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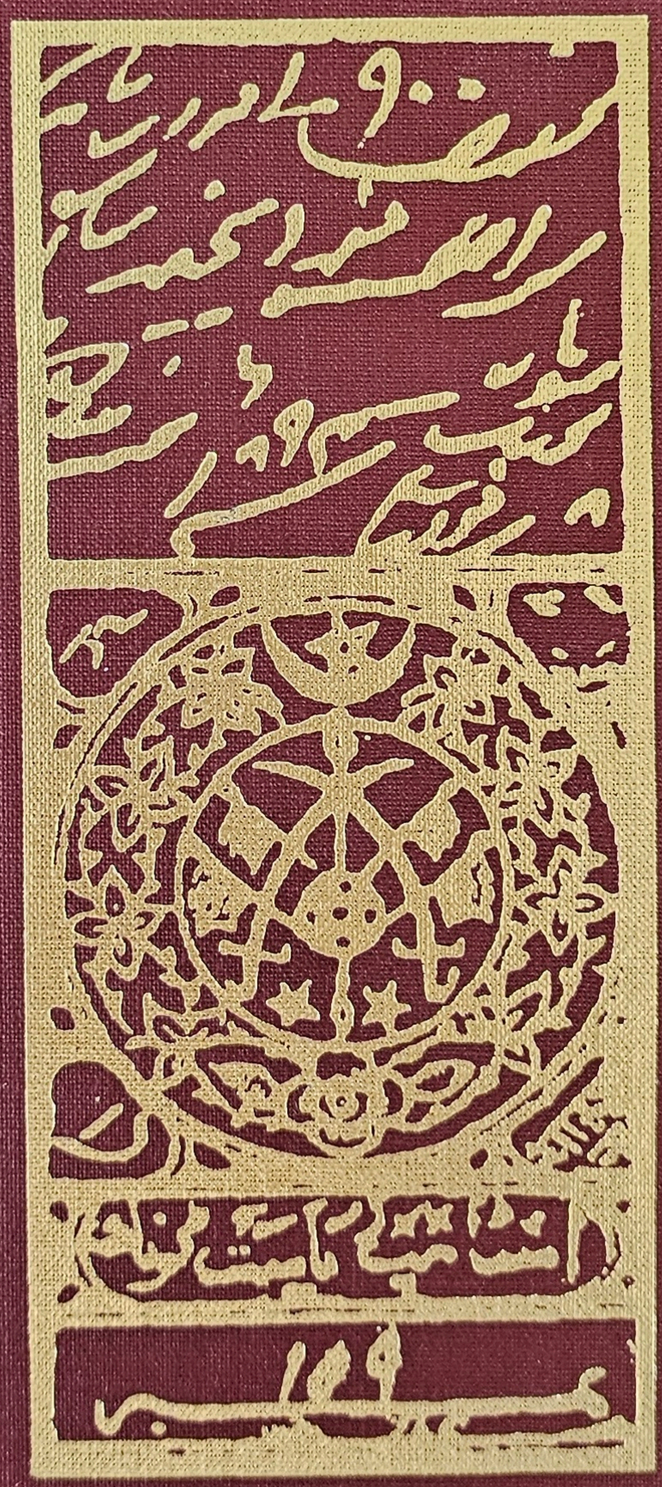

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Preface

The fiscal stamps of the princely states* of India have long been the most consistently neglected group of issues in philately. The language barrier, as well as the regrettable fact that most used copies have been severely mutilated to prevent reuse, has materially obstructed detailed study and classification. But few issues of the larger states are still in sufficient supply to permit such work. Printings of the vast majority of these stamps were made upon small orders in the first instance so that the surviving stamps are scarce and rarely seen.

The quality of philatelic research is dependent as well upon the availability of official records concerning the issuance of the stamps. Many of these records were destroyed because of age on a regular basis, while others were lost following the integration of the states with the governments of India and Pakistan between 1947 and 1950. What remains available for study by the serious student are a limited few proof sheets, essays and trial color specimens.

Three notable attempts to catalog the fiscal stamps of the princely states of India were made in the early years of this century by Walter Morley, Alfred Forbin, and Bridger and A.B. Kay. The source material available to them consisted of some small stocks held by Roussin in France, a few small collections, and correspondence with a small group with philatelic interests then living in India. Morley, in 1904, listed 44 states issuing revenues; Forbin in 1915, no more than 60. We have found more than 300 states, estates and political subdivisions issuing fiscal stamps many of which ante-date 1900.

This work has been over six years in the making. The decision to expand beyond the bounds of a mere stamp catalog was dictated by the stamps themselves. First, with so many stamps containing no words in the English language, it became essential to invent the Stamp Identifier. Familiarity with the alphabets and numerals of Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Telegu, Oriya, Bengali, Malayalam, and Punjabi became the next requirement. It then became apparent that we must supply translations of the words most commonly encountered on the revenue stamps, such as: "Revenue," "Court Fee," "State," "Ticket," "Label," "Government," "Serial Number," "Date." These words may appear in two versions; in the particular language or by transliteration from English in which latter case, it is spelled out phonetically in the native script.

A glossary of common words and phrases is included, not only to help sort out the stamps, but also to aid the reader in using the reference manual.

*Bhupen Qanungo, in his "A Study of British Relations with the Native States of India, 1858-1862," *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 26, February 1967, pp. 251-265 note p. 251, discusses the devolution of the title "princely states" from the older reference "native states." While we have used the more recent term throughout this work, Prof. Qanungo makes his case for "native states":

> Many writers, including Indians, prefer the expression "princely states" to "Native States" of India. A probable reason for this preference is that in the past the word "native" was often used as a "smear word" in Anglo-Indian nonofficial vocabulary. Especially now that India is independent, it is hard to see why Indians should choose not to glory in being "natives." There is no good reason at all to abandon in historical writings on British India administration the nineteenth century Anglo-Indian official expression "Native States," an expression which suggests well the character of the Rulerships in distinction to the less native British Government of India, the Paramount State.

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Preface

Since the October 1984 publication of **The Court Fee and Revenue Stamps of the Princely States of India** much new material has reached us. While we cannot promise that this will be the last supplement to that catalog, we now present the first.

A few words on the supplement: with new states we have included the well-received historical and demographic material. New stamps are illustrated. New values for issues reported earlier are shown in **bold** type while the original catalog listing is reprinted, but without pictures. Some of the new material has required renumbering of the catalog for clarity, but this practice, we trust, has been kept to an absolute minimum. Errors in the catalog have been corrected and there have been some minor changes in the pricing.

The supplement, however, does not contain the reference material such as the glossary of Indian words, the important data on the stamps of such significant interest to collectors, the exciting guide to Indian languages, the useful historical information on the Princely States and the annotated bibliography. For this information the reader will require resort to the catalog. Copies are still available from philatelic literature dealers in the United States, the United Kingdom and in India at the original issue price of $40.00 postpaid (in the United States). The book may also be obtained from the publisher, the Fiscal Philatelic Foundation, 155 First Street, Mineola, New York 11501. Abroad, add $5.00 for seamail, and $15.00 for airmail delivery.

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On June 1, 1986, Volume I, the Catalog of the Court Fee and Revenue Stamps of the Princely States of India was awarded a Large Vermeil medal at Ameripex in Chicago. We are advised that philatelic literature is never awarded Silver or Gold; that this is the highest award which such a work can aspire to. We humbly thank the Chicago International Philatelic Exhibition.

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