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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th May 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 256. Translation of a letter from His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of the Presidency of Fort St. George, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 27th March 1873, No. 12:—

By the enclosed correspondence exchanged between the Postmaster and the Administration of Pondicherry, that functionary has informed us that, in the execution of the arrangements made by the Government of India in the Financial Department, the privilege enjoyed by the Governor and the Heads of Departments of the French Dependencies of despatching and receiving their official correspondence free of postage is to cease from the 1st April next.

2. Although that decision appears to extend to all the public services which benefited by the exemption from the liability, I think it necessary to remark to your Excellency that nothing in the aforesaid decision could cause me to suppose that the measure would affect me, for I do not doubt that the Government of your Excellency would have informed me of the measure in question if it had been applicable to the public services of the Colonies under my administration.

3. I ought to add that, since the resumption of possession, the Governors of French India have never ceased to enjoy postal franchise, and that this right has been confirmed in principle by your letter of the 11th June 1872, No. 710, of which the second paragraph arranges that the Administration of Pondicherry alone has the privilege of despatching and receiving its letters without payment.

4. In any case I should be grateful to your Excellency by kindly relieving me of the doubt which induced the communication that I have the honour to make to you.

P. S.—I hope that in all this there is nothing but a mistake of the Postmaster of Pondicherry, and that the English Government does not intend to deprive the French Administration in India of the privilege of franking official correspondence which has always been enjoyed.

No. 428, 31st March 1873.

As the time is so close at hand when the privilege of franking will be withdrawn from all Public Officers in the British Territory, the Postmaster-General will be requested to instruct the Postmaster of Pondicherry by telegraph to continue to recognise the privilege as hitherto in the case of the officials of the French Government, pending distinct instructions on the subject, which will be referred for the decision of the Government of India. His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements will be informed accordingly, and the Postmaster-General will be requested to inform Government what steps he has taken on the report of the Pondicherry Postmaster.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General, Madras.

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No. 256-A. From Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 2nd April 1873, No. 69—45.

In returning your endorsement, No. 428, dated 31st March 1873, I have the honour to state that prior to its receipt the matter had been referred by me to the Director-General of Post Office for instructions.

2. In accordance with the strongly-expressed desire of the Madras Government, I telegraphed yesterday to the Postmaster of Pondicherry to continue to recognise privileges of franking by officials of the French Government as hitherto. I at the same time telegraphed to the Director-General of the Post Office for instructions, and enclose copy of his reply just received, stating "Franking privilege withdrawn from Government itself. Must likewise be withdrawn from Pondicherry."

3. I have, therefore, telegraphed this day to Postmaster, Pondicherry, cancelling my instructions of yesterday.

Telegram from Director-General of Post Office, Calcutta, to Postmaster-General, Madras.

Franking privilege withdrawn from Government itself. Must likewise be withdrawn from Pondicherry.

No. 256-B. Telegram from Chief Secretary, Madras, to Foreign Secretary, Calcutta, dated 2nd April 1873.

Governor of Pondicherry requests maintenance of long-standing privilege of franking correspondence between French Settlements enjoyed by himself and the Chefs de Service. Director-General refuses compliance on ground that British Government no longer franks. The cases are not parallel, as this Government receives the Postal Revenues. Will Governor-General maintain the courtesy?

No. 256-C. From C. E. BUCKLAND, Esq., for Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department (General), to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 13th May 1873, No. 1121-G.

With reference to your telegram, dated 2nd April last, on the subject of the request of the Governor of Pondicherry for the maintenance of the long-standing privilege of franking correspondence between French Settlements enjoyed by himself and the Chefs de Service, I am directed by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council to inquire what is the history (if any) of the concession of this privilege, and what reasons there may be for its continuance.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1873, No. 734.

Ordered that the Government of India be informed that on the arrival, in 1816, of M. Le Comte Du Pay, under the commission of His Majesty Louis 18th, to

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assume the office of Governor-General of the restored French Settlements in India, orders were issued by the Government of the day to the Postmaster-General that "all letters to and from His Excellency and the other French functionaries in attendance on him may pass free of postage," and that the privilege appears to have continued uninterruptedly to the present time until the recent abrupt disallowance by the Post-Office Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Translation

Read the following translation of a letter from His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of the Presidency of Fort St George, Madras, dated Pondicherry, the 27th March 1873, No. 12.

By the enclosed correspondence exchanged between the Postmaster and the administration of Pondicherry, that functionary has informed us that in the execution of the arrangements made by the Government of India in the Financial Department, the privilege enjoyed by the Governor and the Heads of Departments of the French Dependencies of despatching and receiving their official correspondence free

free of postage, is to cease
from the 1st April next.

Although that
decision appears to
extend to all the public
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by the exemption from
the liability, I think it
necessary to remark to
your Excellency that
nothing in the aforesaid
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me to suppose that the
measure would affect
me; for I do not doubt
that the Government of
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have informed me
of the measure in
question if it had been
applicable to the public
services of the Colonies
under my Administration.
I ought to add
that

that since the resumption
of possession, the Governors
of French India have
never ceased to enjoy
postal franchise and
that this right has been
confirmed in principle
by your letter of the 1st June
1872, No. 710 of which the
second para arranges
that the Administration
of Pondicherry alone has
the privilege of despatching
and receiving its letters
without payment.

In any case I should
be grateful to your
Excellency by kindly
relieving me of the
doubt which induced
the communication that
I have the honor to make
to you.

(Signed) Faron.

P.S. I

N.B. Hope that in all
this there is nothing but
a mistake of the
Postmaster of Pondicherry
and that the English
Government does not
intend to deprive the
French Administration
in India of the privilege
of franking official
correspondence which
has always been enjoyed.

True translation.

Shu Kuber Sen

French Translator

9th April 1873.

Gouvernement
des Etablissements Français
dans l'Inde

Administration
de l'Ordonnateur.

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Pondicherry, 1^{er} 27. Mars 1873.

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Monsieur le Gouverneur.

Acte relatif au privilège
de la franchise postale dans
l'Inde.

Par la correspondance échangée entre M. le Directeur de la Poste anglaise et Pondicherry et M. le Directeur de la Poste française, ce fonctionnaire a pu constater que les dispositions qui se trouvent dans le Gouvernement de l'Inde-Occidentale, relatives au privilège dont jouissent le Gouvernement et les Etablissements Français dans l'Inde, en matière de correspondance officielle, sont en vigueur, et qu'il n'y a rien de changé à cet égard.

Quoique cette décision, parvenue récemment à tous les services postaux, ne s'applique pas de l'exemption de la taxe, je crois devoir vous en informer, et vous prier de vouloir bien en faire part à l'Administration de l'Ordonnateur, afin qu'elle ne soit pas supprimée, car cette mesure est très importante, et il ne faut pas que le Gouvernement

L. B. Le Secrétaire du Gouvernement
Le Président du Port de Pondicherry.

de votre Excellence sur les motifs invoqués
de la nature dont il s'agit, si elle
est de nature à être considérée comme
de la Colonie que j'administre.

Je dois ajouter que, depuis la
reprise de possession, la Gouvernance
de l'Inde française n'est pas cassée
de jouir de la franchise postale et que
ce droit se est continué, en principe,
par votre lettre du 11. Mars 1873. N. 74. Item
le second paragraphe dispose que l'
Administration de Pondichéry a le
droit de privilège d'expédier et de recevoir sa
correspondance officielle.

Dans tous les cas, je dois vous
recommander à votre Excellence, si elle me
sait bien songer sur le droit qui me
tient la communication que j'ai l'honneur
de lui faire.

Je suis, avec toute la haute considération
avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

De votre Excellence,

Le très obéissant serviteur.

Le Commissaire Général de la Marine
Gouverneur de l'Inde française.

Post. Scriptum.

Jaron

J'aimerais à espérer

P. S. J'aimerais à espérer qu'il n'y a, dans tout ceci, qu'un
malentendu de la part du Post. master de Pondichéry,
et que le Gouvernement anglais n'a pas eu l'intention
de retirer à l'Administration française dans l'Inde le
privilège de la franchise pour elle a toujours joui pour
sa correspondance officielle.

Le Gouverneur,

Jaron

pas fait mention dans ce document
du droit accordé au Chef de la Colonie
pour sa correspondance avec les ad-
ministrateurs des Etablissements Secun-
daires et celle adressée par les Soins
aux hauts fonctionnaires de l'Inde
anglaise avec lesquels il est en relation.
Ce droit résulte des diverses lettres échan-
gées à ce sujet entre le Gouvernement de
Pondichéry et celui de Madras, notam-
ment des communications reçues sous
les dates des 25 janvier et 11 juin 1872.

Je ne puis pas vous laisser ignorer,
en outre, que M. le Gouverneur des Eta-
blissements français de l'Inde n'a été
saisi par votre Gouvernement d'aucune
information du genre de celle que vous
m'adressez et il est à présumer que
si la mesure dont il s'agit lui était
applicable,

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applicable, il n'eût pas manqué d'en
être prévenu dans les formes usitées.

Je vous prie, par suite, de vouloir
bien examiner à nouveau si vos instruc-
tions concernant le Gouvernement de
Pondichéry et de me faire connaître au
temps opportun le résultat de vos re-
cherches, afin que, le cas échéant, M.
le Gouverneur puisse en référer immé-
diatement à M. le Gouverneur de la
Présidence du fort St. Georges.

Brevin, &c.,

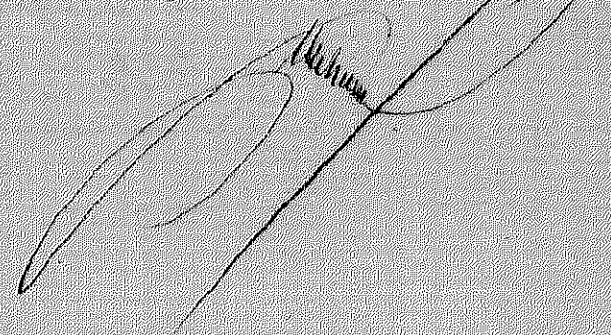
Pour l'Ordonnateur en tournée et
par ordre:

Le Sous-Commissaire de la Marine,

Signé: de Pascal Deydier.

Pour Copie conforme:

L'Ordonnateur,



No 1693.

Penitentiary Post office
Dated 23^d. March 1873.

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The Undersecretary of the Penitentiary
Establishments in India, Calcutta.

Sir,

In acknowledgement of the receipt
of your letter No. 1680 dated 22^d. March 1873, I
have the honor to inform you, that some
quite certain steps have been made in relation
in the matter of acquainting you that
the privilege of private mail as to the
Governor of Penitentiary of sending & receiv-
ing official correspondence by post free
of postage will be withdrawn from the
1st. April 1873.

The notification of the Government
of India, enclosed to your letter No. 1680
of 19th March, explicitly declares the with-
drawal of the privilege under which
certain public offices (which I presume
includes H. E. the Governor of Penitentiary)

have been allowed to send & receive official
correspondence through the post without
payment of postage. It is therefore
quite evident from this that all pro-
visions relating to the subject are obsolete,
and that no allowance whatever is
to be made to any Government functionary,
unless perhaps hereafter, in some spe-
cial order.

I will in order to obtain the correct
address the Postmaster General. Madras
by this day post & let you know the
result in due course. But in mean-
while I beg you will address H. C. the Governor
Madras also.

I remain, &c.

Signed: C. R. Lawrence,

Off. Postmaster.

Pericopia conformis.

A. C. C. C. C.

[Signature]

W. 1001.

Pondicherry Post office.
19. March 1873.

The Ordination of the French
Establishment in India.
Pondicherry.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you on
the subject of the notification of the govern-
ment of India, Financial Department, No.
1114 of 28 February 1873, of which I
herewith annex for your information, and
to inform you that no other persons than pri-
vilege letters to enjoyed by H.E. the Governor
of Pondicherry of sending and receiving offi-
cial correspondence by post free of postage
will be withdrawn from the 1st April 1873,
and I have therefore to request that you will
be good enough to take the necessary steps in
the matter for prepaying by service postage
stamps all correspondence from & after the above
date, or otherwise they will be taxed with pay-
ing postage at my office.

I have, Sir,

Signed: E. R. Lawrence,
Off. Post master.

Enclat

7. 10. 1873

Calcutta.

1st May - The Governor general in council is pleased to approve the following rules for the treatment of official correspondence which may be posted on or after the 1st April 1873.

One principal change is the withdrawal of the privilege under which certain of the offices have been allowed to send & receive official correspondence through the post without payment of postage, the value of postage charged on letters & parcels being at the same time reduced, and the postage charges regulated by a scale, which, for all weights, runs from a taluk, or less by limits of 10 taluks.

Official correspondence rates.

Official postage rates.

	Letter post.		Parcels post.	
	Letters closed covers.	Registered Gazettes open covers.	Parcels closed covers.	Parcels closed covers.
	Prepayment optional.	Prepayment compulsory.	Prepayment optional.	Prepayment compulsory.
Covers not exceeding 4 lbs.	2	4	1	1
Exceeding 4 lbs. not exceeding 10 taluks.	4	6	"	"
" 10 lbs. not 20 taluks.	5	1	4	2
" 20 lbs. not 30 taluks.	10	1	6	3
" 30 lbs. not 40 taluks.	15	2	8	4
For every additional 10 taluks.	5	6	2	1

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Note.

The following rule may facilitate the calculation of postage on letters exceeding 10 taluks. Find the weight in taluks, take the next lower multiple of 10 & divide it by 2; the result will be the number of annas chargeable. Thus, for a cover weighing (say) 38 or 40 taluks, the next lower multiple of 10 will be 30, which, divided by 2, gives 15, being the number of annas chargeable.

True extract.

Signed: E. R. Lawrence,

off. Post master.

For copie conforme:

G. Ordinalis.

[Signature]

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Message despatched by Telegraph on the 2nd April 1874

FROM MADRAS

To

Calcutta

FROM CHIEF SECRETARY

To

Foreign Secretary

Governor of Pondicherry requests maintenance of long standing privilege of franking correspondence between French Settlements enjoyed by himself and the *Chefs de Service*. Director General refuses compliance on ground that British Government no longer franks. The cases are not parallel as this Government receives the postal revenues. Will Governor General maintain the courtesy?

*Added - To avoid a copy
telegram from Govt. Genl.*

From Calcutta - To Madras
From D.G. Post. To Post G.^h

Franking privilege withdrawn
from Government itself must
likewise be withdrawn from
Pondicherry.

True Copy

M. Romer
Postmaster General

No 69
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POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 24 April 1873

From Major the Honorable C. R. Bourske
Postmaster-General,
Madras
To The Honorable W. H. Hudson
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In returning your
card or remittance No. 428 dated
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from Pondicherry."

I have therefore
telegraphed this day to
Postmaster Pondicherry
cancelling my instructions
of

of yesterday.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant

Postmaster General

P. A.

No. 1121 G. 33

From, The officiating Under Secretary
in the Government of India.
To, The Secretary to the Government
of Port Charles George

Foreign Dept. of India, the 13th May, 1873
General Sir,

With reference to your telegram
dated 2nd April last, on the subject
of the request of the Government of
Pondicherry for the maintenance of
the long-standing privilege of
granting correspondence between
French Settlements, enjoyed by myself
and the ships de Commerce and
see by this country the Vicar and
Governor General in Council to
enquire what is the history (if any)
of the concession of this privilege,
and what reasons there may be
for its continuance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
A. Duckend.

For Offg Under Secretary to
the Govt of India.

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Department.

From

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To No 27, 1873 1874

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Public Department,

Fort Saint George.

No.

1121 G.

Dated 22nd May 1873.

Received

Answered

Forwarded by 19th 11
from District General
ordering the suit to be
of forwarding, private
from land and also
from subsidiary

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Estacaminado. 27 May 1873. No 746.

From the Dr. J. C. Davis

in 1816 A. D. de Groot the day

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is in accordance with the principles

of the nature. Good with the in

Now that the Dr. is in
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 of the day & the Dr. the in person
 that it is also & I am the Secretary
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