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Read the following Papers

No. 2948

Madras
Post Master Genl's Office
5th December 1856

From

R. S. Williamson Esqr.
Post Master General
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
in the Judicial Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

dated 5th Decr. 56, No 2948.

In reply to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th Ultimo No. 1286 I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that in my opinion it would not be feasible to carry out that portion of the arrangement proposed by the Judges of the Sudder Court for the remittance of Peons Batta by means of Postage Stamps which contemplates the realization of Cash on the Stamps through the Agency of

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of officers in charge of Post Offices.

In the first place it is simply throwing off the shoulders of the Judicial Department onto those of the Postal, the trouble and inconvenience of realizing the amount of the stamps, and adding to the already heavy duties of the latter, the trouble of keeping accounts of such transactions. Moreover there is scarcely one Post Office which would be able to command sufficient Cash at any time for the purpose required, for in addition to the trifling amount of Cash now collected, Post Offices are bound to remit their collections to the nearest Treasury weekly or oftener, some remit daily, and few have ever more than few Dollars on hand

Again although every Post Master is bound to have at least a weeks supply of Stamps at all times at his Office for sale, yet he is not allowed to purchase them with the public money but must find them out of his private funds, and it may frequently occur that when a Row requires to dispose of his postage Stamps, the Post Master may have the prescribed supply on hand, and

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and the officer in charge could not be compelled to purchase at his private cost that which he has no immediate occasion for admitting that he has funds to do so which would seldom or ever be the case.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Sert.

W. Williams

Post Master General

Fort Saint George
Account[t] Gen[l] Office.
3[d] January 1857

№ 332

From

The Accountant General,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 25[th] November last, requesting me to state whether there is any objection to the adoption of the arrangement proposed by the Sudder Court for the remittance from one Zillah to another, of Small Sums of money on account of Peons Batta, by means of Postage Labels; the Labels to be cashed, when they accumulate to an inconvenient amount, by the Officer in charge of the nearest Post Office Station.

2 This arrangement as far as I understand the matter, cannot be carried out authoritatively under the arrangements of the Post Office Department. The Government have no Stamp Venders in their employment to whom orders on the subject can be issued.

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Recd 5 Jan. 1857 No 1286

From The Accountant General
To The Chief Secretary to Govt
in the Judicial Dept
Fort St George
Dated 3d December 1856
No 2948

Enclosure
Rs 1813

Petition to the
Governor of Fort St
George praying
payment of Postage
Stamps

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The transactions, if carried out by the intervention of the Venders in each station being required to cash such labels, could not well be exhibited in the Public Accounts, either in the Post Office or of the Collectors; because, the first purchase of the Labels by Civil Judges for the purpose of making such remittances, will have removed the value of the Stamps so purchased from the Stock of the Collector's Department, and credit will have been given to the proper head on the sale taking place. So that no subsequent entry in respect to these identical Labels, can properly appear in the Public Accounts.-

3 There is no objection however to the Collector and the Post Master of each District issuing Circulars, inviting all parties accustomed to purchase Stamp Labels from each Local Depôt, to take up the Labels which may be offered by Judicial Officers for sale, and to this arrangement the Purchasers of Stamp Labels would hardly object, because the Suddr[x] Court notify that the usual discount of ½ an anna in every Rupee worth, will be allowed upon the sale of these Labels.-

[x] The Suddr Udalut will have to see that the Judicial Officers keep their own accounts of these Labels accurately.

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4 Should Judicial Officers be really put to inconvenience by the accumulation of Labels for which they cannot obtain sale, they might be permitted, if Government think proper so to order, to have the same exchanged for Cash from the Hoozoor or the nearest Talook Treasury.- The value of such Labels might be taken and appear as "Label Paper in hand," and a foot note in the Report of Cash balance will shew the amount of Label Paper i.e. Postage Labels (as of Bank Notes). These Postage Labels may be exchanged for cash i.e. sold from the Local Depôts, with the Labels sold on account of the Government, and the amount of Cash be thus replaced in the Hoozoor Treasury. When Labels may have been thus received into a Talook Treasury, they may be sent to the Hoozoor with the Monthly Remittances to be similarly disposed of.-

5 If the Government approve of this plan the necessary Circular will be issued by me on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. Pendergast
Accountt. General

Compd. W. Laird

I have the honor

No. 86.

Extract from the Minutes Consultation under date the 21st January 1857.

Read the following letters.

From the Post Master General of Madras.

Relative to the remittance of Peons' Batta by means of postage stamps. } (Here enter 5th December 1856, No. 2948.)

From the Accountant General.

Reporting on the arrangement proposed by the Sudr Court for the remittance from one Zillah to another of sums of money on account of Peons' Batta by means of postage labels. } (Here enter 3rd January 1857, No. 332.)

It appears from the report of the Post Master General that surplus postage labels remaining in the hands of the Judicial Authorities under the contemplated arrangement of remitting postage stamps on account of Peons' Batta cannot be cashed by the Officers in charge of Post Offices, as suggested by the Court of Sudr Adawlut.

There would however seem to be no objection to their being cashed at the nearest Hoozoor or Talook Treasury, the labels being added to the stock in hand and retailed with them where the Treasury was one at which postage stamps are sold, or if not, being sent to the Hoozoor with the next Revenue remittance. This the Government understand to be the course recommended by the Accountant General, and if so, he will issue the necessary instructions for giving it effect.

(A true Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Ind. Dep.

No. 86

Extract Mins: of Cons. Dated 21st January 1857

From Post Master General Instructions 5 Dec/56

From Asst General - - - 3 Law 57.

It appears from the
report of the Post Mas-
-ter General that com-
-plete Postage Labels
remaining in the hands
of the Provincial au-
-thorities under the
contemplated arrang-
-ment of remitting
postage stamps on
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-ed by the Provincial Officers
in charge of Post-Offices.
as suggested by the
Court of Inde Adam.
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Jury would however

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to their being erected
at the present Hoogly
a Telegraph Treasury - the
Telegraph being added to
the cloth in hand & rela-
-tive to the Treasury when the
Treasury was one at
which postage Stamps
are sold - or if not
being sent to the Hoogly
with the next remain
ing in Hand - This he
first understand
to be the communica-
-tion made by the Revd
Journal and if so
he will issue the neces-
-sary instructions
for giving it effect.

Disp. 22d JP

To
Sir Edward Ryan
1. Post-Master Genl
1. Accountant Genl.

Ind Dpt to Cons: 27th January/57

Judicial 1857 Depart.t

No. 86

Extract Mins: of Cons.

D/ 21st Jan.y/57.

Rec.d 30th Jan.y/57

Authorizing the Accountant General to give effect to the arrangements proposed by him for carrying out the wishes of the Govt. Adalat relative to the remittance of Cons.l Batta by means of Postage Stamps.—

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