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8th July 1874.

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 18th June 1874, No. 748 :—

ABSTRACT.—Approves and sanctions revised district postal schemes of Nellore and Tinnevelly, and requests the Financial Department to make a special provision of funds.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 1135.

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(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Postmaster-General, with No. 748.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of 1874 Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 8th.

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G.O., 8th July 1874, No. 1135.

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Nos. 96-97.

Postal Establishments in Nellore and Tinnevelly.—The additional outlay of Rupees 210 and Rupees 540 per annum, required for the revised postal establishments in the districts of Nellore and Tinnevelly, respectively, authorized to be met from Provincial Funds, and the Board of Revenue requested to see that the aggregate cost of the revisions which are now being made in the district postal establishments do not exceed the assignment transferred from Imperial to Provincial Services.

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18th June 1874.

Read the following:—

No. 164. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1874, No. 1,274.

Read again Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1873, No. 1,650; also Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 8th April 1874, No. 2,339.

Read also the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kristnapatam, 17th April 1874, No. 799:—

Board's Proceedings, No. 1,650, dated 25th August 1873.

WITH reference to paragraph 13 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 405, dated 24th February 1874, I have the honour to state that, in accordance with the Proceedings noted in the margin, I put myself in communication with the officers of the Postal Department, and carried out, as early as October 1873, numerous extensions and improvements in the District Post Lines and Establishments.

2. I enclose a statement showing the establishments and lines as they existed prior to October, and as then revised. In my letter of the 25th October 1873, No. 2,411, on which the Board passed Proceedings, dated the 8th April 1874, Miscellaneous No. 2,339, I applied for a grant of Rupees 8,268, which has been approved of, and included in the Budget for 1874-75 submitted to Government.

3. Since then, Major Bourke has visited the district, and, in consultation with him, the scheme has been again revised as described in the accompanying copy of the Inspecting Postmaster's letter. This last scheme, estimated to cost Rupees 8,478, was framed in the hope of having the grant raised to Rupees 8,500, but I would call particular attention to the last paragraph of Mr. Theobald's letter, wherein he points out that no provision has been made for unforeseen sundries and contingencies, such as are sure to arise, and asks that the grant may be raised to Rupees 8,750.

4. I therefore earnestly request that the Board will obtain a grant of Rupees 8,750 for 1874-75, or Rupees 482 above the grant already approved of.

5. The establishment prior to October consisted of the first sixteen lines in the statement, extending over a distance of 225 miles, and of seven offices, altogether costing 302 Rupees a-month. In revising the scheme in October, the changes effected were as follows:—

1st.—The establishment of the lines from Nos. 17 to 27, with an additional distance of 146 miles, making the entire mileage 345 miles.

2ndly.—The pay of the Gumastahs was raised from 7 to 10 Rupees, and that of the Letter Peons from 5 to 6 Rupees.

3rdly.—Thirteen Letter-box Stations were opened in suitable localities.

4thly.—The appointment of ten additional District Letter Carriers to distribute letters over a radius of ten miles.

5thly.—The appointment of two Overseers and of two Gumastahs for the Inspecting and Sub-Inspecting Postmasters.

6. These additions raised the cost to Rupees 684 a-month.

7. Mr. Theobald's letter and statements specify the transfers and improvements for this year, and I need not therefore recapitulate them.

8. It only remains for me to request formal sanction to the changes made and the expenditure incurred in the past year, and to the revised scheme in the present year with an addition of Rupees 482 under the head of Contingencies to the amount of Rupees 8,268, already approved of, or a total grant of Rupees 8,750.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement showing the establishment and lines as they existed prior to October, and as then revised.

Enclosure No. 2.

From H. D. THEOBALD, Esq., Inspecting Postmaster, to G. VansAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated 27th March 1874, No. 4,700.

As it was personally arranged at the time, the Postmaster-General was in Nellore to re-arrange the distribution of the District Post Grant in view to extend its operations, I have the honour to submit for your approval the revised scheme for the year 1874-75.

2. There are but two main features in my proposals, which, with the above object, claim attention; these are:—

(1.) The transference to the Imperial Postal Department of those District Post Offices and Letter Boxes which have been found to pay, and,

(2.) The opening of District Letter-box Stations at other places in their stead.

3. In making these selections as regards No. 1, I have been obliged to use my discretion in reference to the results of their working, obtained during the past four months, and I beg to observe, that while it may in some cases be held that these results have been favourable, yet it cannot be expected they would always be so; for the simple reason that the presence of a District or Taluq Official with his establishment at one of the stations would cause a large increase to the correspondence in any one month, and their shifting off to some other station would at once reduce the revenue of the Box to its normal condition. Under any such circumstance therefore, it would be premature to relieve the District Post Grant of the charges of some more of the Letter Boxes with the prospect of their proving failures when transferred to Imperial management, and thereby, under the rules for such experimental establishments, lead to their abolition, and their re-opening from District Post Funds an uncertainty, inasmuch as the allotment once cast will have to be re-cast and entail work which could well be avoided.

4. The District Grant has been relieved of maintaining Kotah as a Box Station. A Branch Post Office has been established in its stead. Nundavaram has now a Receiving House which was opened on the 12th March 1874.

5. As regards No. 2, the following District Offices and Box Stations have been proposed for transfer to Imperial control.

	Proposed.	
District Post Office—	Ramapatam	Branch Post Office.
Box Station	Dugarazapatam	Receiving House.
Do.	Sunthanootalapaud... ...	Do.
Do.	Buchireddipalem	As Imperial Box Station.
Do.	Kanigiri	Do.

6. The New Box Stations are:—Koratur, Gangapatam, Kaligiri, Sakalakondah, Podalakur, Warlapurla, Koochoopoody and Vullumpully.

These have been selected after due inquiry, and increases the number to sixteen in 1874-75 from thirteen in 1873-74.

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7. The services of the District Letter Peon for Ramapatam have been retained, as with a Peon sanctioned from Imperial funds, when the Branch Office is opened, I hope to ensure the more satisfactory distribution of letters in this portion of the Kandukur Taluq.

8. Box Station Runners.—These have been brought under a separate heading to distinguish them from those employed on Mail lines. The results of the Seetarampuram and Chundi Letter Boxes have been so unsatisfactory, that it was my intention to propose their being closed. I have, however, on your suggestion retained them, and reduced one Runner on the establishment of each, intending to have the packets to and from taken every third day.

9. District Letter Peons.—This is according to the increased scale approved of, and in operation from 1st November 1873. A monthly saving of Rupees 5 is proposed to be effected on their salaries by reducing the pay of each from Rupees 6-8-0 to Rupees 6.

10. Contingent Charges.—The proposal to convert Ramapatam into a Branch Post Office, and as it is considered unnecessary to continue the allowance to the District Post Clerk attached to the Nellore Office, a saving of Rupees 2 has been effected under this item. As the extension of the District Postal operations was carried on during the past half-year from savings on the grant, the Box Peons were supplied with stationery purchased for them; it is, however, desirable that special provision on this account should be made; I have therefore entered for them at 4 Annas each per month, or for sixteen Rupees 4. It is not intended to draw this sum every month, but to purchase stationery of a proper description and send out to them once in four or six months.

11. House Rent.—Steps are being taken to effect a reduction all round, and if the Gumastahs try, I have no doubt that they will be able to secure ample accommodation for the office and for themselves for the sum of 1 Rupee per month. As the office at Sriharikota is in the Cutcherry building, Annas 8 have only been allowed for house-rent to the Gumastan. The reduction under this head is Rupees 2-8-0 per mensem.

12. Subordinate Supervision.—This is the same as for 1873-74. It has been discussed that if reduction is needed, it should be made by dispensing with one or both the Overseers. Such a step, I beg to observe, would reduce the control on the Runner lines to a minimum, and throw a deal of work on the Imperial establishment, in the performance of which it would perhaps find some difficulty without necessary aid from the District Grant; for, I must submit, that while improvements such as the establishment of new lines, opening of Box Stations, etc., are going on, the supervision remains the same, and if such as what have for the operations of the District Post, which has been extended so considerably within the last six months, is reduced, the present efficient control, as already observed, must suffer.

13. In conclusion, I have to observe that the scheme has been prepared with reference to the grant of Rupees 8,500, expected to be sanctioned for 1874-75.

In casting the several heads, this has been borne in mind, but I fear it has run rather close, as no provision could be made for sundries. The details of this are necessarily unforeseen, but as disbursements will be made after your approval has been obtained to the item involving the expenditure, I trust that steps be taken to obtain an allotment of Rupees 8,750 for 1874-75.

(True Copy)

(Signed) A. NARAYANA RAU,
Deputy Collector
for Collector.

Enclosures Nos. 3 to 5.—Statements.

In the first of the papers above recorded, the Collector of Nellore was directed to provide for the utilization of such part of the unspent balance of the District Postal Grant as could be advantageously devoted to Postal extension.

2. He now reports that, in accordance with those instructions, he carried out numerous extensions and improvements in communication with the Postal authorities as early as October last, apparently on his own authority as they do not appear to have been ever submitted for the approval of the Board, and the sanction of Government. His attention is drawn to the marginally noted order, directing that no increase or change of establishment is ever to be carried out without previous sanction, and he will explain why he did not conform thereto.

Board's Standing Order, No. 360.

3. A statement showing the scale of establishment previously existing and the revised scale is furnished, from which it appears that eleven new lines have been added at a cost of Rupees 135 and one line abolished, a saving of Rupees 10 being effected thereby. The pay of six Gumastahs has been raised from Rupees 7 to Rupees 10, and that of seven Letter Peons from Rupees 5 to Rupees 6, whilst thirteen additional Letter Peons have been entertained for Letter-box Stations at the latter rate of pay, and ten Letter Carriers at Rupees 6-8-0. Two Overseers have been added at Rupees 25 each, and two Gumastahs, one at Rupees 15 and the other at Rupees 12. An additional provision of Rupees 12 has been made for contingencies.

4. It appears then that out of a Budget allotment of Rupees 7,000, only Rupees 3,624 was expended on the District Postal Establishment in Nellore previous to its revision, as pointed out by the Board* in their Proceedings of 6th June 1873, No. 948, paragraph 3. The revised establishment costs Rupees 684 per mensem or Rupees 8,208 annually, and in accordance with the Collector's request that sum has been entered in the Budget for the current year with Rupees 60 for contingencies.

* G. O., dated 23rd July 1873, No. 770.

5. Mr. VansAgnew now requests that the grant may be raised to Rupees 8,750 or Rupees 482 in excess of the allotment. The establishment has been again revised in communication with the Postal authorities, and the cost of the establishment as now proposed is Rupees 706-8-0 per month or Rupees 8,478 per annum, an increase of Rupees 210. The balance of the excess allotment proposed is stated to be a provision to meet unforeseen contingencies.

6. The principal features in the present revision are—

(1.) The addition of eleven Box Station Runners at Rupees 5, and the entertainment of three more District Letter Peons at Rupees 6.

(2.) A reduction in the establishment for District Post Offices and Mail lines, and the withdrawal of the increase of 8 Annas to the pay of the Letter Carriers.

7. The Board resolve to submit these proposals for the orders of Government. Provision has been made in the Budget for the establishment as originally revised; but the orders of Government not having been previously obtained, it is requested that sanction may now be accorded. With regard to the further allotment of funds now asked for, the Board are of opinion that there is no necessity to provide so large a sum as Rupees 272 for unforeseen contingencies. The excess of Rupees 210 required to complete the scheme might be granted, if funds are available, but, as pointed out in connection with the scheme submitted by the

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Collector of Tinnevelly, the Board are not in a position to decide at present whether general savings will suffice to meet the cost of the extensions proposed.

No. 165. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1874, No. 1,276.

Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1873, No. 1,650, 17th February 1874, No. 360, and 2nd March 1874, No. 456.

Read also the following letters:—

From Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th March 1874, No. 16,654-1,763.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 456, dated 2nd March 1874, I have the honour to state that the basis upon which the Collector makes his proposals have been recently discussed and agreed upon between the Collector and myself when I was at Palamcottah last November, and that I entirely concur in the views expressed by him in his letter to the Board, No. 72, dated 7th February 1874.

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tinnevelly, 6th March 1874, No. 151.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 17th February last, I have the honour to inform you that the lines referred to were proposed after consulting with the Inspecting Postmaster in accordance with Board's Proceedings, No. 1,650, dated 25th August 1873, and submitted for sanction with Collector's letter, No. 72, dated 7th ultimo.

2. The necessity for the opening of these lines was detailed in the above letter. The unspent balance of Rupees 2,514 was arrived at after deducting the actual expenditure on account of the District Post up to 31st December from the Budget grant of 1873-74, *vide* Progress Statement of Charges in comparison with the Budget submitted to Board for that month.

From W. H. COMYN, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1874, No. 207.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 456, dated 2nd March 1874, I have the honour to submit a statement showing the present establishment of the District Post and that proposed to be introduced during the current year.

2. The proposed changes and the necessity for them are explained in Mr. Puckle's letter quoted in the Board's Proceedings under reply. The Post Offices omitted in the proposed establishment have been transferred to the Imperial Post.

3. The cost of the establishment now proposed is Rupees 441 per mensem, or Rupees 5,292 for the whole year. To this sum should be added Rupees 622 to

meet the cost of the necessary furniture for eleven District Post Offices according to the enclosed estimate, which has been furnished by the Inspecting Postmaster under the instructions of the Postmaster-General.

4. The total estimated cost of the District Post for the current year thus amounts to Rupees 5,914, and I beg that the Board will be pleased to sanction the arrangements now proposed.

5. I regret the delay in forwarding this report; but being unacquainted with the requirements of the district, or the details of Mr. Puckle's scheme, I found it necessary to have the matter discussed with the Inspecting Postmaster who has been absent on tour.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement.

Enclosure No. 2.—List of Articles required.

In the first of the papers above recorded, the Collector of Tinnevelly was requested to provide for the utilization of such part of the unspent balance to credit of the District Post as could be advantageously devoted to postal extension.

2. In his letters of the 19th January and 7th February last, Nos. 35 and 72, respectively, Mr. Puckle submitted certain proposals; these were referred to the Postmaster-General for his remarks, who stated, in reply, that the details of the scheme had been discussed and agreed upon between the Collector and himself.

3. Details of the proposed increase of cost were at the same time called for, and the Acting Collector has furnished a statement showing the present establishment and that proposed.

4. From this statement, it appears that the cost of the present scale of establishment is Rupees 396 per mensem; that the proposed reductions effect a saving of Rupees 185 per mensem, whilst the additions suggested involve an increase of Rupees 230; the net increase being Rupees 45 per mensem, or Rupees 540 per annum, and the total expenditure Rupees 441 per mensem, or Rupees 5,292 for the year.

5. The proposals contained in the Collector's letter of the 7th February 1874, No. 72, have been slightly modified, it is presumed, with the concurrence of the Postmaster-General.

6. The present recommendations are briefly as follow:—

(1.) To open eight new lines with eighteen Runners, at Rupees 5 each, and three Overseers, at Rupees 12, in place of five lines closed and an establishment of twenty-seven Runners and one Overseer dispensed with.

(2.) To open six new Post Offices involving the entertainment of four Gumastahs, at Rupees 7, and eight Peons, at Rupees 6; two Gumastahs and three Peons being dispensed with elsewhere.

(3.) To increase the pay of seven Peons from Rupees 5 to Rupees 6 per mensem, and to strengthen the establishment of existing Post Offices by the addition of three Peons on Rupees 6.

These proposals involve an increase of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 540 per annum as stated above.

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7. Application is also made for a grant of Rupees 622 to meet the cost of the necessary furniture for eleven District Post Offices. The Acting Collector does not state why furniture for eleven Offices is required when the number of new Offices proposed is only six, it being presumed that those already in working are supplied with all necessary articles of furniture. This should be explained.

8. The Board resolve to submit these proposals for the sanction of Government. Schemes have also been forwarded by the Collectors of Nellore and North Arcot, and will be submitted shortly. As increase of expenditure is entailed in each case, and the Budget allotment for the current year is not much in excess of existing requirements, the Board are unable to say at this early period of the year whether funds will be available from general savings; and they would, therefore, suggest that, in the event of the scheme being sanctioned, funds should be specially allotted for the purpose from some other source, especially as the Budget provision for District Post is less by Rupees 8,000 than the grant transferred to Provincial Services on that account, *vide* G. O., dated 14th March 1874, No. 436.

No. 166. Order thereon, 18th June 1874, No. 748.

Miscellaneous.

The revised District Postal schemes of Nellore and Tinnevelly are approved and sanctioned, and, with reference to paragraph 8 of the second of the Proceedings recorded above, the Financial Department will be requested to make a special provision of funds.

(True Extract.)

A. Duncan Campbell
A. Under Secretary
for *Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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G. O., 18th June 1874, No. 748.

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To

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43. Purport to

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