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Payment of Supreme Court Fees by means of adhesive Stamps.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Executive Council has been pleased to direct that on and after the 1st day of October next all duties and fees payable in any of the offices of the Supreme Court shall be collected by means of adhesive stamps, to be cancelled in such manner as is hereby directed, and subject to the provisions prescribed in the following Regulations:—

1. There shall be an office of the Crown Law Department to be known as the “Stamp Office,” which shall be under the charge of an officer nominated by the Attorney General.

2. Upon requisition (Schedule A) by the Secretary of the Crown Law Department, the Under Treasurer shall deliver to him revenue stamps of the value required, printed with the words “Supreme Court.” Such stamps shall be issued to the officer in charge of the Stamp Office, who shall sign a Receipt therefor (Schedule B), and shall be responsible for the said stamps.

3. The Stamp Officer shall issue such stamps and keep such books and records of the dealings therewith as may be specified by the Under Treasurer from time to time.

4. The stock of stamps held by the Stamp Officer shall be balanced and audited at least once a week by an officer of the Audit Office, who shall compare such stock with the books kept by such officer, and with the receipts given by him to the Secretary, and such Audit Officer shall certify the result to the Attorney General in form of Schedule C.

5. At such weekly audit the auditing officer shall also inspect all documents filed in the Court during the preceding week, or such portion thereof as may afford a reasonable check on the due cancellation of all stamps on such documents.

6. Whenever the Stamp Officer issues stamps (other than as provided by Regulation 8), he shall enter such issue in a book to be called the “Issue Book.” All moneys received by the Stamp Officer shall be paid by him to the Treasury daily, from the officers of which Department he shall obtain a receipt therefor.

7. All stamps, books, and records in the care of the officer in charge of the Stamp Office shall be placed in a fire-proof safe or strong room every day after office hours, and that officer shall alone retain the custody of the key thereof, and be responsible for the contents, but a duplicate key shall be kept by the Under Treasurer.

8. The Stamp Officer may issue stamps in small quantities to any officers of the Supreme Court approved by the Master, and shall obtain the receipt of such officers in a temporary receipt book. Such officers must account for the stamps so issued, or the proceeds thereof, to the Stamp Officer.



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