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No. 216. Read the following letter from Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th December 1874, No. 11,470-4681:—

In reply to G.O., No. 2049, dated 8th December 1874, I have the honor to state that the mail train is timed to arrive at Coimbatore at 8-20 A.M.; when it is not late the official correspondence is always delivered before business hours; it is, therefore, not apparent what is to be gained by making a delivery earlier, even if such were possible; but I regret to say it is not possible to make a delivery direct from the train under the existing system of check. The mails must go to the Post Office first and there be sorted and examined previous to delivery. It is impossible for me to be aware upon what authority the Collector bases his assertion that "boxes containing goods are delivered more than an hour before the letters which come by the same train." Paid goods sent by mail train can, of course, be delivered on the arrival of the train, on production of the advice to any one sending for them. Ice and fish, for instance, are always delivered immediately. But it is comparatively an easy matter to delivering a few bulky articles to individuals sending their own servants for them to the train where no sorting and searching is required, and where each individual article is separately invoiced and where the total number for delivery at any particular station is few, five or six at the most. If the letter mail for Coimbatore consisted of only five or six covers there would be no difficulty in making a direct delivery from the train; but, as it consists of thousands of articles, these must be taken to the Post Office to be sorted, registered letters examined and entered in the registers; bearing articles must be entered before delivery takes place. Though small parcels may be delivered from the station an hour earlier than the mails I must be allowed to question whether "boxes containing goods" are so expeditiously delivered as the Collector states; but, be that as it may, all I can say is this, that letters for delivery at Coimbatore are at present delivered with the utmost despatch; and after full inquiry and investigation I see no means of accelerating the delivery. I beg to point out that I have received no complaints from any other resident at Coimbatore, but, on the contrary, have reason to believe that the existing arrangements are highly appreciated by the community at large. I would here beg to remind Government that there cannot be any real or serious complaint when it is remembered that all letters are now delivered at Coimbatore before breakfast. Only a short time ago, before the introduction of the Travelling Post Office and revision of the Railway time-table and the acceleration of the speed of the train from $16\frac{1}{2}$ to twenty miles an hour, the delivery at Coimbatore was late in the afternoon. A letter written now in Madras and posted, say, on Monday will be delivered at Coimbatore on Tuesday morning and its reply delivered in Madras on Wednesday morning; previous to the introduction of the improvements alluded to above this was impossible; in fact, the Coimbatore community are, as far as their postal arrangements are concerned, most favorably situated, much more so than the majority of Mofussil communities.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th December 1874.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 28th December 1874, No. 2161.

From the further explanation afforded by the Postmaster-General it appears that it is not practicable to make any change in the existing postal arrangements at Coimbatore.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Postmaster-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 1874 Wdrm.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR of COIMBATORE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 28th.

Read. " "

G.O., 28th December 1874, No. 2102.

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Nos. 210-217.

Postal.—From the further information afforded by the Postmaster-General the impracticability of making any change in the existing postal arrangements at Coimbatore, stated.

No. 11470/4681

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Madras, 15th December 1874.

FROM

Major the Honorable E. J. Bourke

Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

TO

H. Chris

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Financial Department,

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FORT SAINT GEORGE.

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Postmaster
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By.

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From the further explanation afforded by the
Post Master general the Court is of opinion
that it is not practicable to make any change
in the existing postal arrangements at Carlisle
viz:-

By the Court

28/12/74

No. 275.—P. M. G. O. F.—18-8-74.—100.

To

The Secretary

to Government,

Department,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 1147-70
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Dated 16th December 1874.

Received 1874.

Subject

Sir,

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Postmaster.

From

The Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

Department.

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G. O., 28th Dec., 1874, No. 2161

Nos. 216-17

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