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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Col-
lector of Coimbatore to state whether
in the interests of the inhabitants
of Kollegal, he has any remark
to offer upon the letter from the
Postmaster General stating that
it is not desirable to interfere
with the existing postal arrange-
ments at Kollegal, Coimbatore D.

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From

The Public Dept.

Order

No. 2756.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the address
presented to H.E. by the Governor
of Kollegal on the 25th Nov. 1897
His Excellency's reply thereto

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Collegat reply

GENTLEMEN AND DELEGATES FROM KOLLEGAL.—
I receive your Address with pleasure and I feel gratified at your having travelled such a long distance for the purpose of meeting me, and I am the more pleased because it has given me an earlier opportunity of making in some way the acquaintance of Kollegal; otherwise, I fear that the difficulty of access to your town and its remote situation might have deferred till a late period in my government of the Presidency the visit to your District and town. I am much obliged to you for the information you have given me with respect to the circumstances of Kollegal town and taluq. I was aware from my experience of last year at Coimbatore, that there is a considerable silk-weaving industry, and I am much pleased with the very handsome specimen of your industry which you have just given me with the Address. Kollegal is also familiar to me in connection with the prospecting for gold-mining which is taking place in the neighbourhood. This prospecting for gold-mining has been a matter of great interest and solicitude to me. I most sincerely hope that before long we shall see it developed and that it will attract capital and employ labour in the same way as the important mines in the neighbouring State of Mysore are now doing. I was not aware until you told me that your town was so very important in respect of its size and population. You tell me that it ranks next in importance to Coimbatore, the head-quarters of the District. It makes me all the more pleased to receive the representatives of such an important locality. I will now endeavour to the best of my ability to answer the various points upon which you touch in your Address. The copy of your Address only reached me yesterday, and in the absence of any records I have not been able to ascertain for myself the exact facts with regard to the different points. But you are good enough in the course of your Address to give me considerable information, and, assuming the correctness of that, I will do my best to reply to you. The first point you touch upon is the absence of an adequate system of irrigation. You suggest the institution of a work which appears to have been in existence, and the restoration of which you consider would be of great benefit to some portion of the Mysore territory, but more especially to your own District. You inform me—of which I must admit I was not aware—that the project of reconstructing the channel is now under investigation by the Engineering Department. I am very glad to hear that this important work has reached that stage. I can promise you now, that on my return to Madras, I will make it my duty to become acquainted with the situation and position of the investigation to which you allude, and if I find that it is likely to be a successful one and within the range of our financial means, you may rest assured that it will receive my best attention. Everything connected with the irrigation system of this part of India has my warm sympathy, and I believe that the extension of the irrigation system of the Presidency is one of the most important points to which the Government can devote its attention having in view the protection from famine. You next speak of the want of a telegraph office at Kollegal, and, in fact, your Address is mainly composed of representations with respect to means of communication and improvements in postal and telegraph intercourse with the outer world. I am in full sympathy with you in all the wants which you seem to feel. You appear already to have got the matter of a telegraph office into a tolerably prominent position. And as I have already said with respect to the irrigation work to which you have alluded, I now say with respect to telegraph communication, that I will, on my return to Madras, inform myself of the present situation. If it is in my power to further and hasten its consummation you may trust to my doing my best in the matter. I must admit that from your description the postal arrangements which prevail between Kollegal and the rest of India are most unsatisfactory. From what you tell me, it seems quite possible that they may be simplified and facilitated. You may be quite sure that I will use my best endeavours with the Postal authorities who are, you must remember, not under the control of the Madras Government but under the control of the Supreme Government to give you some advantage and assistance in this matter. You next speak of the absence of railway communication with Kollegal, and that you are isolated from Coimbatore and the District. I can well understand that as men of enterprise, as you seem to be, you have very much at heart the connection of your town with the railway. I may mention to you, without divulging any secret, that the question of the line from Nanjin-gode to Erode has for some time past been a matter for discussion. It has advanced as far as an application for a survey of the line. That application will very soon, I hope, be in the hands of the Government of India, who deal with such matters, and I have great hopes that as far as that line is concerned the consummation of your wish for a railway may be within measurable distance. But I think it only fair to tell you that the programme of the Government of India for railway construction is such as probably to prevent the actual undertaking and carrying out of this work for some few years to come. I cannot promise you that it will ever be undertaken, but if it be decided upon and carried out, you must be prepared, on account of want of money and the appropriation of available funds by the Government of India, for a considerable delay in the construction of this particular line. I thank you for your kind welcome and for your expression of a wish that I may some day visit your District and town. You may be sure that if time and opportunity make that possible, I shall have the greatest pleasure in carrying it out. Gentlemen, I thank you once again for the trouble you have taken in coming this long distance to welcome me and to present this statement of the wants of your town and District; and if I can, as I have already said, comply with them in full or to any extent, it will afford me the greatest satisfaction.

Mr. De Winton might report.

The office might be asked, if they know anything about it.

Chief Sec. might ask Mr. Curtis. Do. how matter stands.

Handwritten notes in left margin, including "2278 500 1000" and "PP 31 111".

CURRENT No. 3552



Memorandum No. 2756

Read the following paper:—

Address presented to His Excellency the Governor by the public of Kollegal on the 29th November 1897 and His Excellency's reply thereto.

Circulated to the Departments concerned.

Fort Saint George
14 December 1897.

W. C. Conner,
for Chief Secretary.

To

The Financial Department with the original Kollegal address and reply for favour of consideration & early return & report.

Ref

There are papers on the subject of Kollegal postal annuities. Put them up.

S.O. No. 8047 of 28-9-97 in part of 14/12/97

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Please see attached
14/12/97

W. C. Conner

Enclosure No 2 to S.O. 886.

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Financial DEPARTMENT

C. No. 3252.

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

Regarding Postal arrangements at
Kollegal.

FOR ORDERS.

The Public Dept. forwards to the Financial Dept. the original of the address presented by the inhabitants of Kollegal to His Excellency the Governor on his recent tour, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, "to go to the Postmaster General through Financial for favour of consideration and early return and report". The only portion of the address which concerns Financial is that as regards postal arrangements and this is apparently the portion intended for the Financial Dept. as the address at the foot of the Public Dept. memorandum would tend to show. There appears to be no necessity however for the address to go to the Postmaster General direct without further consideration in Financial for there is previous correspondence on this question in the Financial Dept. Attention is solicited to the Postmaster-General letter, dated 18th

September 1897 in the original of G.O. No. 804, Financial, dated 28th September 1897. This letter was written in reply to a memorial from the inhabitants of Kollegal regarding the postal arrangements there which was supported by the Collector of Coimbatore. The Postmaster General dealt rather fully with the *Subject:* *in his letter* ~~matter~~ and the papers are submitted to His Excellency the Governor for ^{as} favour of orders to whether the matter should be pursued further.

Cmb. 20.12.97
The Postmaster General's reasons for the retention of the present system seem conclusive.
MA 17.1.98

The mail service to Kollegal is unsatisfactory, and I am unable to furnish the P.M.G.'s explanation. That explanation has been sent to the Collector, but the Collector has not commented upon it. His attention should be drawn to it, and he should be asked, if, in the interests of the Kollegal community, he has any remarks to make upon it.

A.H. 9.1.98

G.O. No. 4822 d. 19/1/98

C. No. 3952

Financial Dept:

Re: Postal arrangements at Kollegal

Read again G.O. No. 804 Finl., d/28th

Sept: 1897 ----- Q

" also C. No. 3952

" *also* Memorandum No. 2756, d/14th Decr. 1897, from the Public Dept., circulating address presented to F.E. the Governor by the inhabitants of Kollegal on the 29th Novr. 1897.

MA 19 Jan '98
ORDER

The attention of the Collector of Coimbatore will be drawn to ^{the} letter from the Postmaster General No. C.M. 1-48/1804, d/18th Sept. 1897, communicated to him under cover of G.O. No. 804 Finl., d/28th Sept. 1897, and he will be requested to state whether he has any remarks to offer upon it in the interests of the inhabitants of Kollegal

/from orders/

To

The Collector of Coimbatore *(as above)*
with address in original to be returned.

Cmb. 11.1.98

MA 17.1.98.

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