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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

6th January 1881, No. 21.

Indian Mail Service.

Read the following paper :—

No. 19. *Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce, dated Fort William, 30th December 1880, No. 1759.*

Separate Revenue—Post Office.

Read the following despatch from the Government of India, to the Secretary of State for India, dated 2nd November 1880, No. 57 :—

On receipt of Your Lordship's Despatches, Nos. 270 and 271, dated 19th August, upon the subject of the day on which the weekly mail for Great Britain should leave Bombay, we thought it expedient to consult, afresh, the commercial communities of the three Presidency towns, whose interests are chiefly affected. We forward, herewith, our correspondence* with these bodies.

2. In deference to the wishes of those interested in Great Britain, and to Your Lordship's conclusion as communicated to us in Despatch No. 271, the Indian Chambers of Commerce consent, with more or less reluctance, to give up the plan of a fixed day of the week for the departure of the mail from Bombay all the year round, and on this basis consent to a Monday evening departure during the monsoon.

3. The Madras and Bombay Chambers would also accept Your Lordship's proposal that the mail should leave Bombay on Thursday evening in the fair season. But to this the Bengal Chamber of Commerce strongly object, on the ground that it would involve the closure of the mails in Calcutta on Monday evening.

4. Considering the importance of the commercial interests represented by the Bengal Chamber, and the serious inconvenience which would result from the closure of the mail at Calcutta on Monday, we consider it essential that the mail should not leave Bombay in the fair season before Friday.

5. On behalf of those in Great Britain interested in the matter, Your Lordship may, perhaps, hesitate to accept this conclusion, on the ground that it might involve a transgression of the condition which you prescribe, that the mails shall arrive in London not later than Tuesday. This objection would be entirely overcome if the Peninsular and Oriental Company could undertake to perform the journey in one day less than their contract time. At least this much time is constantly saved on the outward route during the monsoon, and we apprehend that the Company would have no serious difficulty in ensuring the delivery in London on Tuesday of mails leaving Bombay on Friday evening in the fair season.

6. If, however, the Peninsular and Oriental Company cannot undertake this, we are assured by our Director-General of the Post Office that the same object might be gained if the mail steamer were to leave Bombay in the morning at 10 A.M., instead of in the evening. In two letters to the General Post Office, which will be found in the Appendix, dated 16th March and 21st June last, Mr. Monteath has explained that, if the transit of the homeward mail through Egypt can be effected as quickly as that of the outward mail, viz., in seventeen hours (and we can think of no reason why this should not be done), then a mail leaving Bombay at 10 A.M. should

* Will follow.

reach Alexandria at 3 p.m., in ample time for the mail steamer to leave the harbour by daylight, which is understood to be an indispensable condition. A mail leaving Bombay at 6-30 p.m. will not, at the contract rate of speed, reach Suez before 6-30 a.m., or leave Alexandria before 7 a.m. the next day. Thus a mail leaving Bombay at 10 a.m. would pass out of Alexandria no less than sixteen hours earlier than if it left Bombay 8½ hours later, viz., at 6½ p.m. The whole of this sixteen hours would be gained by the mails of all India, excepting Bombay. The Bombay mails would gain 7½ hours.

7. If this apparently careful calculation is correct, it would be acceptable to commercial interests throughout India, excepting at Bombay. The departure of the mail steamer at 10 a.m. would be distasteful, and, we fear, inconvenient, to the commercial community of Bombay; but we should hope that, if it be practically demonstrated that, if the mail steamer leave Bombay at 10 a.m., the mails from all India will be delivered in London a day earlier than if the steamer leaves Bombay at sunset, the Bombay community would cheerfully acquiesce in the inconvenience to local interests involved in that alternative for the fair season. We could not expect that community to consent, under any circumstances, to a Monday morning departure.

8. While we strongly urge, on behalf of Indian interests, that the weekly mails should not leave Bombay in the fair season before Friday, we now leave the matter in Your Lordship's hands. You will doubtless telegraph your decision.

Telegram from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 23rd December 1880.

Your Postal 57. After full consideration I have decided that the mails for Europe shall leave Bombay at five o'clock in the afternoon, on Thursday in the fair season, and on Tuesday in the monsoon.

Copy of the correspondence forwarded to the Director-General of the Post Office of India; to the Governments of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras; and the Chambers of Commerce, Bengal, Bombay, Madras, and Rangoon.

(By Order, &c.)

(Signed)

STEPHEN JACOB,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1881, No. 21.

Communicated to the Chamber of Commerce, the Postmaster-General, and the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chamber of Commerce.

„ Postmaster-General.

„ Public Works Department (Railway Branch).

Exd. J. Wright.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

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Dated January, 8th.

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Stephen Jacob

Asstt. Secy. to the Government of India.

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