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Government of Madras.

Finance DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 23rd June 1863.

No. 55. Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 2nd June 1863, No. 2,307.

In reply to your letter No. 204, dated 24th March 1863, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of an explanation from the Officiating Accountant General to the Government of India, and to request that you will be good enough to make further enquiries of the Postal Authorities in Madras, as to the delay that occurs between the arrival of the renewed Government Promissory Notes at Madras and their receipt by the transmitting Officer.

2. The Director General of the Post Office in India has also been addressed on the subject.

From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Officiating Accountant General to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, Loan Office, the 8th May 1863, No. 100/13.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your office docket, No. 1,564, dated 17th ultimo, forwarding for report copy of a letter with annexures from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George to the effect that certain Government Securities sent to this office for renewal on the 5th November last were not received back till four months after despatch, and that there is generally a delay of about 2½ months in getting Notes renewed.

With reference to the particular case above alluded to, I beg to state that no letter from Madras bearing date the 5th November last can be traced in this office, but if allusion is made to a letter No. 467, dated 6th November, from that Presidency, I beg to explain that the letter was not received here till the 20th idem or fourteen days after date, while all the Notes to which it gave cover were renewed and despatched with the due despatch of which by the out-going Mail of the 22nd December 1862, is acknowledged in paragraph 1 of the accompanying letter from the Postmaster of Calcutta, No. 14, dated 6th instant, so that this office can be held responsible only for a delay of twenty-eight days, of which ten days would have been avoided were it not that an unusual demand from Bombay for the issue of 632 new papers in lieu of certificates happening at this time, prevented the completion of the Madras packet in time for the Mail which closed on the 8th December 1862. Why the Notes thus despatched should not have reached their destination till the middle of March or three months after, it is impossible for me to determine. On this point, however, a reference has been made to the Madras Postmaster by the Postmaster here (*vide* 2nd paragraph of Mr. McGowan's letter), and the result will, on being reported to this office, be communicated to Government.

*No. 2,398 dated 19th December 1862.
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It is equally difficult for this office to account for the general delay of 2½ months stated to occur between the despatch of old Notes from Madras and the receipts of new Notes in lieu. The annexed Tabular Statement carefully compiled from the Register of Mofussil Notes received here, and embracing the covering letters received from Madras between July and December last year, shows that while some Notes have been renewed and despatched in four, six, and eight days, the average number of days against the Department is fifteen only.

Assuming fifteen days as the average period of detention in this office and allowing ten† days, more in transit to and from Madras (five days being the average number in which a letter reaches Madras from Calcutta, (*vide* 3rd paragraph of Mr. McGowan's letter under reference), the average detention between despatch and receipt, should be twenty-five days and not 2½ months; the additional delay of one month and a half between the arrival of the Notes at Madras and their receipt by the transmitting office is inexplicable, and is clearly a matter for local investigation, and one demanding the closest scrutiny as well for the interest of Government as for the satisfaction of its public creditors.

† 12 by dâk each day.

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23rd June 1863.

It sometimes happens that the Notes are ready for despatch just after the Steamer has left, they are then usually retained till the next Mail Steamer, as the Dâk between this and Madras takes at least twelve days in transit.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) THOMAS PEACHEY,
Principal Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of the correspondence sent to the Director General of the Post Office in India, with a request that the necessary measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the delay which has been complained of by the Madras Government.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1863, No. 410.

Copy forwarded to the Postmaster General, who is requested to make the necessary enquiry, and report the result for the information of Government.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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From

The Offg Account General to the Govt of India

To.

The Secy to the Government of India
Financial Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your office Docket №1564 dated 17th Ultimo, forwarding for report copy of a letter with annexures from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George to the effect that certain Government Securities sent to this office for renewal on the 5th November last were not received back till four months after despatch, and that there is generally a delay of about 2½ months in getting notes renewed.

With reference to the particular case above alluded to, I beg to state that no letter from Madras bearing date the 5th November last can be traced in this office, but if allusion is made to a letter №467 dated 6th November from that Presidency, I beg to explain that the letter was not received here till the 20th Decr or 14 days after date, while all the Notes to which it gave cover were renewed and

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despatched with letter from this office quoted in the margin, the due despatch of which by the outgoing mail of the 22d December 1862, is acknowledged in para. 1st of the accompanying letter from the Post Master of Calcutta No. 11, dated 6th Instant, so that this office can be held responsible only for a delay of 28 days, of which ten days would have been avoided were it not that an unusual demand from Bombay for the issue of 632 New papers in lieu of Certificates happening at this time, prevented the completion of the Madras packet in time for the Mail which closed on the 8th Decr 1862. Why the Notes thus despatched should not have reached their destination till the middle of March or three months after, it is impossible for me to determine. On this point however a reference has been made to the Madras Post Master by the Post Master here (Vide 2d para of Mr. McGowan's letter) and the result will on being reported to this office be communicated to Government.

No 2898 dated 19th Dec 1862.

It is equally difficult for this office to account for the general delay of 2½ Months stated to occur between the despatch of old Notes from Madras and the receipts of new Notes in lieu. The annexed Tabular Statement carefully compiled from the Register of Mofussil Notes received here, and embracing the covering letters received from Madras between July and December last year, shews that while some Notes have been renewed and despatched in four, six and eight days, the average number of days against the Department is fifteen only.

Assuming 15 days as the average period of detention in this office and allowing 10+ days more in transit to and from Madras (5 days being the average number in which a letter reaches Madras from Calcutta. (Vide 3d para of Mr. McGowan's letter under reference) the average detention between despatch and receipt, should be 25 days and not 2½ Months; the additional delay of one month and a half between the arrival of the Notes at Madras and their receipt by the transmitting office is inexplicable and is clearly a matter for local investigation and one demanding the closest scrutiny as well for the interest of Government as for the satisfaction of its public Creditors.

+ 12 by dâk each way

It sometimes happens that the Notes are ready for despatch just after the Steamer has left, they are then usually retained till the next mail Steamer, as the Dâk between this and Madras takes at least 12 days in transit.

I have the honor to be &c
H. I. L. Lushington
Offg Asst Gent to the
Govt of India

For William
Loan Office
The 8th May 1863

(A true Copy)
Thomas Peacock
Principal Asst Secy to the Govt of India

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To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort Saint George

Financial Deptt Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 204 dated 24th March 1863, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of an explanation from the Offg Accountant General to the Government of India and to request, that you will be good enough to make further enquiries of the Postal Authorities in Madras, as to the delay that occurs between the arrival of the renewed Government Promissory Notes at Madras and their receipt by the transmitting Officer. -

2 The Director General of the Post Office in India has also been addressed on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

H. L. Lushington
Secy to the Govt of India.

Fort William
The 2d June 1863

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From
Secy to the
Govt. of India
Fin.l Dptt. 2307
12-3 June/63
17-3 June/63
1 Enc.
No. 420

Forwards Copy of an Explanation from the Offg Actt. General thereon, and under the circs requests this Govt. to make further enquiries with the Postal authorities at Madras as to the delay that occurs between the arrival of the renewed Govt. Notes there & their receipt by the transmitting officer &c.

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With an Order

Order 23d June 1863 No. 410.

Copy forwarded to the Post Master General, who is requested to make the necessary enquiry and report the result for the information of Government.

To the Post Master General. despd 24

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