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ON THE

STAMP STATEMENTS

OF THE

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For the year 1918-19.

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J. W. HEARN, Esq., I.C.S.,

Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab,

Financial Department,

To

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE FINANCIAL
COMMISSIONERS, PUNJAB.

Dated Lahore, 26th July 1919.

Financial.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Stamp Returns for the year ending 31st March 1919, forwarded with your letter No. 581-17-10, dated 18th July 1919.

I have, &c.,

J. W. HEARN,

Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab,

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FINANCIAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

Dated Lahore, 18th July 1919.

FROM

E. H. LINCOLN, Esq.,

*Assistant Secretary to the Financial Commissioners,
Punjab,*

To

THE HON'BLE MR. B. T. GIBSON, I.C.S.,

*Financial Secretary to Government,
Punjab.*

The Hon'ble Mr. H. J. Maynard, C.S.I., I.C.S.

SIR,

I AM directed to submit, for the information of Government, the Stamp Statements of the Punjab for the year 1918-19, accompanied by a brief note.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

E. H. LINCOLN,

Asst. Secy. to the Financial Commissioners, Punjab.

Note on the Stamp Statements for the year 1918-19.

STATEMENT I.

1. The total receipts under the Stamp Act, and the Court Fees Act, for the year 1918-19, amounted to Rs 61,42,960 which is Rs. 1,36,166 more than the figure for the previous year. The total expenditure shows a corresponding increase of Rs. 637 and amounted to Rs. 2,37,496. It may be explained, however, that the expenditure in the Gujranwala district is not included as no figures are available—the district records having been destroyed in the recent disturbances. The net increase, excluding the Gujranwala figures referred to, amounted to Rs. 1,35,529.

STATEMENT II.

2. The receipts from the sale of judicial, or court-fee stamps show a decrease of Rs. 61,292, as compared with the figure for the year 1917-18. The decrease is particularly noticeable in the case of nine districts *viz.*, Ferozepore (Rs. 26,136), Karnal (Rs. 25,149), Lahore (Rs. 18,871), Hoshiarpur (Rs. 12,186), Rohtak (Rs. 11,825), Jullundur (Rs. 11,250), Gurgaon (Rs. 10,560), Jhang (Rs. 10,046) and Ambala (Rs. 9,995). Generally speaking the income was adversely affected by the failure of the Kharif harvest of 1918, the influenza epidemic, high prices and the absence of a large number of Indian soldiers on active service.

On the other hand, there are increases in the income in certain districts, *viz.*, Multan (Rs. 25,451), Simla (Rs. 17,750), Amritsar (Rs. 15,053), Montgomery (Rs. 11,81) and Dera Ghazi Khan (Rs. 9,026). In the case of Simla the increase is due to a great increase in the value of suits, while in Multan a large number of suits of high value was instituted. The increase in Amritsar is small compared with the normal income and is probably also due to the increased value of suits. The development of the colony is responsible for the increase in Montgomery, while the increase in Dera Ghazi Khan is ascribed to increased litigation. The decrease in the income from judicial stamps is of course more than counterbalanced by the increased income from non-judicial stamps which is shown in statement III.

The miscellaneous receipts shown in column 5 of statement II represent chiefly recoveries on account of pauper suits, which show a great improvement. The amount outstanding at the end of the year on account of such suits was Rs. 31,073 excluding the balance in the Gujranwala district, which is not available. Noticeable balances exist in Lahore (Rs. 13,023), Ludhiana (Rs. 4,609) and Jullundur (Rs. 4,440). Suitable action is being taken in connection with this matter. It is probable that some of the defaulters were absent on field service.

STATEMENT III.

3. The income derived from the sale of non-judicial stamps amounts to Rs. 23,02,385 which represents an increase of Rs. 2,12,494 over the figure for the previous year. As before, the greater portion of this income was derived from the sale of non-judicial impressed stamps or sheets. Six districts show large increases, *viz.*, Lahore (Rs. 73,158), Amritsar (Rs. 66,377), Rawalpindi (Rs. 16,340), Simla (Rs. 15,299), Ambala (Rs. 12,350) and Sialkot (Rs. 11,704). The increases in Lahore, Amritsar and Simla denote rapidly increasing value of immovable property in urban areas. The income decreased in six districts—the decrease in Ferozepore (Rs. 17,541) being noticeable. It is attributed to a bad harvest and to less borrowing of money.

The income from impressed labels shows an increase of Rs. 12,688 accounted for almost entirely in Lahore and Simla, that from share transfer stamps, a decrease of Rs. 3,825 and from one-anna coloured impressions, a decrease of Rs. 6,978. These figures are in accordance with the business done by banks.

STATEMENT IV.

4. There were 1,684 stamp-vendors in the Province in 1918-19. The number of inspections of stamp-vendors' registers made by Excise officials during the year under review was 5,335, and it was sufficient in all districts except Rawalpindi, Lyallpur, Multan and Dera Ghazi Khan. The figures for the Gujranwala District are excluded here also.

STATEMENT V.

5. The total number of insufficiently stamped or unstamped documents dealt with during the year under report was 4,347 on which Rs. 3,367 were realized as duty and penalty, excluding figures for the Gujranwala District. The Courts appear to have paid attention to this matter, but the provisions of paragraph 44 of the Punjab Stamp Manual, Part I, cannot too strongly be impressed on all officers concerned.

GENERAL.

6. The monthly accounts of income were, as usual, compared with the Accountant-General's statements and differences reconciled.

The total receipts entered in column 2 of statement I also include miscellaneous receipts shown in column 5 of statement II, which represent Court fees realized in cash by way of recoveries on account of pauper suits. But such receipts are included in the Civil Budget Estimate under the sub-head "Court fees realized in cash," subordinate to the head "XVIA—Law and Justice—(Courts of Law)."

LAHORE :

E. H. LINCOLN,

The 18th July 1919.

Assistant Secretary to the Financial

Commissioners, Punjab.

STATEMENT I.

Abstract of Receipts and Charges in the Punjab for the year ending 31st March 1919.

Head.	Receipts.	CHARGES.				Net receipts.	Cost of general supervision.	Cost of stamps and plain paper supplied from Central Depôt.
		Discount and establishment for sale of stamps.	Refunds.	Other charges.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Under the Stamp Act...	23,02,385	75,732	46,076	16,627	1,38,482	21,63,953	...	14,888
Under the Court-fees Act.	38,40,575	(a) 29,492	55,161	14,411	99,064	37,41,511	...	37,180
Total 1918-19 ...	61,42,960	(a) 1,05,224	1,01,234	31,038	2,37,496	59,65,464	..	51,518
Total 1917-18 ...	60,06,794	1,07,718	1,00,674	28,46"	2,36,859	57,69,985	...	47,457

(a) Includes Rs. 295 on account of punching establishments in the Hoshiarpur and Jullundur Districts.

STATEMENT II.

Showing the details of Receipts on account of Judicial Stamps in the Punjab for the year ending 31st March 1919.

DISTRICT.	1	Sale of Court-fee Stamps. Rs.	Sale of Stamps for copies. Rs.	Sale of plain paper used with Court- fee labels. Rs.	Miscellaneous Receipts. Rs.	Total. Rs.
Hissar	...	1,08,983	2,108	...	...	1,11,091
Rohtak	...	1,10,161	2,205	58	1,12,424	
Gurgaon	...	49,629	1,038	...	...	50,662
Karnal	...	95,192	2,167	...	...	97,359
Ambala	...	1,32,152	2,700	113	1,34,965	
Simla	...	51,463	503	26	51,992	
Kangra	...	76,889	1,920	719	79,528	
Hoshiarpur	...	1,63,074	3,263	626	1,66,963	
Jullundur	...	1,72,259	3,668	367	1,76,294	
Ludhiana	...	1,11,983	2,190	160	1,14,333	
Ferozepore	...	1,93,772	4,350	286	1,98,408	
Lahore	...	4,55,805	7,097	1,766	4,67,668	
Amritsar	...	2,77,444	3,810	795	2,82,049	
Gurdaspur	...	1,64,226	3,012	116	1,67,354	
Sialkot	...	1,63,993	2,663	1,006	1,67,662	
Gujranwala	...	1,57,204	(a)	3	1,57,207	
Gujrat	...	94,552	1,553	650	96,755	
Shahpur	...	1,01,169	1,718	...	1,02,887	
Jhelum	...	84,019	1,433	19	85,471	
Rawalpindi	...	1,35,208	2,100	1,387	1,38,687	
Attock	...	86,751	1,687	181	88,619	
Mianwali	...	80,711	1,405	35	82,151	
Montgomery	...	69,295	1,208	2	70,495	
Layallpur	...	1,35,974	2,716	836	1,39,025	
Jhang	...	1,16,188	1,470	15	1,17,673	
Multan	...	1,55,574	2,400	157	1,58,181	
Muzaffargarh	...	1,26,621	2,055	147	1,28,823	
Dera Ghazi Khan	...	93,647	1,875	...	95,522	
Kashmir Resident	...	377	...	...	377	
Total 1918-19	...	37,67,297	64,308	8,970	38,40,575	
Total 1917-18	...	38,31,589	78,447	6,867	39,16,903	

(a) Figures not available owing to the destruction of district records in the recent disturbances.

STATEMENT III.

*Showing details of Receipts on account of Non-Judicial Stamps in the Punjab for the year ending
31st March 1919.*

STATEMENT IV.

*Arrangements for the Vend of Stamps in the Punjab during the year ending
31st March 1919.*

DISTRICT.	Number of vendors	DISCOUNT ALLOWED TO VENDORS				
		On Judicial Stamps.		On Plain Paper.		On Non-Judicial Stamps.
		1	2	3	4	5
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hissar	18	773	140	1,105
Rohtak	14	820	147	983
Gurgaon	26	376	68	704
Karnal	28	711	144	1,553
Ambala	49	922	180	2,729
Simla	4	123	33	333
Kangra	68	629	128	1,389
H. Shiarpur	66	1,329	176	4,468
Jullundur	89	1,357	245	5,404
Ludhiana	55	823	181	2,959
Ferozepore	107	1,540	290	4,072
Lahore	175	2,242	440	9,366
Amritsar	103	1,693	233	10,279
Gurdaspur	87	1,328	208	3,778
Sialkot	117	1,299	178	4,843
Gujranwala	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Gujrat	108	725	103	2,418
Shahpur	64	624	99	1,573
Jhelum	59	676	95	1,396
Rawalpindi	86	925	140	2,812
Attock	48	683	113	1,674
Mianwali	27	641	94	1,479
Montgomery	49	509	76	950
I. Jallpur	36	802	181	2,168
Jhang	56	841	97	1,593
Multan	40	952	160	2,369
Muzaffargarh	57	934	137	1,986
Dera Ghazi Khan	48	717	124	1,319
Total 1918-19	...	1,684	25,037	4,160	75,732	1,04,929
Total 1917-18	...	1,850	27,480	5,099	74,892	1,07,471

(a) Figures not available owing to the destruction of district records in the recent disturbances.

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STATEMENT V.

Insufficiently stamped or unstamped Instruments on which duty and penalty were levied by Civil Courts and Collectors in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March 1919.

DISTRICT.	BY COURTS OR PERSONS RECEIVING EVIDENCE UNDER SECTION 35 OF ACT II OF 1899.			BY COLLECTORS UNDER SECTIONS 32, 37, 40 AND 41 OF ACT II OF 1899.	
	Number of cases dealt with.		Duty and penalty realised.	Number of cases dealt with.	
	1	2	3	4	5
			Rs.		Rs.
Hissar	—	—	284	6,212	—
Rohtak	—	—	389	1,632	5
Gurgaon	—	—	36	425	—
Karnal	—	—	99	727	—
Ambala	—	—	70	630	3
Simla	—	—	48	281	1
Kanaria	—	—	60	509	1
Hoshiarpur	—	—	97	612	11
Jullundur	—	—	80	607	19
Ludhiana	—	—	167	1,744	1
Ferozepore	—	—	164	4,743	—
Lahore	—	—	143	1,432	7
Amritsar	—	—	602	4,552	18
Gurdaspur	—	—	41	585	1
Sialkot	—	—	105	808	60
Gujranwala	—	—	(a)	(a)	(a)
Gujrat	—	—	121	863	1
Shakargarh	—	—	35	540	14
Jhelum	—	—	121	1,518	1
Rawalpindi	—	—	86	952	3
Attock	—	—	427	1,437	—
Mianwali	—	—	242	1,782	6
Montgomery	—	—	113	842	—
Layallpur	—	—	264	2,457	1
Jhang	—	—	66	452	9
Multan	—	—	87	943	—
Muzaffargarh	—	—	216	1,322	—
Pota Ghazi Khan	—	—	14	424	6
Total 1918-19	—	4,179	37,031	168	2,336
Total 1917-18	—	4,434	43,824	396	2,693

(a) Figures not available owing to the destruction of district records in the recent disturbances.

STATEMENT VI.

Stamp Prosecutions and results in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March 1919.

DISTRICT,	Number of cases instituted.	NUMBER OF PERSONS			Amount of fines imposed.	Amount of rewards disbursed.	REMARKS.
		Brought to trial.	Convicted.	Acquitted.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hissar	1	1	...	Rs. 00	Rs. 00	Under trial.
Rohtak	00	00	...
Gurgaon	00	00	...
Karnal	00	00	...
Ambala	00	00	...
Simla	00	00	...
Kangra	00	00	...
Hoshiarpur	00	00	...
Jullundur	00	00	...
Ludhiana	00	00	...
Ferozepore	00	00	...
Lahore	00	00	...
Amritsar	00	00	...
Gurdaspur	00	00	...
Sialkot	00	00	...
Gujranwala	...	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	...
Gujrat	00	00	...
Shahpur	00	00	...
Jhelum	1	1	1	00	00	Under trial.
Rawalpindi	00	00	...
Attack	00	00	...
Mianwali	00	00	...
Montgomery	00	00	...
Laylapur	00	00	...
Jhang	00	00	...
Multan	00	00	...
Muzaffargarh	00	00	...
Dera Ghazi Khan	...	1	3	3	90	00	...
Total 1918-19	...	3	5	4	92	00	...
Total 1917-18	...	12	13	9	353	00	...

(a) Figures not available owing to the destruction of district records in the recent disturbances.

STATEMENT VII.

Showing the result of action taken by Collectors to test the Valuation of Estates for which Applications for Probate and Letters of Administration were put in, in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March 1919.

DISTRICT,	1	2	Number of inquiries pending at beginning of the year.	3	Number of cases reported to Collector (section 19-H of the Court-fees Act).	4	Number of such cases in which inquiries were instituted during the year.	5	Number of inquiries completed during the year.	6	Amount of court-fees due or originally realised on the valuations of the applicants in cases disposed of during the year.	7	Amount of deficit Court-fees required.	8	Penalty.	9	REMARKS.
Hissar	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	...	...	...	...	...
Rohtak
Gurgaon
Karnal
Ambala	12	12	12	12	12	12	7,622	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simla	1	17	18	18	16	16	16	6,583	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kangra	1	3	3	1	1	1	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshiarpur
Jallandur
Ludhiana	3	3	3	3	3	3	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ferozepore
Lahore	12	12	12	12	12	12	1,783	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amritsar	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gardaspur	1	...	...	...	...	...	584	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sialkot
Gujranwala	..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	Disposed of without an enquiry.	...
Gujrat
Shahpur
Jhelum	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rawalpindi	15	15	15	15	15	15	1,080	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attock
Mianwali
Montgomery
Lyalpur
Jhang
Multan
Muzaffargarh
Dera Ghazi Khan
Total of 1918-19	...	2	68	69	67	17,856	6
Total of 1917-18	...	7	39	39	37	17,645

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