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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th December 1862.*

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 2nd December 1862, No. 1,407:—

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SIR,

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* Dated 20th August 1862,
No. 122.

Department on account of difference of postage paid on certain parcels at "letter" instead of at "book" rate, and forwards the enclosed copy of correspondence† between himself and the postal authorities on the subject.

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2. The ground on which the Agent claims the refund, is that a Memorandum of the Postmaster, Madras, replying to a reference from his (Agent's) Office, had led him into the error of posting at "letter" instead of at "book rate" the books, Accounts, &c., forwarded to the Board of Directors, but the Postmaster General refuses to admit the Agent's claim, alleging that the Book post Rules were formally notified in the Official Gazette for the information of the public, and that a reference to them would have furnished the Agent with the desired information; adding that the Madras Post Office should have simply referred the Agent to the above publication, instead of having furnished him with any postal Rule. In copying this Rule the Postmaster General, however, admits that certain words were omitted through accident, but states that such circumstance cannot be made the ground for the Agent's claim.

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Referred to the Public Department for consideration.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Colonel,

6th November 1862.

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to recommend that any part of the charge referred to should be refunded by the Postal Department. It was the duty of the Agent to the Irrigation Company to make himself acquainted with the Rules of the Postal Department which are published in the Official Gazette.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

Chief Secretary.

No. 190.

ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1862, No. 2,951.

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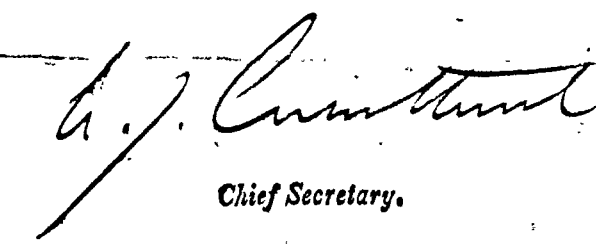
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(with 2 enclosures returned.)

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„ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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