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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th September 1867.*

No. 606. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Simla, 5th September 1867, No. 86:—

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Note by Accountant General, Public Works Department, showing that the charges of the

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Punjab	30,026	that some means should be devised by which
North-Western Provinces	11,615	the Public Works Department may be enabled
Bengal	11,939	to check these charges in future.
Total...	1,01,094	

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† Chief Engineer and Secretary.
Consulting Engineer.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Superintending Engineer.
Inspector General of Irrigation.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Governor General in Council observes that, according to Clause* 62 of the Post Office Act XIV. of 1866, the postage due on the official correspondence of Offices privileged to send official letters without payment of postage, is chargeable to the several departments to which these Offices respectively belong—the privileged Officers of the Public Works Department being as per margin.†

2. It is understood that, in the Post Office Department, all letters received from and sent to these Offices are weighed in bulk and charged at an average rate fixed by Government: a record being kept of the weight in each case.

3. But as this postage has to be adjusted as a charge against the Budget grants of the Public Works Department, it seems desirable that it should possess the means of checking the charges with which it is debited by the Postal Department on this account.

4. The Governor General in Council desires, therefore, that each privileged Office be required to keep, for some one month of the year, to be named by the Local Government or Administration, a record of the weight of all official letters despatched during that month. This should be forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who will thus possess the means of approximately checking the postal bills in case of any doubt arising as to their accuracy.

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Commissioner of Mysore.
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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of these Observations be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, for information and guidance.

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To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 607. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1867, No. 2,977.

ACCOUNT, No. 61.

Communicated to the Officers concerned, who will take measures for recording the weight of all official letters which may be despatched from their respective Offices during the month of November next in such form as the Controller may suggest.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Do. do. for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Circular No. 86 of 1867.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

*The Secretary to the Government of Madras
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25 Sept 1877

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