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No. 119. Read the following letter from D. BARBOUR, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. A. A. BIRCH, Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, Colombo, dated Fort William, 29th November 1873, No. 3089:—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-General of India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 22, dated 21st April 1873, to the address of the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, on the subject of a claim preferred by the Government of Ceylon for a share of the expenses of carrying the mails between Kanksanturai and Point Calimere. The claim which has been allowed to remain unadjusted for a long time amounts in the aggregate to Rupees 8,148, Cents 54, up to the end of 1872.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor-General is prepared to admit the claim to the extent of Rupees 6,493 for the period mentioned above, as shown in the statement hereto appended; and to pay a further sum of Rupees 390 on account of the first half of the current year 1873. Instructions have accordingly been issued for the payment of the total sum of Rupees 6,883 to the Government of Ceylon.

3. As regards the arrangements proposed for the future adjustment of the expenses of conveying the mails, I am directed to say that His Excellency considers them to be quite reasonable, and accepts them accordingly.

4. The arrangements may be summarized as follows:—

1*st.*—The existing rates on all classes of correspondence, as well as the existing regulation respecting compulsory prepayment in full, to remain in force.

2*nd.*—The Indian share of the postage to be one-half instead of two-thirds, or, for the purpose of simplicity, each country to keep the postage collected by it, thus doing away with the necessity of keeping any accounts.

5. I am at the same time to inquire whether the Government of Ceylon is willing to adopt the same arrangement in respect to the correspondence conveyed by the weekly contract steamers subsidized by the Government of India. The great bulk of the correspondence between Ceylon and India is conveyed by the land route, and it would be convenient to apply the same system to the small amount of correspondence conveyed by steamer.

STATEMENT.

The claim of the Ceylon Government, amounting to Rupees 8,148-8-8 up to end of 1872, is composed of the following items:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
March 1860 to 28th February 1861	73	14	2
(1.) March to 31st December 1864	67	9	9½

(2.) 1st January to 31st December 1865				76	17 0
Do. do. 1866				84	4 8
Do. do. 1867				87	16 6
Do. do. 1868				87	3 2
Do. do. 1869				87	14 0
Do. do. 1870				86	9 0
Do. do. 1871				82	18 9½
				734	7 1
January 1871 to December 1872				80	10 0
				£814	17 1
			or Rupees	8,148	8 8
				Rs.	A. P.
Deduct—					
The Madras Accountant-General's statement shows that credit to Ceylon was given for the period, March 1860 to 28th February 1861				852	9 0
			Balance ...	7,295	15 8
Again the Accountant-General's statement also shows that credit was given up to end of February 1865, instead of February 1864; therefore item marked (1) is disallowed ...	£ 67	*s.* 9	*d.* 9½		
And two month's share out of item marked (2) is also deducted	12	16	2		
	80	5	11½	802	15 8
The correct claim of the Ceylon Government up to end of 1872 is the balance				6,493	0 0
Add—					
Share of expenses from January to June 1873				390	0 0
Total claims admitted				6,883	0 0

FORT WILLIAM,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
29*th November* 1873.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of the above letter and of the statement therein referred to forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to their letter, No. 583, dated 7th May 1873, and to the Comptroller-General, the Accountant-General, Madras, and Director-General of the Post Office for information and guidance.

(By order, &c.)

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1873, No. 1817.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

ated December, 13th.

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G.O., 13th December 1873, No. 1817.

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DECEMBER.
Nos. 119-120.

Postal.—Enforcement of the Government o
India, forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the
Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, and of a statement on
the subject of the claim preferred by that Govern-
ment to a share of the expenses of carrying the
mails between Kaiskarnival and Point Calimere
recorded.

Statement.—

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		£ 734.	7.	1.
	January 1871 to December 1872	80.	10.	"
		£ 814.	17.	1.
	or Rupees	8,148.	8.	8.

Deduct

	Rs.	A.	P.
The Madras Accountant General's Statement shews that credit was given to Ceylon for the period March 1860 to 28th February 1861.	852.	9.	"
Balance	7295	15	8.
Again the Accountant General's statement also shews that credit has given up to end of February 1864 three items (marked (1)) disallowed	£ 67-9-9½.		
And 2 months' share of 1 item (marked 2) is also deducted	12-1-2.		
	£ 80-5-11½.	802.	15. 8.
The correct claim of the Ceylon government up to end of 1872 is the balance Rupees		6,493.	" "
Add			
Share of Expenses from January to June 1873.		Rs 390.	" "
Total claims admitted		Rs 6,883.	" "

Fort William,
Financial Department
the 29th November 1873.

J Barbour
Under Secretary to the
Government of India.

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No 3,089. 713

To.

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Ceylon,
Colombo.

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By Order &c.

D Barbour
Under Secretary to the
Government of India

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From

The Under Secy. of State
for India

No 3089.

Dy 29 Decr 1872
Ry 6 Jan

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No 2258.

Forwarding c/y
of a letter addressed to the
Colonial Secy. of Ceylon with
a Statement, on the subject
of the expence of carrying the
mails between Kankesan-
turai & Point Calimere.

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With an Order

13th Dec. 20. 1872.

Secretary

Govt. of {1873} Madras.
Financial

Dated 13th Dec 1873.
Rcvd. Read.

G. O. 13th Dec 1873. No. 1017

Nos. 1192 0.

Of the claim preferred by the Govt to a share of the expenses of carrying the mails between Kankesanturai & Point Calimere, recorded.

Postal. Endorsement of the Govt of India forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Colonial Secy Ceylon, and of a Statement, on the Subject