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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 134 Press ~~Misc~~
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Dated 11—1— 1866.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 275. Read the following letter from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd December 1865, No. 6,558:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,411, dated 19th August last, of which a copy has been furnished by the Controller of Public Works Accounts to the Postmaster, Madras, and by him to me, I have the honor to request to be informed, if the order of the Government of India therein stated to be expected, is that re-published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 5th instant, page 826; and if so, that you will move Government to withdraw the permission given in paragraph 3 of their Order to the Superintending Engineers to furnish Range Officers with franked slips, which practice, I beg respectfully to observe, appears objectionable, as it admits of any one cutting the signature off covers which have once passed through the post, and using it with a view to defraud postage dues.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1866, No. 134.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

The Officers and Upper Subordinates of the Public Works Department in the Madras Presidency having been* duly authorized to frank letters, &c., addressed to their departmental superiors and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, the Government withdraw the permission which was granted to the Superintending Engineers in paragraph 3 of the Order of the 19th August 1865, No. 2,411, to furnish Range Officers with franked slips addressed to the Controller.

* See Notification at page 823 of the official Gazette.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Postmaster General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

Government

No. 6558

Postmaster General's Office,
Madras, 2nd December 1865.

From Lieut.t Col.l A. C. Sears
Postmaster General.

To Coll.l C. A. Orr
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 2411 dated 17th August last, of which a Copy has been furnished by the Controller of Public Works Accounts to the Postmaster General Madras, and by him to me, I have the honor to request to be informed, if the Order of the Government of India therein stated to be expected, is that republished in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 5th instant, page 826; and if so, that you will move Government

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I have the honour &c.,
Sir,
your most obed.t Servt.

J. Lewis
Postmaster General

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Department.

From

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George,

No. 6538

Dated 22d December 1865

Received 26th

Answered

Request he will move Government to withdraw the permission given to Superintending Engineers furnishing Range Officers with franked slips under the circumstances stated.—

Wt Para Order
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No. 131 - 11th January 1866. P.W. Dept.

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* See Notification at Page 836 of the Official Gazette.

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1. The Chief Engineers.
2. Public Works Secretary.
3. Controller of P.W. Accounts.
4. Hunt & Grover

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