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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd August 1861.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Postmaster General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government in the Financial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 31st July 1861, No. 1,679.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 373, under date the 19th instant, calling my attention to paragraph 4
* Dated 8th instant, No. 35. of a letter* from the Collector of North Canara, wherein the delay in receipt of certain Returns is attributed to the irregularity of the Post in that District.

The interruption which has occurred in the carriage of the Mails dates only from a very recent period, and appears to be entirely ascribable to sickness on the line and to disaffection on the part of the runners who, pressed by the dearness and scarcity now prevailing in the District, are discontented with the smallness of their wages and are deserting in consequence.

I am doing all in my power to remedy matters.

I beg to annex for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a report from the Inspecting Postmaster of the Canara Division, and of a letter addressed by me to the Collector of North Canara on the subject.

From J. HONNER, Esq., Inspecting Postmaster, Canara Division; to the Postmaster General, Madras, dated 9th July 1861, No. 163.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Docket, No. 939, dated the 29th ultimo, and in reply to report, with reference to my letter, No. 160, of the 5th instant, that the statements made in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the accompanying letter from the Collector of North Canara, are fully substantiated by my report.

2. Many of the Dāk runners stationed between the Frontier of North Canara and Coompta have deserted, and all my endeavors to provide substitutes have been unsuccessful. The Overseers report that men engaged one day resign or desert the next, and on some parts of
* Kusgay. the line, at the Dāk-stages marginally named,* situated near the Davemance Ghaut,
Hurreta. substitutes are not to be found. I visited these Dāk-stages on the 5th instant, as reported in my letter above noted, and from the temporary arrangements I there succeeded in making, I had hopes of being able to restore some regularity in the transit of the Mails; but as the Mail of the 6th from Sircy has not reached this station up to the present time of writing, I incline to think that more of the men have left their places, and purpose proceeding at day-break to ascertain the cause of the detentions.

3. I have at present an intelligent and active Sub-Overseer on the line from Coompta to Sircy, and in view to enable him to meet present emergencies, I have supplied him with money to distribute as daily wages in advance to such as may be safely trusted.

The amount so advanced, viz., Rupees 5 will be adjusted according to paragraphs 10 and 11, of Circular No. 9 of 1861-62.

4. I beg leave however again to submit that no material benefit can be expected to arise from temporary arrangements of this nature. A permanent increase of pay is I believe the only effectual remedy which can be adopted under present circumstances, and on behalf of this suggestion I beg to solicit your favorable consideration and orders.

5. Of the runners by whom the Mails were delayed in transit between Sircy and the Coast, and of others who quitted their places without notice, I have succeeded in capturing two, and their cases are now under the Magistrate's enquiry.

I take this opportunity of reporting that I purpose remaining on the line until I have been able to remedy existing irregularities, instead of proceeding south from hence to Mangalore, and the Coorg District, in prosecution of my present tour.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd August 1861.*

From R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Postmaster General; to the Collector, North Canara, dated Madras, 31st July 1861, No. 1,673.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, No. 414, and in reply beg to annex for your information one from the Inspecting Postmaster, Canara Division, under date the 20th instant, reporting on the causes which have occasioned the irregularities of the Mails in transit between Sircy and Coompta.

Complaints have reached me on the same subject from other quarters, and there is no doubt that the interruption is in a great measure attributable to the sickness prevailing on the line, as well as to the result of disaffection arising out of the dearth or scarcity now prevailing within the District and the smallness of the wages paid by this Department.

I regret that I am utterly powerless at once to apply the only remedy which would restore order in slightly increasing the pay of the men, not having authority to sanction any expenditure of establishment even for a day under any circumstance. All that can be done is however being done. I have just given orders for the Deputy Postmasters, Sircy and Coompta, being placed in funds to pay ready money for substitutes of runners who may have either fallen sick or deserted, and am about to solicit the Director General of the Post Office in India recommending to Government increased wages to the runners.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. H. WILLIAMSON,
Postmaster General.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1861, No. 405.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Madras.
Postmaster Genl's Office
31st July 1861.

From,
R. H. Williamson Esq.
Postmaster General

To,
T. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secy to Government
in the Financial Department.
Fort Saint George.

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Your most obedt Servt

W. H. Anderson
Postmaster General

To,
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Chief Secy. to Government
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Canara Division
Inspecting Postmaster's Office
Camp Honore

9 July 1861.

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2. Many of the Dak runners, stationed between the Frontier of North Canara and Coompta have deserted, and all my endeavors to provide substitutes have been unsuccessful. The overseers report that men engaged one day resign or desert the next & on some parts of the line, at the Dak stages marginally named, situated near the Davaumance Ghaut, substitutes are not to be found. I visited these Dak stages on the 5th Instant as reported in my letter above noted, and from the temporary arrangements

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I am &c
Edw J. Horner
Inspecting Postmaster
Canara Dⁿ.

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W. H. Williamson
Postmaster General.

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Postmaster General.

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W. H. Williamson

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