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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1874, No. 2063.

Sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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To the Board of Revenue, with an enclosure returned.
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FINANCIAL.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated December, 9th.

Recd.

G.O., 9th December 1874, No. 2063.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 94-95.

Postal.—Sanction accorded to the increased expenditure of Rupees 15 per mensem on account of two runners and a peon for District Post of Trichinopoly.

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Exd: A. Grubert.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17TH NOVEMBER 1874, No. 3,302

Dept 27 Nov 1874
Encl.

Received 28 Nov 1874.
No 2505
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NOVEMBER.

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G Dept 27/11/74 No 2053
Sanctioned accordingly

Dept 17/12 } Board of Revenue
C 5/12 28/12 } Revenue Dept.
Postmaster General Madras
Accts General.

3/12/74

Govt. of 187 } Madras.

Fin.l

G. O. 9 Dec.r 1874. No. 2083

Nos. 96 5

Postal Sanction accorded to the increased Expenditure of 18 Rs per mensem on acct of 2 runners @ 9 per Mr for Dt Post of Trichy