as they have been cameo-stamped, and shall then be delivered to the Contractors to be completed. Prior to such delivery of any of the Envelopes to the Contractors they shall be checked by the Contractors.

Paper for Envelopes.

11. (*c.*) The Contractors shall provide the paper and other materials for the manufacture of the Embossed Postage and Registration Envelopes, and they shall all be of a good quality and fully equal to those used in the specimens respectively annexed hereto and lodged with the Controller.

Post Cards. Parcelling and Packing.

12. (*a*) The Post Cards shall be the same in all respects as the specimen Post Cards hereto annexed and those lodged with the Controller, the whole having been previously initialed by the Contractors. The manufacture, banding, checking, and packing thereof shall be performed as follows:—The Inland Single and the International Single Post Cards shall be banded in packets of sixteen; fifteen packets shall go to the bundle; six bundles shall go to the parcel; and twenty-four parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Inland Reply and the International Reply Post Cards shall be banded in packets of eight; fifteen packets shall go to the bundle; eight bundles shall go to the parcel; and eighteen parcels shall be put in each tin-lined case. The Secretary of State may make any other regulations in reference to such banding and packing that he may deem expedient, provided that no additional cost is thrown upon the Contractors. Should there be any such additional cost, the price of the article or articles shall be increased accordingly, as may be mutually agreed upon.

Post Cards. Spoiled Sheets

12. (*b.*) All the sheets of Post Cards that may be spoiled or damaged in printing shall be placed by the printer at the top of the ream before it is removed from the printing machine, and all such sheets shall be subsequently replaced by good sheets from a stock-ream to be kept by the Inspector of Stamping.

Post Cards. Stock-Reams.

12. (*c.*) When the spoiled and damaged sheets have accumulated to a ream of 480 sheets, the Contractors shall be at liberty to examine the ream for the purpose of selecting such sheets as may contain a sufficient number of good Post Cards to warrant further dealing with them. The sheets thus selected shall then be examined by the Inspector of Stamping, who may reject any sheets that appear unfit to go forward, and they, together with the sheets rejected by the Contractors, shall be burnt in the presence of the Controller, or of such officers as may be delegated by him. The sheets considered fit to go forward shall then be delivered to the Contractors to be cut into single Post Cards, which shall be carefully examined by them. When this has been done the whole of the good and waste Post Cards produced from these sheets shall be separately delivered to the Controller. Such Post Cards as may be good shall form part of the supply, and such as may be waste shall be dealt with in the same manner as the waste Post Cards mentioned in the following section of this clause, except that they shall be separately delivered and shall not be included in the Contractors' stock-reams.

Post Cards. Destruction of Waste.

12. (*d.*) All the other waste Post Cards which accrue in the processes of manufacture shall be allowed to accumulate in the Contractors' stock-reams, and when they have been carefully counted and checked the printed portion shall be cut off and destroyed by burning, in the presence of the Controller, or of such officers as may be delegated by him, and the plain portion shall be handed over to the Contractors to be carefully examined as heretofore, and then disposed of as they may think fit.

12. (*e.*) The Contractors shall, at their own expense, render the Controller such assistance as he may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this clause.

Envelopes. Examination, etc.

13. All the Envelopes (when folded, stamped, and completed) and all the Post Cards (when completed) shall be carefully examined and counted by and at the expense of the Contractors; and if, in the opinion of the Controller, they have not been properly examined or counted, they shall, upon his requisition, be again (previous to delivery for final examination on behalf of the Secretary of State) carefully examined and counted by and at the expense of the Contractors. When they have been examined and counted, and, if such requisition as aforesaid has been made, re-examined and counted, they shall be delivered to the Controller to be finally examined and counted on behalf of the Secretary of State, and shall be so finally examined and counted. The Envelopes and Post Cards shall be laid out for such examination and counting, and be gathered up when counted, etc., at the expense of the Contractors, as has hitherto been the practice. The

Contractors shall afford all necessary conveniences and accommodation for all examination, counting, and checking on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Controller shall have full power to reject any Envelopes or Post Cards, the quality or finish of which shall not, in his opinion, be in accordance with the said specimens lodged with him as aforesaid.

Envelopes and Post Cards. Uniform daily rate.

14. The Contractors will supply all the Embossed Postage Envelopes and Post Cards in such quantities as may be from time to time required by the Secretary of State, and the manufacture and delivery of the Half Anna ordinary Envelopes and of the Quarter Anna Single Post Cards to the Controller for final examination shall proceed from day to day at an approximately uniform daily rate, calculated on the total number from time to time required to be supplied monthly throughout the year.

Contractors responsible for face values.

15. (*a.*) Until the Envelopes and Post Cards bearing the Stamps shall be delivered at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, the Contractors shall be liable to the Secretary of State for the representative values of all Stamps embossed or printed, as counted by the Inspector of Stamping and made over by him to the Contractors for the purpose of being finally dealt with by them, unless the loss of such Stamps or Envelopes shall be caused by the destruction by fire, partial or otherwise, of the Contractors' business premises.

Bi-monthly Return.

15. (*b.*) The Contractors shall, if required, furnish to the Controller a bi-monthly return of any loss or deficiency of Half Anna Postage Envelopes and Quarter Anna Single and Reply Post Cards, and a like return in the case of all other Envelopes and Post Cards at the time of the completion of each order. The total amount of such loss or deficiency shall be settled once a year by the Contractors paying to the Secretary of State the representative value of the missing Envelopes and Post Cards.

Loss or deficiency to be settled yearly.

Balancing quantities at completion of order.

15. (*c.*) In addition to the returns above-mentioned and in order to ascertain the total loss or deficiency in the Half Anna Envelopes and Quarter Anna Post Cards for each year, the Contractors shall, early in the month of January of each year, hand to the Controller, for final check, the balance of the quantity delivered to them during the previous twelve months, and at the time at which this is done no Half Anna Envelopes or Quarter Anna Post Cards shall remain in the possession of the Contractors. The loss or deficiency in the One Anna, Soldiers' and Seamen's, and other Postage Envelopes, and in the Registered Envelopes, Reply Post Cards, and International Post Cards, shall be ascertained by examination of the returns or otherwise immediately on the completion of each order.

Payment for deficiency.

15. (*d.*) The loss or deficiency shown by the final check in all cases shall be the loss or deficiency for which payment shall be made by the Contractors to the Secretary of State as herein-before stated.

Envelopes and Post Cards. Provision for change of size and packing.

16. Should the Secretary of State at any time be desirous of changing in any manner the form or size of the Envelopes or Post Cards, or of any of them respectively, or the design or colour of the Stamp thereon, or the mode of banding or of packing them respectively, it shall be competent for him to order any such change or changes to be made, and the Contractors shall carry out such order, but subject always to such arrangements with the Contractors as regards increase or decrease of price, or otherwise, as may be agreed to between the parties hereto as being equitable.

Yearly order to reach Contractors before commencement of each year.

Uniform rate of delivery.

17. The orders of the Secretary of State as regards the quantities of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, and Post Cards, to be supplied shall be given to the Contractors as far as possible shortly before the commencement of each year. The Contractors shall arrange the rate of production of the Half Anna Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes and Post Cards, so that they may deliver monthly throughout the year a proportion for each Presidency, according to the quantity required for the year; but, if required by the Secretary of State for any reason to increase the monthly deliveries, they

will manufacture and deliver according to such requisition. The Contractors shall arrange the rate of production of the Adhesive Stamps, so that they may deliver monthly throughout the year a twelfth part of the total number of Stamps ordered for the year. All the Stamps of each variety or duty shall be as far as possible produced and delivered without break. The order in which the varieties or duties are dealt with shall be a subject of arrangement between the Contractors and the Controller from time to time.

Date to be given for delivery of special orders.

18. The Contractors will from time to time, if called upon, and within six weeks from the receipt of any order beyond the annual order for the manufacture of any Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, state in writing for the approval of the Secretary of State the date on which they will be prepared to deliver the same; and if the date stated be approved they will deliver the same accordingly (unless prevented by Fire, Act of God, or other sufficient cause) to the Superintendent of the India Store Depôt, at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, Lambeth.

Manufacture of Watermarked Papers for Adhesive Stamps.

Requisitions for Paper.

Contractors liable until delivery at Depôt.

19. The watermarked Adhesive Stamp paper to be used for the purposes of this Contract shall be manufactured under the control of the Officers of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue at the mill where the English Adhesive Stamp papers are made. When the watermarked paper is delivered from the mill it shall be placed under the control of the Controller. The Contractors will from time to time make requisition on him for the paper required for the production of the Stamps; and during the whole of the processes of manufacture, and until final delivery of the Stamps at the Store Depôt, they shall be liable to the Secretary of State for the amount of the duties printed or to be printed thereon, unless loss of the paper shall be caused by the destruction by fire, partial or otherwise, of the Contractors' business premises.

Examination and Counting of Stamps.

20. Previous to delivery all Adhesive Stamps shall be carefully examined and counted at the expense of the Contractors, and shall be finally examined and counted on behalf of the Secretary of State, according to the practice heretofore prevailing. The Controller shall have full power to reject any Stamps the quality, finish, or appearance of which shall not in his opinion be in accordance with the specimens lodged with him as aforesaid.

Control.

21. (*a*) All Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes, of the descriptions covered by this Agreement and manufactured by the Contractors, shall be manufactured, banded (where necessary), and packed by them under the supervision and control of the Inspector of Stamping for the printing and embossing processes, and of the Controller for all the other processes which are in any way controlled officially, and of such other Assistants and Officers as shall be from time to time appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of such supervision and control. All the said Stamps and other articles shall be counted at any stage or stages of the manufacture as the Inspector of Stamping or the Controller may consider desirable, and on the delivery of the said Stamps and other articles, whether manufactured or in course of manufacture, into the custody of the Contractors, they shall give such receipts or acknowledgments for the same respectively as the Controller shall from time to time direct.

Hours of Work.

21. (*b.*) Arrangements shall be made for the Contractors to work, and for such of the said appointed Officers as the Controller or the Inspector of Stamping shall deem necessary to attend, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, with an interval of one hour for dinner between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and a quarter of an hour for tea between 4.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m.; the hours of work on Saturdays to be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. without intervals; but all these hours shall be subject to such modifications in the working hours as may from time to time be agreed to by the contracting parties.

21. (*c.*) No delivery shall be made at the Store Depôt aforesaid under these presents by the Contractors of any Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, which shall not have been approved of by the Controller prior to delivery.

Half-sheets Stamps.

22. Of those sheets of Adhesive Stamps which may be spoiled in the process of manufacture, the panes or halves of the sheets which remain good (if any) shall be separated from the spoiled portion of the sheets and carefully trimmed and examined at the expense of the Contractors, and to the satisfaction of the Controller; and the Secretary of State shall accept delivery from the Contractors of the Stamps, and pay them for the Stamps on such good panes according to the Schedule of prices hereto; provided always that the number of panes charged at a time shall be equivalent to a definite number of entire sheets without remainder, and that the number of Stamps supplied is not to exceed the number ordered by more than four per cent. in the case of large quantities and eight per cent. in the case of small quantities.

Destruction of Stamp Waste.

23. (*a.*) All spoiled Adhesive Stamps and Salt Boat Notes shall be destroyed by burning at the expense of the Contractors, and subject to the supervision of the Controller.

Destruction of Envelopes Waste.

23. (*b.*) All Postage and Registration Envelopes which may be spoiled in embossing the Postage Stamps thereon, or otherwise, shall be cut from top to bottom into two parts in the presence of the Controller or of such officer or officers as may be deputed by him for that purpose, and the portion containing the Stamp (which shall be limited in width as far as possible) shall be burnt in the presence of the said officer or officers, and the other portion shall be handed over to the Contractors to dispose of as they may deem fit. The Contractors shall, at their own expense, render to such officer or officers such assistance as he or they may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this clause.

No alteration to be made in Stamps, etc., or Watermarked Paper.

24. No alteration of any kind whatever is to be made in any of the Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, or in the watermarks of the paper used in their manufacture, without the sanction in writing of the Secretary of State.

Manufacture of Dies, Plates, etc.

25. In impressing the device on the different kinds of Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, and other articles, the Contractors shall at all times adopt the most effectual means to guard against the possibility of the dies and plates, or any of them, or any of the duplicates thereof respectively, being used for printing or impressing any Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or articles of any description other than those to be supplied in pursuance of these presents; and all dies, plates, and duplicates thereof in course of manufacture shall be made under the control of the Inspector of Stamping in the manner heretofore customary, and shall at all times be open to the examination and inspection of any person or persons to be appointed by the Secretary of State for that purpose.

Notice of Consignments from Mill.

26. The Contractors shall be responsible for notice being given at all times by the paper makers to the Controller of the quantities of watermarked paper forwarded from time to time from the mill where it is made to the factory for the purpose of printing the said Adhesive Stamps.

Packing Cases.

27. (*a.*) All Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes manufactured by the Contractors, shall be packed by them and at their expense, in conveniently sized and properly constructed tin-lined wooden cases as heretofore, or in such other manner as the Director-General of Stores shall consider desirable; but any additional or diminished expense resulting from a change of system shall be the subject of arrangement.

Certificates and Contents Tickets.

27. (*b.*) Each case shall be closed under the supervision of the Controller, and a statement prepared by the Contractors, showing the contents of the case, shall be enclosed therein; and each delivery of Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, for each Presidency, shall be accompanied with a certificate, prepared by the Contractors and signed by the Controller, specifying as heretofore the number and denomination of the Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, comprised in such delivery, and all other particulars as heretofore.

27. (*c.*) No Adhesive Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes shall be delivered by the Contractors at the Store Depôt aforesaid until they shall have been packed and otherwise dealt with as is herein provided.

Alterations in Packing.

27. (*d.*) The Secretary of State may make such alterations from time to time in the mode of packing and delivery as he shall deem proper; but any diminished or additional expense incurred thereby shall be the subject of arrangement.

Marking of Cases.

27. (*e.*) All packing cases shall be marked, as may be directed by the Director-General of Stores, at the expense of the Contractors.

List and Stock-taking of Dies, Plates, etc.

28. (*a.*) The Contractors, when called upon so to do, shall assist the Inspector of Stamping in the preparation of a properly authenticated list of the dies, plates, and punches at present, or which may hereafter be, in his possession; and shall also have proofs of the punches prepared similar to those furnished to the Board of Inland Revenue; and also shall, at their own expense, from time to time provide sufficient specimens of all the varieties and duties of Stamps supplied, or about to be supplied, for India, for use in case of reference, and to help in securing uniformity in the supplies. The said specimens shall be lodged with the Controller, and shall be kept in such custody as he may from time to time determine.

Specimens.

28. (*b.*) The Contractors shall be supplied with six cancelled impressions from each Stamp printing plate of all Adhesive Stamps, and also with a cancelled sheet of each description of watermarked paper. These specimens shall be carefully preserved in the Contractors' Printing Plate Book of Reference. And upon the determination of this Contract, or in the event of such specimens being replaced by others, shall be returned to the Controller.

Stock-taking.

28. (*c.*) Stock shall be taken early in the month of January in each year, by the Controller, of all Stamps and other articles, whether manufactured or in course of manufacture under this Agreement, then remaining on the Contractors' premises; and to enable this to be done there shall be a total cessation of work for so long a period as may be necessary.

Registration of Plates.

29. The "registration" of the printing plates shall be confined to taking an impression from the die and the first printing plate of each duty in the presence of the Controller or his deputy, who shall duly certify such impression.

Default of Contractors as to delivery.

30. If the Contractors shall make default in the due delivery of any Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, or Salt Boat Notes, at the times and in manner herein provided and mentioned, the Contractors shall pay to the Secretary of State, as liquidated damages, and not as penalty, a sum equal to one per centum of the charge for all the Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes in respect of which such defaults shall be made; and if default shall be made for one calendar month, or any longer period, the Contractors shall pay a further additional sum equal to one per centum of such charge for every calendar month, or proportion of one calendar month, which shall elapse from the time delivery ought to have been made until the actual delivery thereof; provided always that the non-delivery shall not have been occasioned by Fire, the Act of God, or other sufficient cause. All such damages, or any part thereof, may be deducted from any money from time to time due to the Contractors under these presents or on any other account.

No other person to be employed in making Contract Articles.

31. If the Contractors shall in all things well and truly perform and keep the provisoes and agreements herein on their part contained and expressed, and to be by them performed and kept (but not otherwise), the Secretary of State will employ them to manufacture and supply all such Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, and other articles and things in these presents mentioned, as may be required for the purposes of the Government of India during the term of ten years, commencing on the First day of January, 1899, or for any further period as provided for under Clause 2 hereof. And the Secretary of State will pay the Contractors for all such Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, and other articles and things supplied by them under these presents, according to the rates and scale of prices specified in the Second, Third, and Fifth Schedules hereto annexed, which Schedules it is hereby agreed shall form an integral part of this Contract.

Payment of Accounts.

32. All payments due to the Contractors by the Secretary of State for India in Council under this Contract shall be made in cash not later than fourteen days after delivery and subsequent receipt by the Director-General of Stores of a claim (according to the practice of the India Office) for payment.

Renewal of Plates, Dies, and Dandy Rolls.

33. The prices in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto specified include the cost of the repair and reproduction of Stamp, Post Card, and Salt Boat Note printing plates and Envelope embossing dies of the existing duties, and duplicates thereof respectively, as from time to time they may be required, provided they are struck from the same or duplicate dies as heretofore, and the reproduction or repair of any dandy roll which may be worn out during the continuance of this Contract, provided that the roll to be reproduced or repaired is identical with an existing roll, it being understood that the making a new roll, or modifying an existing roll, is to be charged for at such price as shall from time to time be arranged, unless such roll is made or modified at the request of the Contractors, in which case they are to bear the expense. The prices in the said Schedules for each description of Stamp or other article include the cementing and perforating of the Adhesive Stamps, the cementing of the Postage and Registration Envelopes, and the expenses for paper, printing, stamping, loss by spoilage, cutting, examining, banding, packing cases, and packing in suitable tin-lined cases, delivery, and all things and processes which may be necessary with a view to the due delivery in manner herein provided of all the said articles, and also include all necessary accommodation for the objects aforesaid of the appointed Officers of the Secretary of State, and also all other charges of the Contractors whatsoever not herein specially provided for. The Secretary of State is to be at liberty at any time during the currency of the Contract to supply the packing cases required under this Contract, and the Contractors undertake to purchase them at the rates set out in the Fourth Schedule hereto; in such an event, to make payment either monthly or quarterly as the Secretary of State may prefer.

Provision for Dandy Rolls of a new design.

Provision for Dies and Plates of a new design.

34. If at any time the Secretary of State shall require the Contractors to provide him with any dies and plates of new values, or modifications of existing values, of any of the sizes or descriptions of Stamps, Envelopes, or Post Cards mentioned in the Third and Fifth Schedules hereto, the Contractors shall provide the same at the prices specified in the Second Schedule hereto, which shall be in full of all claims whatsoever on account thereof; but the maintenance of those dies, plates, and rolls of any design which may have been once paid for, shall be undertaken by, and at the expense of, the Contractors, whether repairs thereof only are necessary, or whether a new die, plate, or roll of the same design has to be reproduced; and any alteration or new work of any description whatever on dies, plates, or rolls initiated by the Contractors shall be paid for by them, unless it shall at the time be otherwise specially agreed upon. All dies and plates provided by the Contractors at their own cost under this Agreement shall, when necessary, be renewed or repaired by them at their own cost, in the same manner as has been agreed for the renewal or repair of the dies or plates provided at the cost of the Secretary of State.

Salt Boat Notes.

35. The Bengal Salt Boat Notes and Bonded Salt Boat Notes shall be bound by the Contractors in books, numbered and bound complete, according to the approved specimens now in the possession of the Controller. The prices named in the Schedule shall cover the cost of numbering and binding as well as packing and every other expense incidental to the supplying of the said Notes.

Fire clause.

36. In the event of the destruction of or damage to the Paper Mills where the paper shall be from time to time made, by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to their own factory by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then for a period (not exceeding three months in the first case or six months in the second) during which the operations are so suspended the Contractors shall not be liable to continue the supply of Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes during such period; but they shall, on resuming work, use their best endeavours to make up any deficiency in the supplies caused by such temporary cessation.

Default of Contractors, and power to terminate Contract.

37. If the Contractors at any time shall make default in proceeding with the manufacture and delivery of the Adhesive Stamps, Embossed Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, and Salt Boat Notes, in accordance with the orders of the Secretary of State (unless prevented from so proceeding by fire or other cause over which they have no control), or if they shall commit any wilful breach of the terms or stipulations herein contained and on their part to be observed, or if they shall wilfully do any act or thing contrary to the provisions of this Contract whereby loss or inconvenience may be caused to the public service, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State to determine this Contract upon giving to the Contractors six months' previous notice in writing of his intention so to do. And upon such notice in writing being given to the Contractors, on behalf of the Secretary of State, or being left at their principal place of business, properly directed to them, with some person there in their employ, this Contract and everything herein contained shall, upon the expiration of the notice, cease and determine, when it shall be lawful for any person appointed by the Secretary of State to take possession of all special watermarked paper (whether at the paper mills or at the Contractors' factory), and all Adhesive Stamps, Postage Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards, Salt Boat Notes, wholly or partially manufactured, and all dandy rolls, dies and plates, and duplicates thereof, provided for the manufacture of such Stamps and other articles, and all safes which may have been provided by the Secretary of State, and all specimen books and specimens, and every article and thing of which the Secretary of State can claim possession. But the Contractors shall nevertheless be liable to the Secretary of State for all loss and damage which he may sustain by reason of the default of the Contractors in the performance of this their Contract.

Officers to have free access to all rooms.

38. The Secretary of State, the Controller, and the Inspector of Stamping, and such other Assistants and Officers as may from time to time be appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of supervision and control, shall at all times have free access to all and every of the rooms used for any of the purposes of this Agreement, and have all proper and necessary control over the rooms in which the printing, stamping, etc., are conducted, and the persons to be employed and engaged in making and preparing the said dies and plates, and in printing the said Stamps and other articles, and in stamping the said Postage Envelopes and Registered Envelopes.

Definition of the term "Secretary of State."

39. In construing this Agreement the terms "Controller," "Inspector of Stamping," "Director-General of Stores," "Superintendent of the India Store Depôt," and their respective deputies, as also Officers of the Secretary of State, shall be held to include any person or persons duly appointed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Contract.

Arbitration Clause.

40. Whenever any doubt, difference, or dispute shall hereafter arise between the parties hereto, or their respective successors or personal representatives, touching these presents or the proper construction hereof, or the acts, rights, duties, or liabilities of either party under these presents, the matter in difference shall be referred to two arbitrators or their umpire pursuant to "The Arbitration Act, 1889," or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

The Marginal Notes hereto shall not affect the construction of the clauses of this Contract.

In witness whereof the said Company, THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, has caused its Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, and GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD ALISON, Bart., G.C.B., and SIR JAMES LYLE MACKAY, K.C.I.E., being two Members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

The Common Seal of THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, was hereto affixed in the presence of

SEAL

THOS. DE LA RUE
HUGO MULLER } *Directors.*

W. AULD, *Secretary.*

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above-named two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA in the presence of

A. ALISON.
JAS. L. MACKAY.

W. H. TREASURE,
India Office.

SCHEDULES above referred to.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

List of different descriptions of existing Adhesive Stamps to be supplied under this Agreement.

POSTAGE.	REVENUE.	TELEGRAPH—*continued.*
3 Pies.	1 Anna.	2 Rupees 8 Annas.
½ Anna.		5 Rupees.
1 Anna.		10 Rupees.
1 Anna 6 Pies.	FOREIGN PAPERS OR SPECIAL ADHESIVE.	25 Rupees.
2 Annas.		50 Rupees.
2 Annas 6 Pies.	2 Annas.	
3 Annas.	3 Annas.	SHARE TRANSFER.
4 Annas.	4 Annas.	
6 Annas.	6 Annas.	2 Annas.
8 Annas.	8 Annas.	3 Annas.
12 Annas.	12 Annas.	4 Annas.
1 Rupee.	1 Rupee.	8 Annas.
2 Rupees.	2 Rupees.	12 Annas.
3 Rupees.	3 Rupees.	1 Rupee.
5 Rupees.	4 Rupees.	1 Rupee 4 Annas.
	5 Rupees.	2 Rupees 8 Annas.
SERVICE POSTAGE.	6 Rupees.	3 Rupees 12 Annas.
	7 Rupees.	5 Rupees.
½ Anna.	8 Rupees.	6 Rupees 4 Annas.
1 Anna.	9 Rupees.	7 Rupees 8 Annas.
2 Annas.	10 Rupees.	10 Rupees.
4 Annas.	20 Rupees.	20 Rupees.
8 Annas.	25 Rupees.	
1 Rupee.	30 Rupees.	COURT FEE.
FOREIGN BILL.	40 Rupees.	
	50 Rupees.	1 Anna.
2 Annas.	100 Rupees.	3 Annas.
3 Annas.	200 Rupees.	4 Annas.
4 Annas.	500 Rupees.	6 Annas.
6 Annas.	1000 Rupees.	8 Annas.
8 Annas.		12 Annas.
12 Annas.	TELEGRAPH.	1 Rupee.
1 Rupee.		1 Rupee 2 Annas.
1 Rupee 8 Annas.	1 Anna.	1 Rupee 8 Annas.
2 Rupees.	2 Annas.	2 Rupees.
3 Rupees.	4 Annas.	3 Rupees.
4 Rupees.	8 Annas.	4 Rupees.
6 Rupees.	1 Rupee.	5 Rupees.
8 Rupees.		6 Rupees.
12 Rupees.		
18 Rupees.		
24 Rupees.		

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Description of Dies and Plates, and Prices to be paid for them, if required.

DESCRIPTION OF DIES AND PLATES.	No. Set per Sheet.	Dies and Plates.	
Postage	240	£125	
" Bi-colour	240 or 96	£175	
Revenue	112	£125	
Share Transfer	96	£150	
Postage Service "On H.M.S."	240	£50	
		Die.	Plate.
Telegraph	80	£50	£75
Foreign Bill	80	£50	£75
Foreign Papers or Special Adhesive	80	£50	£75
Court Fee	36	£70	£80
Original Head Die for Stamps	—	£200	—
" Post Cards	—	£100	—
Working Die for Post Cards	—	£50	—

THIRD SCHEDULE.—*continued.*

"SHARE TRANSFER STAMPS" of the size noted in the margin, printed in *Extra* Doubly Fugitive ink, and with the duty over-printed in Singly Fugitive ink, in one pane of 96 Stamps.

SHARE
TRANSFER
96 SET.

Price per thousand ... ... 4*s.* 6*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 24,000 to be charged as 24,000.

"FOREIGN BILL STAMPS" of the size noted in the margin, printed in *Extra* Doubly Fugitive ink, in one pane of 80 Stamps.

FOREIGN
BILL
80 SET.

Price per thousand ... ... 5*s.* 0*d.*

N.B.—Any quantity less than 20,000 to be charged as 20,000.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Price at which the Secretary of State is to provide the Contractors with Packing Cases in accordance with Clause 33 of the foregoing Contract.

		PRICE PER TIN-LINED CASE.
Reply Post Cards	Cases for 36 reams	3*s.* 9*d.*
Single "	" 72 "	3*s.* 8*d.*
Postage Envelopes	" 48 "	4*s.* 1*d.*
Registered "	" 24 "	4*s.* 1*d.*
Adhesive Stamps	" 5 "	2*s.* 1*d.*

N.B.—The above prices are exclusive of soldering on the covers, which the Contractors undertake to do without charge.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

List and Specification of the various descriptions of POSTAGE and REGISTRATION ENVELOPES, POST CARDS, and SALT BOAT NOTES to be supplied under the Agreement, with the Prices to be paid.

DESCRIPTION.	Price. £	s.	d.
½ ANNA INLAND POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be 3 lbs. 11¼ ozs.		2	7
½ ANNA INLAND REPLY POST CARDS... ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be 7 lbs. 6½ ozs. The percentage of ash in Inland Cards not to exceed, on the average, 20.		5	8
1 ANNA INTERNATIONAL POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be as hereafter arranged.		3	7
1 ANNA INTERNATIONAL REPLY POST CARDS ... ... Per 1,000 Minimum weight of each 960 cards to be as hereafter arranged. The percentage of ash in the International Cards not to exceed, on the average, 20.		8	0
½ ANNA POSTAGE ENVELOPES (4½ Size) .... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 1 lb. 12½ ozs.		1	10
1 ANNA SOLDIERS' AND SEAMEN'S ENVELOPES (Size 8¼), printed on front as well as stamped ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 2 lbs. 8½ ozs.		4	8
½ ANNA THIN SQUARE ENVELOPES (Size 13) ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 1 lb. 5½ ozs.		5	9
1 ANNA THICK SQUARE ENVELOPES (Size 13) ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 3 lbs. 14 ozs.		5	0
2½ ANNA POSTAGE ENVELOPES (Size, 5¾ × 3¼ inches) ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 2 lbs. 1 oz.		4	5
A SIZE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 8 lbs. 8 ozs.		8	6
B SIZE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES ... ... Per ream of 480 Minimum weight of each ream to be 8 lbs. 6 ozs.	1	12	0
BENGAL SALT BOAT NOTES AND BENGAL BONDED SALT BOAT NOTES (Per Book of 50 Notes.)		6	0
BENGAL SALT BOAT NOTES AND BENGAL BONDED SALT BOAT NOTES (Per Book of 25 Notes.)		3	3

Dated 20th July, 1898.

THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED

AND

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL.

CONTRACT

FOR THE

SUPPLY OF ADHESIVE STAMPS, POSTAGE & REGISTERED ENVELOPES, POST CARDS, AND SALT BOAT NOTES, FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR 10 YEARS FROM THE 1ST JANUARY, 1899.

Articles of Agreement made the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, BETWEEN THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, of Bunhill Row, Middlesex, Wholesale Stationers and Stamp Contractors (herein-after referred to as "the Contractors"), of the one part, and the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL (herein-after referred to as "the Secretary of State"), of the other part.

Whereas the Secretary of State, being desirous of obtaining a continuous supply of Stamped Papers for the use of the Government of India, has agreed to entrust to the Contractors the manufacture and supply, in such quantities as may from time to time be required, of Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, Court Fee Stamped Papers, Hundi Stamped Papers, and Stamped Papers for copies (all of which are included in the general term "Stamped Papers" herein-after used), of such descriptions, upon such terms, and for such a period as are herein-after respectively specified. Articles to be supplied.

Now these Presents witness that, in consideration of the payments to be made as herein-after provided by the Secretary of State to the Contractors, and of the premises, they the Contractors do promise and agree to and with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State doth hereby promise and agree to and with the Contractors, in manner following, that is to say:—

1. The Contractors will, on and from the 1st day of January, 1899, manufacture for, and sell and deliver to, the Secretary of State, all the Stamped Papers specified in the schedule hereto, and in such quantities as the Secretary of State may require for the period of ten years, and this Contract shall, unless determined on either side on December 31st, 1908, by six months' previous written notice, remain a yearly running Contract, subject to determination on either side at the end of any subsequent year by six months' previous written notice. Term of Contract.

2. The said Stamped Papers shall be of the several descriptions and weights specified in the said schedule, and in design, colouring, quality of paper, watermarks, execution, and in all other respects, shall be in strict conformity with the specimens hereto annexed, or subject only to such modifications and variations as are on the said specimens expressly stated, or may hereafter be mutually agreed upon. Descriptions and weights of paper.

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Yearly order to reach Contractors in December.

Uniform rate of delivery.

3. In order that the manufacture of the said Stamped Papers may be proceeded with continuously and at an approximately uniform rate throughout each year, the Secretary of State shall, in December of each year, place an order with the Contractors for the quantities of the various articles required during the ensuing year, and the Contractors shall thereupon arrange to conduct the manufacture at an equable rate throughout the year, so as to ensure a continuous and uniform delivery of the articles so required. But it is expressly agreed that the Secretary of State shall not be bound to order any particular quantities, as the supplies are to depend upon the requirements of the Government of India.

Deliveries to be made twice in each week.

4. Throughout the term of this Contract deliveries shall be made in such quantities as may be mutually agreed upon at the times and places herein-after specified, or as may be mutually arranged. Provided always, that the Contractors are to be at liberty to make deliveries at least twice in each week of all Stamped Papers which may be completed and ready for delivery.

Watermark.

5. All the said Stamped Papers shall bear the prominent watermark shown respectively on the several specimens hereto annexed. The secret watermarks in the paper in Categories III., IV., and V. in the said schedule shall be similar to those which have hitherto been adopted by the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to change once a year, as he may require.

Preparation of paper, and method of printing.

6. The Contractors shall use their best endeavours so to prepare the paper that it may resist the destructive action of the damp climate of India, and the printing shall be with coloured inks of such a character as to prevent a transfer to stone or other direct process of forgery for the Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, the Court Fee Stamped Papers, and the Stamped Papers for copies, but with "Doubly Fugitive" inks for the Hundi Stamped Papers, which last are to be on paper chemically prepared as herein-after mentioned. A slightly toned overprint in non-fugitive ink shall be employed for either or all of Categories I. to V. The printing shall be of the highest character by the surface system from electrotype plates, and shall be such as to withstand the trying light, damp, and other influences of the Indian climate.

Examination and counting.

7. All the said Stamped Papers shall, at the expense of the Contractors, be examined and counted by such persons as they may from time to time appoint, and will be subsequently examined and checked by the Officers of the Secretary of State preparatory to packing. If in the opinion of such officers any of the papers shall have been insufficiently examined they shall be returned to the Contractors for re-examination.

Situation of Premises.

Accommodation for Officers.

8. The Contractors, for the purpose of enabling them properly to perform this Contract, shall provide suitable premises, to be approved by the Secretary of State, within four miles of Whitehall, wherein to carry on the work, and they shall provide or arrange for such accommodation at their factory and at the paper mill or mills where the paper shall be from time to time made as the Secretary of State shall consider necessary and sufficient for the security of the Stamped Papers and special Watermarked Paper, and for the Officers of the Secretary of State engaged in the examination and checking of the Stamped Papers or in the supervision of any of the processes of the manufacture or printing thereof under the provisions of this Contract.

Supervision.

9. The manufacture of the special Watermarked Paper for Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII., and all the processes connected with the printing in colour, examining, and packing of the Stamped Papers in all the categories, shall be carried on under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, for whom the Contractors must provide adequate accommodation. Such supervision shall be so exercised as not to interfere with or impede the servants or workpeople

of the Contractors; but such officers shall, if necessary, call the Contractors' personal attention to any defect in the work during its progress, and in the event of any misconduct on the part of any of their servants or workpeople the Contractors shall, upon the requisition of the Director-General of Stores for India, the Controller of Stamps, or the Inspector of Stamping, or their deputies, remove the person or persons so offending from any of the rooms or places under the control of the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Right to require removal of Workpeople.

Indian and British work only in rooms.

10. No work other than the production of Stamps for the Indian or Imperial Government shall be performed in the room in which the colour printing is done.

Number set on sheets.

11. The Stamped Papers which are demanded in such large quantities as to make it desirable for the Contractors to produce them by steam machines, namely, those in Categories I., II., and III., are to be printed in sheets of eight stamps; those in Categories IV. and V. are to be printed in sheets of two stamps, and those in Categories VI. and VII. are to be printed in sheets of eight stamps. No variation from these systems entailing additional labour or cost to the Secretary of State, or interfering in any way with the efficacy of the system of control, is to be made without the consent in writing of the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Counting of Paper.

Contractors responsible for face values.

12. The sheets of paper, whether printed or unprinted, shall be counted in the printing room by the Officers of the Secretary of State as often as they may think necessary; and upon the completion of the printing in colour, and during the whole of the subsequent processes, the Contractors shall be responsible for and liable to the Secretary of State for the representative value of the Stamps according to the duties with which the paper is printed, and their responsibility in this respect shall continue up to the time at which the Stamped Papers are delivered at the India Store Depôt, or on board ship in the Port of London, as the case may be.

Printing and Packing only under control.

Right of rejection.

Officers to have free access to all rooms.

Re-counting.

13. The various processes after the printing in colour and up to the time of packing shall not be controlled by the Officers of the Secretary of State, except that the Stamped Papers before being parcelled shall be subjected to a complete examination and check by such officers, who shall have the absolute right of rejecting all or any of such Stamped Papers which in their opinion are either inferior in quality to, or do not satisfy the requirements of, the specimens or samples hereto annexed. During the whole of the processes which are either controlled or uncontrolled the Officers of the Secretary of State shall at all times have the right of access to and of inspection of the premises where such processes are being carried on. If at the time of final examination and check any question arises as to quantity, the particular parcel or parcels of Stamped Papers shall be re-counted by the Contractors in the presence of the Officers of the Secretary of State, so that the matter in dispute may be at once cleared up.

Security of Dies, etc.

14. The Contractors shall make proper arrangements, to be approved by the Officers of the Secretary of State, for the security of all dies, plates, duplicates, etc., Watermarked Paper, and Stamped Papers which may be in use during the preparation, printing, and packing of the Stamped Papers, and shall guard to the best of their ability against the misuse, loss, or abstraction of any such articles whilst in the hands of their workpeople.

Contractors may modify or change system of manufacture.

15. Subject to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractors shall be at liberty to employ any means they may deem desirable in the manufacture of the Stamped Papers, and to modify or change their system of manufacture from time to time as they may consider expedient, provided that no additional cost or expense is thereby caused to the Secretary of State, and that no dissatisfaction with the result of such modification or change is expressed by the Officers of the Secretary of State; but if the Contractors shall agree to bear any such additional cost they shall be equally unfettered as if no such additional cost were involved.

Quantities in parcels and cases.

Thickness of cases.

16. All the Stamped Papers shall be made into parcels of 1,000 in each parcel, and in approved wrappers, and shall be packed by the Contractors in properly constructed cases, 1 inch in thickness at side, top, and bottom, and 1¼ inch at ends, lined with $\frac{15}{1000}$-inch thick terne plates; sixteen thousand of the Stamped Papers of Categories I., II., and III., twelve thousand of those of Category IV., nine thousand of Category V., and thirty-six to forty thousand of Categories VI. and VII. being packed in each case. The Stamped Papers of Categories IV. and V. shall be packed together in the manner which may mutually be found from time to time most convenient.

Cases to be packed under supervision.

17. Each case shall be packed under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and shall contain a list specifying the number and denomination of Stamped Papers contained therein.

Marking of cases.

Certificates.

Delivery to Store Depôt or Dock.

18. The packed cases, duly marked and addressed in such way as the Officers of the Secretary of State may require, and accompanied by a certificate specifying the number and denomination of the Stamped Papers which each case contains, shall be delivered on Wednesday and Friday in each week at the India Store Depôt in Belvedere Road, Lambeth, unless instructions for delivery free on board vessels in the Port of London are sent by the Superintendent of the India Store Depôt to the Contractors, so as to be received by them not later than the Saturday preceding the week in which the shipment is to be made.

Custody of Dies, etc.

19. All dies, plates, and duplicates, when not in the course of manufacture or undergoing any repair, or when not in use for printing the Stamped Papers, shall be kept in iron fire- and thief-proof safes, supplied by the Contractors at their own cost, but in the sole custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State. The Contractors are to be at liberty to use for the above purpose all such safes now in use belonging to the Secretary of State.

Procedure with Plates on machines.

20. Plates which are actually in use and on the printing presses shall not be disturbed in position except when necessary for repair or renewal; provided that sufficient means are devised by the Contractors, to the satisfaction of the Officers of the Secretary of State, for protecting them from being tampered with during the hours of rest.

Use of existing Dies and Plates. Provision for renewals.

21. The Contractors are to be at liberty to use all dies, plates, dandy rolls, etc., which have hitherto been used in the manufacture of the said Stamped Papers, but shall at their own expense provide for all renewals of the same respectively when necessary. All such renewals of dies and plates and duplicates thereof, and all new dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, shall, as heretofore, be made under the control of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and shall be approved by them before delivery as provided for in the following clause. If at any time, at the desire of the Secretary of State, the use of an existing design be discontinued, the Contractors shall receive reasonable compensation for the value of any plates supplied by the Contractors at their own cost, which may, in consequence, be put out of use.

Compensation to Contractors for Plates put out of use.

Custody of Dandy Rolls.

22. All dandy rolls for Categories I. and II. shall be delivered to and remain in the custody of the Contractors until the termination of this Contract, when they shall be delivered by them to the Secretary of State, without charge, and remain his property. All new dandy rolls for Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII., and all dies and plates and duplicates thereof, for all the categories in the schedule, shall upon completion be immediately delivered to the Officers of the Secretary of State, and with any existing dandy rolls or renewals thereof, dies and plates or duplicates thereof respectively, which may have been already or may be hereafter manufactured, shall be the absolute property of the Secretary of State, and shall be disposed of during the course of this Contract as the Secretary of State may see fit; subject, however, to the provision for compensation in the preceding Clause 21. If any such dandy rolls, dies, and plates, or any duplicates thereof, shall be worn out or defaced, or be unfit for use, the same shall be effectually destroyed under the superintendence of such officers, and when so destroyed shall be returned to the Contractors.

Destruction of disused Dies, etc.

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23. The Contractors will, whenever thereunto required by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, utterly deface and destroy, at the expense of the Contractors, in the presence of such person or persons as the Secretary of State shall have appointed in that behalf, all or any of the disused or worn-out dies and plates which shall have been provided, made, or used for the purpose aforesaid, the material of such dies and plates after destruction to become the property of the Contractors. On the termination of this Contract all the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof herein-before mentioned, or which shall have been made by the Contractors under the provisions herein contained, and which shall not have been destroyed as herein-before provided, shall be delivered in their then working condition to the Secretary of State or his Officers duly authorised for the purpose.

Dies and Plates property of the Secretary of State.

Custody and destruction of Punches, etc.

24. The punches, matrices, tools, and appliances used in the reproduction of such dandy rolls, dies, plates, and duplicates thereof, being provided by the Contractors at their own expense, shall be their property, but shall during the period of this Contract be kept in the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and at the termination thereof they shall be destroyed in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State.

List and Stock-taking of Dies, Plates, etc.

25. The Contractors shall, whenever required to do so, assist the Officers of the Secretary of State in the preparation of a properly authenticated list of the dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof, which may from time to time be in the possession of the Secretary of State, and also assist them in the necessary manipulation of the same during stock-taking and at any other period, and shall also have proofs of the dies, punches, and original plates prepared similar to those furnished by them of the Adhesive Stamp dies and punches.

Specimen Books.

26. Two books shall be prepared, at the expense of the Secretary of State, containing specimens of the several descriptions of Stamped Papers referred to in the schedule hereto and in this Agreement, which shall be signed by the Contractors and by two members of the Council of India on behalf of the Secretary of State, and shall be considered as annexed hereto; and the specimens therein contained shall be the standards of quality for all future supplies; subject, however, to any variation in description which may be noted on any of the said specimens. Specimens of any new denominations of Stamps or Stamped Papers to be supplied by the Contractors under the provisions of Clause 44 of this Agreement shall be from time to time added to the said books as occasion shall require. If from any cause any of the said specimens shall during the term of this Contract be destroyed or deteriorate, they shall be replaced by new specimens, to be provided by the Contractors and approved by both parties to this Agreement, and such new specimens shall thenceforth be the standards of quality for future supplies.

Registration of Plates.

27. The "registration" of the printing plates shall be confined to taking a first impression from the original printing plate of each duty in the presence of an Officer of the Secretary of State, who shall duly certify such impression.

Hours of Work.

28. Arrangements shall be made for the Contractors to work at their factory, and for the Officers of the Secretary of State controlling the manufacture to attend, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on each week-day except Saturday, with an interval of one hour for dinner between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and one quarter of an hour for tea between 4.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. The hours of work on Saturdays are to be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. without an interval. The working hours herein-before stated shall, however, be subject to such modifications as may from time to time be mutually agreed upon.

Stock-taking.

29. The work at the factory shall be as far as necessary stopped on one day in January of every year, to enable the Officers of the Secretary of State to take stock of all printed and unprinted material.

Watermarked Papers, where to be manufactured.

30. The manufacture of the Watermarked Papers (except for the Hundi Stamped Papers) may be conducted at any paper mill or mills selected by the Contractors and approved by the Secretary of State; and the Officers of the Secretary of State who shall be appointed to supervise the work shall make such arrangements that the work at such selected mill or mills shall be carried on during the hours of work which may be then in force. The manufacture of the Hundi Stamped Papers shall, so long as the Secretary of State shall think fit, be carried on at Roughway Mill, Tonbridge, under the conditions at present in force at such mill; and the Contractors shall arrange the terms of manufacture with the owners.

Change of Paper Mills.

31. The Contractors shall be at liberty to change the mill or mills selected by them from time to time as they may deem desirable, provided that one month's notice in writing of such intended change is given to the Officers of the Secretary of State, and that such other mill or mills as may be selected are approved of by the Secretary of State.

Control of Watermarked Papers.

32. The manufacture of the paper for Stamped Papers in Categories I. and II. shall be carried on without continuous control by the Officers of the Secretary of State. Such officers shall, however, have the right to inspect the premises and system of manufacture whenever they may think fit. The papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. shall be made under the direct superintendence of the Officers of the Secretary of State, who shall have the custody of the various dandy rolls, and shall check the paper as provided herein-after in clause 39. The Contractors shall provide cupboards fitted with locks for storing the dandy rolls when not in use.

Notice of Consignments from Mill.

33. In regard to all the papers, the Contractors shall at all times give or cause to be given to the Officers of the Secretary of State notice and full particulars of all consignments of paper from the mill to the Contractors' premises. On arrival there all the paper (except the Hundi, which is counted at the mill) shall be unpacked and counted by the Officers of the Secretary of State and then delivered to the Contractors, who shall give an acknowledgment for the quantity so delivered to them.

Paper to be counted by Officer on delivery.

Penalty for oss of Paper.

34. The Contractors shall pay to the Secretary of State a penalty of £3 for each parcel of watermarked paper sealed at the mill by the Officers of the Secretary of State and not duly delivered at the factory, and shall also pay to the Secretary of State a penalty of £1 for each sheet or part of a sheet of unprinted watermarked paper which may be lost at the factory.

Quality of Paper.

Ash.

35. The paper in all the categories is to be made of pure rags and to be animal-sized and glazed between plates; that in Categories III., IV., and V. is to be loft-dried. They shall all yield an ash of not more than 1½ per cent.

Hundi Paper to be chemically prepared.

36. The paper in Categories VI. and VII. is to be chemically prepared as heretofore, so as to preclude alterations in the manuscript which it may afterwards bear.

Retree Paper.

37. No retree paper is to be used for any of the categories.

Disposal of Waste.

38. All the special watermarked papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. which may be spoiled in the process of manufacture shall be re-pulped at the paper mill in the presence of the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State, and those sheets which may from any cause be rejected by the Contractors as unfit

for printing after they have been delivered at the Contractors' factory shall be allowed to accumulate until a sufficient quantity to be conveniently dealt with is obtained. They shall then be packed in sacks to be sealed by the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State, and thus under seal be transmitted to the paper mill to be re-pulped in manner aforesaid. In the case of all Stamped Papers which may be spoiled in printing or in any of the subsequent processes, the printed portions shall be cut off and burned in the presence of the appointed Officer of the Secretary of State in a furnace provided by the Contractors, and the remaining portions of the sheets of Stamped Papers in Categories III., IV., V., VI., and VII. shall then be dealt with in the same manner as the spoiled unprinted paper. The watermarked papers in Categories I. and II. which may be rejected by the Contractors as unfit for printing, and the plain portions of any sheets rejected after printing, shall be cut up into strips as heretofore under the supervision of the Officers of the Secretary of State, and then handed to the Contractors to dispose of as they see fit.

Paper to be counted or weighed.

39. All the watermarked papers for Categories III., IV,, V., VI., and VII. shall be either counted or weighed, and sealed in parcels at the mill by the Officers of the Secretary of State.

Strike and Fire Clause.

40. In the event of a strike of the workpeople employed by the Contractors or of those employed at the paper mills where the paper shall be from time to time made, or of any analogous cause, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to the paper mills by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then in any of such events for the period (not exceeding three months) during which the operations are so suspended, or in the event of the destruction of or damage to their own factory by fire, obliging the Contractors to suspend operations, then for a period (not exceeding six months) during which the operations are so suspended, the Contractors shall not be liable to continue the supply of the Stamped Papers during such period, but they shall, on resuming work, use their best endeavours to make up any deficiency in the supplies caused by such temporary cessation.

Default by Contractors and power to terminate Contract.

41. And it is hereby expressly declared that should the Contractors at any time make default in proceeding with the manufacture and delivery of the Stamped Papers in accordance with the annual order to be furnished by the Officers of the Secretary of State, as provided in Clause 3 of this Agreement, unless prevented from so proceeding by Fire, Act of God, or other cause operating as or by way of force majeure, or if they shall commit any wilful breach of the terms or stipulations herein specified, or if they shall do any act or thing contrary to the provisions of this Contract, whereby loss or inconvenience may be caused to the public service, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State, or his officer or officers duly appointed, to put an end to these presents on giving to the Contractors six months' previous notice in writing of his intention so to determine the Contract; and upon such notice in writing on behalf of the Secretary of State being given to the Contractors, or being left at their principal place of business, properly directed to the Contractors, with some person there in their employ, these presents and everything herein contained shall, upon the expiration of the notice, cease and determine, when it shall be lawful for any person appointed by the Secretary of State, to take possession of all special watermarked paper (whether at the Contractors' works or at the mills), all Stamped Papers, and dandy rolls, dies, and plates, and duplicates thereof, provided for their manufacture, and all safes which may have been provided by the Secretary of State, and all specimen books and specimens, and every article and thing whatsoever which may have been supplied for the use of the Secretary of State; but the Contractors shall nevertheless be liable to him for all loss and damage which he may sustain by reason of the default of the Contractors in the performance of this their Contract.

Contractors' bond.

42. The Contractors shall forthwith execute a bond or covenant, by themselves and by two sureties approved by the Secretary of State, in the sum of ten thousand pounds each, to secure the due performance of this Contract.

No other person to be employed in making Contract Articles.

43. If the Contractors shall well and truly perform and keep all and every the agreements herein on their part contained, but not otherwise, they shall (unless the Contract shall as herein provided be sooner put an end to) be retained and solely employed to manufacture and supply all Stamped Papers of the character of the specimens hereto, or other Stamped Papers of a similar character which may be substituted for them, on and from the First day of January, 1899, until the expiration of the said term of this Contract, or until the use of such Stamped Papers shall be discontinued by the Government of India, whichever event shall first happen, and the Contractors shall be paid by the Secretary of State in cash for all dandy rolls, dies, and plates of a new description which the Contractors may hereafter be called upon to furnish, the prices respectively applicable thereto contained in the said schedule hereto, upon the completion and delivery into the custody of the Officers of the Secretary of State of such dandy rolls, dies, and plates of a new description; and the Contractors shall, upon the delivery of accounts in such form as the Secretary of State may require, be also paid for all such Stamped Papers as may be supplied under this Contract by the Secretary of State in cash within the first ten days in each month succeeding the month in which the deliveries shall be made. Such payments shall be made according to the scale of prices contained in the said schedule hereto, which prices shall include the cost and expense of the reproduction from time to time of duplicate stamp printing plates and any necessary renewals or repair of dandy rolls, dies, and plates, also the necessary alterations in the secret watermarks, and the expenses for paper, printing, loss by spoilage, cutting, examining packing cases and packing in the cases, delivery, and all things and processes which may be necessary to the due delivery of the said Stamped Papers in manner herein-before stated, and also including all necessary accommodation for the objects aforesaid required by the appointed Officers of the Secretary of State, and also of all other charges of the Contractors whatsoever under these presents, except in regard to any duties which may be imposed by the Legislature upon paper or raw paper-making materials, and also the cost of any dandy rolls, dies, and plates for new denominations of Stamped Papers, or any modifications of the existing denominations of Stamped Papers, or any modification of the terms of this Contract, or any obligations thrown upon the Contractors beyond those expressed in this Contract which shall involve greater cost to them, which excepted charges shall be borne by the Secretary of State.

Provision for Dies, etc., of a new design.

Payment of Accounts.

Provision for Dies, etc., of a new design.

44. If at any time during the said term of ten years (unless this Contract under the provisions herein-before contained is sooner put an end to) the Secretary of State shall require the Contractors to furnish and provide him with any new dandy rolls, dies, and plates of new values for Stamped Papers, and Stamped Papers of similar descriptions and sizes as those mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed, the Contractors shall and will find and provide the same or any of them upon the general terms and conditions of these presents, and at or for the prices specified in the said schedule, which shall be in full of all claims whatsoever on account of the same.

Definition of the term "Secretary of State."

45. (*a.*) The term "Officers of the Secretary of State" shall mean the Director-General of Stores for India, the Controller of Stamps, and the Inspector of Stamping, and their respective subordinates, and such other officers as may from time to time be duly recognised by the Secretary of State for the various purposes herein referred to.

Notices by Secretary of State.

45. (*b.*) Any notice, determination, decision, direction, requirement, requisition, approval or sanction to be given by the Secretary of State under these presents shall be sufficient and binding if given by the Director-General of Stores for India, or the Controller of Stamps, or the Inspector of Stamping, or their deputies.

Arbitration Clause.

46. Whenever any doubt, difference, or dispute shall hereafter arise between the parties hereto, touching these presents or the proper construction hereof, or the acts, rights, duties, or liabilities of either party under these presents, the matter

in difference shall be referred to two arbitrators or their umpire, pursuant to "The Arbitration Act, 1889," or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

The Marginal Notes hereto shall not affect the construction of the clauses of this Contract.

In witness whereof THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, has caused its Common Seal to be affixed, and GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD ALISON, Bart., G.C.B., and SIR JAMES LYLE MACKAY, K.C.I.E., being two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA, have hereunto set their hands and seals respectively the day and year first above mentioned.

The Common Seal of THOMAS DE LA RUE AND COMPANY, LIMITED, was hereto affixed in the presence of

SEAL

THOS. DE LA RUE
HUGO MÜLLER } *Directors.*

W. AULD, *Secretary.*

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above-named two members of the COUNCIL OF INDIA in the presence of

A. ALISON.

JAS. L. MACKAY.

W. H. TREASURE,
India Office.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

CONTAINING the PARTICULARS of and PRICES for the STAMPED PAPERS now or hereafter to be supplied, and for any DANDY ROLLS, DIES, and PLATES which may be required for new descriptions of STAMPED PAPERS.

PARTICULARS AND PRICES OF STAMPED PAPERS.

CATEGORY I.

Large Stamps "for Copies" at 4 Annas or other duties to be printed in colour, perforated, ruled on face (in green), and endorsed in black, and to be in all respects in accordance with specimen No. 1 in the book of specimens hereto annexed. Large Stamps "for Copies" at 3 annas or other duties, printed in colour, with table in black, and otherwise printed or ruled in black on both sides, as in specimen No. 1*a*. To be overprinted in colour when required, as in the said specimens.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 15 lbs. 7 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 100,000 or upwards of a duty, 23*s*. 3*d*. per thousand as in specimen 1, and 24*s*. 8*d*. as in specimen 1*a*. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 100,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted.

CATEGORY II.

Small Stamps "for Copies" at 2 and 4 Annas or other duties, and Class V., Non-Judicial Stamped Papers, at 2, 4, and 8 annas or other duties, to be printed in colour, and to be in other respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 2 to 6 hereto annexed. The said copies to be ruled with 20 faint lines as in specimen No. 2, or overprinted in the vernacular, etc., as in specimen No. 3. The values of the Stamped Papers to be printed in figures as in specimens Nos. 4, 5, and 6 respectively. The whole are to be overprinted in colour when so required in accordance with the said specimens.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 12 lbs. 9 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 100,000 or more of a duty, 20*s*. 8*d*. per thousand as in specimen No. 2; 21*s*. 4*d*. as in specimen No. 3; and 20*s*. as in specimens Nos. 4, 5, and 6. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 100,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted.

CATEGORY III.

Non-Judicial Stamped Papers of Class IV. from 1 Rupee to 9 Rupees, to be printed in colour and with the respective values in figures, and to be in all respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 7 to 20 annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 14 lbs. 2 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For not less than 10,000 of a duty, 34*s*. 3*d*. per thousand. Any thousand or fraction of a thousand above 10,000 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities from 10,000 to 99,999 of a duty are ordered.

CATEGORY IV.

Non-Judicial and Court Fee Stamped Papers of Class III. from 10 Rupees to 97½ Rupees. To be printed in colour and with the respective values in figures, and in other respects, except as to overprint in colour, to be in accordance with the specimens Nos. 21 to 75 annexed. The overprint in colour, when required, is to be in accordance with specimen No. 21*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 16 lbs. 13 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 5,000 or more of a duty, 59*s*. 8*d*. per thousand. For 1,000 to 4,999 of a duty, 106*s*. 4*d*. per thousand. For 501 to 999 inclusive, at the rate of 74*s*. 4*d*. per five hundred. For 500 or less of a duty, 74*s*. 4*d*. the lot. Fractions to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities less than 100,000 of a duty are ordered.

CATEGORY V.

Non-Judicial and Court Fee Stamped Papers of Classes II. and I. from 100 Rupees to 1,000 Rupees. To be in all respects, except as to overprint, in accordance with the specimens Nos. 76 to 197 annexed. The overprint in colour, when required, and the respective values in figures, is to be in accordance with specimens Nos. 76*a*, 117*a*, and 135*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 21 lbs. 10 ozs.

Price, including Overprint.

For 500 or less of a duty, 85*s*. the lot. Any fraction of 500 above 500 to be charged *pro rata*.

If required at any time without overprint, 8*d*. per thousand to be deducted when 100,000 or more of a duty are ordered, or 1*s*. per thousand when quantities below 100,000 are ordered.

CATEGORIES VI. AND VII.

Hundi Papers from 2 Annas to 18 Rupees to be in all respects in accordance with the specimens Nos. 198 to 216 annexed. The respective values to be printed in figures in the manner shown in the specimen No. 198*a* annexed.

The minimum weight of 1,000 finished papers to be 5 lbs. 8 ozs.

Price.

For 100,000	or more	of a duty	...	...	...	Per thousand	...	16*s*.	6*d*.
„ 50,000	to 99,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	17*s*.	0*d*.
„ 25,000	„ 49,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	18*s*.	1*d*.
„ 10,000	„ 24,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	21*s*.	6*d*.
„ 5,000	„ 9,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	24*s*.	9*d*.
„ 1,000	„ 4,999	„	...	...	...	„	...	53*s*.	4*d*.
„ 250	„ or less	„	...	...	...	The lot	...	37*s*.	2*d*.

Fractions of a thousand to be charged *pro rata*.

Extra Charge in respect of the articles included in all the Categories for delivery free on board in the Port of London instead of at the India Store Depôt, Belvedere Road, Lambeth:—

2*d*. per thousand for Categories I. to V. 1*d*. per thousand for Categories VI. and VII.

Particulars of and Prices for Dies, Plates, and Dandy Rolls for any new description of Stamped Papers which may from time to time be required:—

	£
Original Queen Victoria Head Die, about...	200
Original Head Die, with tiara, earrings, and hair varied	50
Stamp Die	65
Tablet Plate	100
Tablet Duty Plate	25
Dandy Roll for Semi-Transparent Watermark	65
Dandy Roll for Semi-Opaque and Semi-Transparent Watermark	100
Hundi Original Tablet Plate	60
Hundi Special Duty Tablet...	12
Hundi Dandy Roll for Semi-Transparent Watermark	65

PACKING CASES.

The Secretary of State is to be at liberty at any time during the currency of the Contract to supply the Contractors with Packing Cases at the following prices.

			PRICE PER TIN-LINED CASE.
Stamped Papers "for Copies" and Non-Judicial Stamped Papers ...	Large Cases for	16,000 Papers ...	5*s*. 7*d*.
Ditto, ditto, ditto	Small „	„	4*s*. 10*d*.

N.B.—The above prices are exclusive of soldering on the covers, which the Contractors undertake to do without charge.

Dated 20th July, 1898.

THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY,
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