

Indian Court Fee Stamps 1872 -1882

This revenue exhibit shows the type-specific issues of Court Fee Stamps in India during the reign of Queen Victoria. Prior to these stamps there were over 400 varieties of provisional court fee stamps prepared by overprinting revenue and postage stamps to meet the needs of the court system. This revenue exhibit shows archival material, stamps and uses of Indian Court Fee issues issued during the reign of Queen Victoria.

In India, as in a great many other places, legal documents for which legal rights could be enforced (e.g. deeds, leases, and commercial transactions) were taxed with court fee stamps if they were to be introduced, or might be introduced, as evidence in a law suit. Additionally, copies of baptismal, burial, management certificates as well as copies of maps and plans were taxed with court fee stamps. In British India a document could not be legally enforced unless it had court fees. Court Fee stamps provided the funds that paid for the extensive system of British Courts in India.

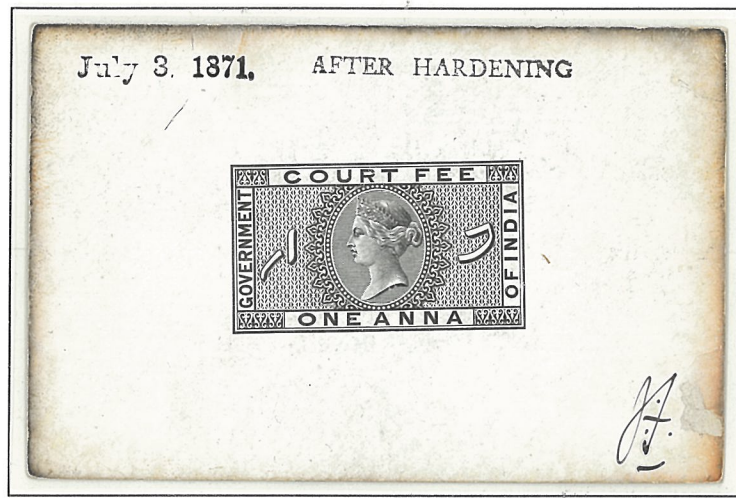
Plate Proof

"After Hardening" (after the die was annealed to ensure it was not damaged) →

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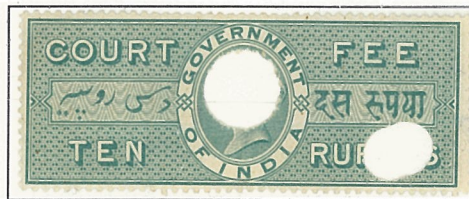
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Prepared by De La Rue in London



There were no electric lights and file work done in evenings or interior offices was dimly illuminated. Stamps appear in 4 sizes (for annas, rupees, 10s of rupees and 100s of rupees) and for each number in the value system the color remains the same. By seeing the color and the shape, the denomination could be easily determined.

The same color for 1 anna, 1 rupee, 10 rupees and 100 rupees



Frame 1

Title	Forerunners	1872 Anna Values
Anna Values	Low Rupee Values	
Medium Rupee Values		
Issue of 1872 Uses		

Frame 2

100 Rs	200 Rs	400 Rs	700 Rs
100 Rs Use	200 Rs Use	400 Rs Use	700 Rs Use
1,000 Rs	Issue of 1875	1875 Uses	
Issue of 1875 Uses			

Frame 3

Issue of 1882			
4 As Use	Archival		6/8 As Use
8 As Use	12 As Use	1 R Use	1 R 2 As Use
2 Rs Use	3 Rs Use	4 Rs Use	6 Rs Use