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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording draft
answers & notes connected with
the question, asked by the Hon'ble
P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai at the
Legislative Council meeting held
on the 23rd instant, on the sub-
ject of the use, by the non-official
members of the Legislative Council,
of Service Postage stamps in their
official correspondence with the
Secretary to Govt & others.

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With reference to question XII, attention is solicited to sec.333(page 144) of the Indian Postal Guide. This section states that all Govt. Officials are entitled to send articles at service postage rates and names certain non-officials, such as the Registrars of the Universities and the Astronomer in charge of the Jugga Rao Observatory, as exceptions to this general rule. The rule clearly implies that service postage stamps can only be used by Govt. officials and by the excepted officials in the circumstances mentioned in their cases. It seems clear that, as the name implies, a non-official member of the Legislative Council is not a Govt. Official, and is therefore not entitled to use service postage stamps in the transmission of correspondence with Govt. The Hon. Member who puts the question makes it relate to the official correspondence of non-official members which is a contradiction in terms. The

following

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following answer is proposed:-

Subj The Honble Mr.

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(b) Section 341 of the Postal Guide provides by the "service unpaid" system for the transmission to officials by non-officials of correspondence relating to the affairs of Govt. The Govt. therefore sees no need for an amendment of the rules.

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*See the attached note
from the Postmaster Genl*

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To.

Legislative Dept



POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, Nov. 17, 1897

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Dear Mr. Arundel,

I have examined

the draft reply to the Hon.
Member's question. It is
quite correct and correct,
in my opinion, be improved on.

Yours sincerely

J. I. Curtis

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"Indian Postal Guide, which is published by the Director-General of the Post Office of India who is the head of a department directly under the Govt. of India, non-official members of the Legislative Council are not entitled to use service postage stamps in the transmission of their correspondence with Govt."

2. As regards the clause (b) of the question, attention is solicited to section 341 (page 146) of the Postal Guide which would appear to admit of non-official members, like the rest of the public, sending correspondence relating to the affairs of Govt. "service unpaid."

Ans.
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At. 16.11.97

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum. 2392

THE accompanying copy of a question * which will probably be put at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 23rd instant is forwarded to the Financial Department for favour of the preparation of a draft answer with a note of such other information as may be deemed necessary.

It is requested that the draft answer may be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned before 5 pm on Friday the 19th instant.

* Question No.

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of the Hon'ble Ratnasubramanian Pillai

FORT ST. GEORGE,

18th Nov 1897.

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Note for the C.A.

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Taking along in taking later care that subject matter of questions, the date of the Council meeting, the name of Hon. Member putting the question as brief and clear together with the notes, if any, may be written

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