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8th August 1871.

No 71. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 8th July 1871, No 1,192-R —

Copy of the following correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to Despatch No 7-R., dated 23rd June 1870, from the Secretary of State to the Government of Madras.

By Order,
(Signed) E. C S. WILLIAMS, Major, R E,
Dy. Secy to the Govt of India.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 8th July 1871, No. 1,191-R.

With reference to Financial Department Resolution No. 1,330, of the 20th June 1871, the undersigned is directed to state that the Government of India, in this department, concurs in the view taken in regard to the limitation as to weight suggested by the Secretary of State, for service banghy parcels conveyed wholly or partly by Railway. Measures should, therefore, be taken in the Financial Department to ensure the limitation of the maximum weight of banghy parcels to 600 tolahs.

2. The undersigned is directed to add that if the rule, referred to by Major Montgomerie in his letter No. 3-35, dated 11th January 1871, to the Secretary in the Home Department, which requires a bullock-train package to be made up to one maund by the addition of rubbish before it will be received for transport, is still in force, it seems to require amendment.

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 20th June 1871, No 1,330.

Read the following papers on the subject of the proposed limitation of service banghy parcels conveyed partly or wholly by Railway to a maximum weight of 600 tolahs.—

Public Works Department, No 1,346-R, dated 1st August 1870

Endorsement to Director-General of the Post Office of India, No 2,987, dated 26th August 1870

Financial Department, No 4,262, dated 18th October 1870, forwarding the above correspondence to the Home Department

Letter from Director-General of the Post Office of India, No 3,122, dated 28th September 1870, and enclosures

Office memorandum from the Home Department, No 2,353, dated 13th May 1871, and enclosures

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Observations —The limitation suggested by the Secretary of State may, in the opinion of this department, be adopted, though occasional inconvenience will result for very little purpose so far as the Railway is concerned From the statistics* furnished by the Home Department, it appears that only a portion of them affects the Railway, while the chief effect of any order limiting weight will be to increase expense for packing, as in almost every instance parcels would have to be broken up in conformity with any limit that might be prescribed In order, therefore, to benefit the Railways to a very small extent, the whole administration would be subject to some inconvenience It may be added that it is only in the case of the East Indian Railway that the Railway Company will gain anything by the contemplated limitation of weight, all the others being defic.t lines.

* Vide enclosures to Home Department's Office Memorandum No 2 353, dated 13th May 1871, copy of which is herewith sent

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ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing observations be communicated to the Public Works Department

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From the Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 910

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 5,083, dated 22nd instant, and enquiring whether, in my opinion, a restriction of the maximum weight of service banghy parcels to 600 tolahs would be likely to cause any inconvenience in the discharge of the public business, and requesting also a statement of the number of service banghy parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866 by the officers of the Geological Survey.

2 In reply, I have to state that I do not think any serious inconvenience is likely to result, so far as this office is concerned, from the proposed restriction of weight

3 It appears that, during the time referred to, only three of the banghy parcels despatched from this office have exceeded the proposed weight, namely, 2nd July 1866, 635 tolahs, 8th April 1868, 690 tolahs, 13th August 1869, 620 tolahs.

4 And in the very few instances in which such excess occurred, it would be easy to divide the despatch into two smaller parcels, each will be within the proposed maximum weight

5 I have not any record of the weight of parcels received at this office, so I am, I regret to say, only able to give the instances in which the parcels despatched by this office have exceeded the proposed maximum

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From the Officiating Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 11th January 1871, No 33-5

WITH reference to your No 5,087 of the 22nd November 1870, as to the question of limiting the maximum weight of service banghy parcels to 600 tolahs, I have the honour to inform you that though such restriction is in itself not likely to cause any inconvenience in the discharge of public business, yet, owing to a recent change in the rules for the transmission of parcels by Government bullock train, by which all parcels under one maund† in weight are refused, I am of opinion that the restriction will be decidedly inconvenient

† As per Circular No 7 of 1870 71 of the Officiating Postmaster General, North Western Provinces, copy of which is attached

2 The head-quarters of this department being at a station to which the post is transmitted by foot-runners, has, according to the Postal Rules, always been obliged to keep its banghy parcels under 640 tolahs in weight, and consequently there has been ample means of testing the convenience of a limit of 600 tolahs, and up to the time of the change in the rules for bullock train it undoubtedly caused no inconvenience, and the heaviest parcels despatched have never exceeded 640 tolahs since 1866, except in four cases when the Post Master consented to take them as urgent, and it may be presumed that they never exceeded 640 tolahs in previous years, the Post Office here refusing to take them except in case of urgency

3 Since the change in the Bullock-train Rules, the limit of 640 tolahs for banghy parcels has been a source of considerable inconvenience, because, whenever a parcel has exceeded 640 tolahs in weight, and yet been under one maund, or 3,200 tolahs, though there might be no urgency for sending its contents by banghy, as is generally the case with heavy parcels, yet this office has been obliged to divide any such parcel into two or more parcels, each under 640 tolahs, entailing considerable expenditure, and not a little trouble in devising means of packing, besides that of repeating the address, etc, the only alternative being to make the parcel up to the minimum weight of a maund which private parties are in the habit of doing by adding earth, brick, stones, or some articles of but little value

4 Such being the Bullock-train Rule, it appears to me that, as long as it is in force, the limit for banghy parcels had better be retained at 2,000 tolahs, and this limit had better be extended even to stations served by foot-runners.

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5 In my opinion, the Government Post Office having taken on itself the transmission of packages by its bullock train the Government Officers should be allowed to make full use of it, as under the original rules, when a package of any weight was taken, the Post Office indemnifying itself for the trouble of taking many small packages by charging the rate of half a maund for all parcels under that weight

6 It appears to me that that rule was a good one, both for the Government service and for the public generally, and I should like to see it in force again, there would then be but little reason to put the limit for banghy parcels at more than 640 tolahs, though it might be convenient to order parcels up to 2,000 to be received in cases of certified urgency.

7 I am not aware that any reason has been given for abolishing the said rule, nor am I certain whether it prevails in any place, except the North-Western Provinces, but I conclude it was in consequence of the number of small parcels, if so, it would, in my opinion, have been sufficient to have introduced a rule refusing all parcels under 640 tolahs, this would have cut off all very small parcels, which no doubt are troublesome and more liable to be stolen, and which the senders could transmit by banghy, and this rule might, or might not, be applied to Government Officers, as well as to the public.

8 As regards your 2nd paragraph, I was waiting for the answers of the various officers of this department, but, as it will be seen from the above, I consider the question already decided as far as this department is concerned. I enclose the answers received up to date, namely, three in number, and will forward the others when received.

Memorandum from the Officiating Postmaster-General, North-Western Provinces, to all Postmasters and Deputy Postmasters in charge of Bullock train Offices, dated 22nd September 1870, No. 7

REQUESTS that, from the date of receipt of this order, he will discontinue to receive from the public any package weighing less than a maund which has to pass over a Railway line

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Statement showing the number of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866

Number of parcels	Remarks
Four	Head-quarter's Office, Great Trigonometrical Survey.
None	Computing Office, do do
One	No 3, extra party, do do
None	Kattyawar party, do do

DEHRA DOON,
11th January 1871.

(Signed) T G MONTGOMERIE, Major, R E,
Offg Supdt, G. T. Survey

From the Surveyor-General of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 18th January 1871, No 102

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 5,086, dated the 22nd November last, calling for an expression of my opinion on the question of limiting the maximum weight of service banghy parcels to 600 tolahs, and enquiring whether the restriction is likely to cause inconvenience

2 In reply, I beg to state, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, that, except in the Mathematical Instrument Makers's branch of my office, no inconvenience is likely to arise in the transaction of business by the proposed limitation of weight for banghy parcels, as, in

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the ordinary despatches from this office by banghy post, consisting of maps, charts, professional forms, and papers, it is generally found practicable to make up small parcels, so that no single one to any address may exceed the limit of 600 tolahs—the maximum weight allowed by the existing rules of the Postal Department If the maximum weight has been exceeded, the circumstance has been accidental and unusual, and entirely due to errors in the use of weights, when ascertaining approximately in this office the probable weight of the maps or papers under despatch, inclusive of the tin-case and wax-cloth covers, in which valuable records are incased

3 In the Mathematical Instrument Maker's branch, inconvenience and difficulties are likely to arise from the proposed restriction of weight, because it is frequently necessary to despatch by banghy post, to stations far removed from the lines of Railway and bullock-train communication, parcels containing metal instruments weighing more than 600 tolahs, the construction of which will not admit of their being divided into portions, but I am of opinion that public officers and departments might, in such cases, arrange specially, through local District Officers, for the forwardal of weighty parcels from one station to another by Cossid bearers, after delivery of the parcel at the most favourably situated Railway or bullock-train station

4 The statement called for in the 2nd paragraph of your letter is herewith submitted It shows only the number of parcels between 600 and 2,000 tolahs which have been despatched since May 1866 by banghy post, and does not include those sent by bullock train and Railway

5 The delay in furnishing the information called for in your letter has been caused by my having been obliged to call for information from survey parties in the field moving about at this season of the year and widely scattered about in Native States where postal communication is difficult

Statement showing the number of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs, despatched since May 1866 from the Surveyor-General's Office, Revenue Survey Office, and Mathematical Instrument Department

Department	Number of Parcels despatched weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs	Remarks
Surveyor-General's Office ..	40	The Post Office Rules limit the weight of "banghy parcels" to 600 tolahs, and this department has endeavoured in all practicable ways to adhere to the limit, but it has often been found necessary to make several parcels of a single despatch, so that the maximum limit, 600 tolahs, might not be exceeded
Lithographic branch		
Photographic ,,		
Revenue Survey Office	*Nil*	The despatch of "banghy parcels" exceeding 600 tolahs in weight is, therefore, exceptional All banghy parcels despatched from May 1866 up to the present date from this office weighed less than 600 tolahs each, consequently the statement is returned blank though duly signed D C. VANRENEN, Colonel, *Supdt of Revenue Surveys, Upper Circle*
Mathematical Instrument Department	17	I am of opinion that inconvenience would result to this department if the maximum weight of banghy parcels be limited to 600 tolahs D C. VANRENEN, Colonel, *Offg Supdt, Mathl Instt Dept*

H L THUILLIER, Colonel, R E,
Surveyor-General of India

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From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 27th February 1871, No 240.

WITH reference to your letter, dated the 22nd November 1870, No. 5,083, I am directed to state that, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, no inconvenience is likely to be caused in any department under this Government by the maximum weight of service banghy parcels conveyed free by post being restricted to 600 tolahs weight.

2. I am directed at the same time to forward copies of letters* from the Acting Registrar of the Appellate Side of the High Court and from the Postmaster-General, together with a statement submitted by the latter officer, showing the number of service banghy parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched from Madras since January 1869, the information anterior to that period not being available for the reasons stated in paragraph 2 of his letter

* Dated 4th January 1871, No 1, and 26th January 1871, Nos 5,795—3,593, respectively

3. It will be seen from the letter from the Acting Registrar of the Appellate Side of the High Court that the Hon'ble the Judges of the Court think it would be a great convenience to have all ordinary parcels, which vary from 50 to 500 tolahs, conveyed free by post as service banghy parcels. At present such parcels, if above 200 tolahs, are made into two parcels

From the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St George, dated 4th January 1871, No 1

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, dated 14th December 1870, I am directed to state that very rarely are any of the parcels despatched from this office over 500 tolahs in weight, and that it will be a great convenience to have all ordinary parcels, which vary from 50 to 500 tolahs, conveyed free by post as service banghy parcels. At present such parcels, if over 200 tolahs, are made into two

From the Postmaster-General of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 26th January 1871, Nos 5,795—3,593

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order No 1,627, of the 14th ultimo, desiring to be furnished with a statement showing the number of service banghy parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs that have been despatched since May 1866 by the several public offices in this Presidency.

2. In reply, I beg to state that I find that, under the system prevailing in the department of retaining unimportant records for only eighteen months, the information called for can be supplied only from January 1869

3 The statements from the Mofussil Post Offices have not reached me as yet, but the Postmaster, Madras, has furnished a statement of the parcels posted at his office from January 1869 to 19th January 1871, and I herewith enclose a copy of the same.

4 The statements from the Mofussil have again been called for, and will be submitted as soon as possible, unless Government should, for the above reason, consider them unnecessary

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Statement showing the number of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,00 tolahs despatched from Madras.

Name of Post Office, Station.	Name of Public Office	Number of Parcels	Address.
Madras General Post Office	This information cannot be furnished, not being recorded.	1	The Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, Bellary.
		1	The Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Kamptee.
		4	Venkatavaratha Pillay, Trivellore.
		1	" " "
		2	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	Sivaramdyer, Trivellore.
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	Seenevassa Moodelly, Trivellore.
		1	Tahsildar of Trivellore.
		1	" of "
		1	" of Conjeveram.
		1	" of "
		1	Streenevassa Iyengar, Conjeveram.
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	" "
		1	Soobram Naicker, Conjeveram.
		1	Appavoo " "
		1	Mursoon Sathun Sahib, "
		1	Kristnah Row, Conjeveram.
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	Kistna Royen. "
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	Kistna Naicker, "
		1	Parthasarthy Moodelly, Chingleput.
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	Ragava Pundither, Chingleput,
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	" " "
		1	Kistna Royer, Chingleput.
		1	The Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, Trichinopoly.
		1	The Civil and Session Judge, Tanjore.
		1	" " " " " "
		1	The Sub-Collector's Office, Wallajahbad.
		1	" " " " "
		1	C McIsaac, Esq, Calicut "
		1	" " "
		1	The Mily. Secy. to the Governor, Ootacamund.
		1	" " to the Commander-in-Chief, Ootacamund.
		1	Superintendent of Vaccination, Mangalore.

MADRAS,
19th *January* 1871.

(Signed) M. PERCY.
Post master.

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From the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 15th March 1871, No 728.

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 5,084, dated 22nd November last, relating to a proposal to limit the maximum weight of service banghy parcels conveyed free by post to 600 tolahs, and inquiring whether such restriction is likely to cause any inconvenience in the discharge of the public business

2. In reply, I am desired to forward herewith a statement showing the number of service banghy parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866 by the several public offices and departments in this Presidency; and to state that, in the opinion of this Government, no inconvenience will result from the proposed restriction, except perhaps as regards the Stamp Office.

3 Copy of the letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, setting forth the grounds of his apprehension of inconvenience, is annexed.

Tabular Statement of replies received in compliance with Government Resolution, No 2,936, dated 2nd December 1870, relative to service banghy parcels despatched by post in the Bombay Presidency

No.	Name of Office or Department	No of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866.	Remarks.
1	Political Department Secretariat	...	No service banghy parcels weighing 600 tolahs or upwards have been despatched from the several offices under the department since May 1866, and no inconvenience will be caused to public business if the maximum weight of such parcels to be conveyed free by post be limited to 600 tolahs
2	Judicial Department ...	...	It has not been the practice to register in office the weight of banghy parcels There is no objection to the proposed limitation as a rule The total number of all parcels despatched since May 1866 is 2,872.
3	Revenue, Financial, and General Departments	...	Do. do. do.
4	Military, Marine, Ecclesiastical and Indo-European Telegraph Departments.	...	*Vide* remark against No 2 Several packets weighing more than 200 tolahs have been despatched by letter dâk to secure speedy transmission by post The total number of banghy parcels despatched is 160.
5	Public Works Department.	1	This single parcel was sent from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Central Division There were none from the other officers of the Public Works Department
6	Railway Department ...	...	No account kept of banghy parcels despatched
7	Legislative do. ..	..	Do. do. do.
8	Separate do. .	...	Do do. do.
9	Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.	...	Do do. do.
10	Superintendent of Stationery.	...	Not in the habit of despatching service banghy parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs, the maximum weight being limited to 15 lbs, *i e*, 600 tolahs.



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Tabular Statement of replies received in compliance with Government Resolution, No. 2,936, dated 2nd December 1870, *etc* —(Continued)

No.	Name of Office or Department.	No. of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866	Remarks.
11	Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Bombay Division.	...	No parcels exceeding 600 tolahs in weight have been despatched Does not anticipate any inconvenience from the restriction of the maximum weight of such parcels to that limit.
12	Accountant-General	...	No account kept of banghy parcels despatched, but from enquiries made in the Post Office, it seems that no parcels were despatched since 2nd March 1869 Information for a period prior to that date cannot be obtained, owing to the destruction of the Post Office records by fire
13	Mint Master	...	Such heavy parcels are not despatched by banghy dâk, but they are sent to their destination through the Commissariat Department.
14	Commissioner of Paper Currency.	10	
15	Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division.	...	From replies yet received from the Collectors, it appears no record has been kept of the number of parcels despatched from their offices It may be assumed that, as a rule, parcels weighing above 600 tolahs are not sent by banghy post, and that, in consequence, the restriction of maximum weight to 600 tolahs is not likely to occasion inconvenience to the public service.
16	Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Northern Division.	..	None from his own office, nor from those of any of his Subordinates, except the Poona and, Rutnagherry and the Khandeish and Nassick Surveys, the number of parcels sent by which was, respectively, 23 and 9, weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs.
17	Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Southern Division	25	From the Southern Mahratta Country, Berar, and Mysore Revenue Surveys. Does not think that any inconvenience would result by limiting the weight to 600 tolahs.
18	Settlement Officer, Northern Division.	1	
19	Talookdaree Settlement Officer	..	Almost all the banghy parcels despatched from his office since 1866 were under 600 tolahs weight
20	Commissioner of Customs ..	.	None No inconvenience is likely to arise from the restriction of the weight to 600 tolahs, as far as his department is concerned
21	Registrar-General of Assurances	...	*Vide* remark against No. 12.
22	Cotton Commissioner	...	
23	Conservator of Forests, and Superintendent, Botanical Gardens.	...	
24	Collector of Bombay ...	...	*Vide* remark against No. 12.

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Tabular Statement of replies in compliance with Government Resolution No. 2,936, dated 2nd December 1870, *etc.*—(Continued)

No	Name of Office or Department.	No of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs despatched since May 1866	Remarks.
25	Superintendent of Stamps ...	357	Considers that the limitation to 600 tolahs will cause great inconvenience to the Stamp Department who use the banghy post for the transmission of all postage and other adhesive stamps, especially in the rainy season, and suggests that, so far as the Stamp Department, is concerned, the limit should be fixed at 2,000 tolahs
26	Collector of Surat ..	...	Prior to 1st April 1870, service banghy parcels did not require to be stamped with postal tickets, and that it was accordingly never found necessary to weigh them
27	Do of Broach .	29	All parcels, with one exception, despatched from his Collectorate, have weighed more than 600 tolahs Is of opinion that the proposed limitation of maximum weight to 600 tolahs is likely to cause inconvenience to the conduct of public business
28	Collector of Tanna		It has been ascertained from the register of service postage stamps kept in the office for the year 1866-67, that no service banghy parcels exceeding 600 tolahs were despatched during that year This register has been discontinued since July 1867, and no similar record has since been kept The contemplated restriction to 600 tolahs is not likely to cause any inconvenience
29	Collector of Colaba	1	No inconvenience is likely to be caused by the restriction contemplated
30	Do. of Nassick		None despatched by public offices in his district
31	Director of Public Instruction	..	None despatched from his office from 2nd March 1869 to 31st March 1870 No information can be given from 1st April 1870 up to date, as all parcels above 200 tolahs have been since then treated as ordinary parcels, and consequently no account kept of such in office
32	Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad.	...	None from any of the offices under his charge
33	Do do. Kaira ...	...	None (as regards his own Office)
34	Do do. Surat	...	No parcels weighing 600 tolahs have been despatched from his Office by banghy. No inconvenience is anticipated from the proposed limitation
35	Do do. Broach .	..	None (as regards his own office)
36	Do. do Tanna	...	No parcels have been sent from his office
37	Do. do Colaba ...	...	None by the Police Officers in his Zillah
38	Do do. Nassick	..	None since January 1870, from which time the existence of the district dates.
39	Do do. Punch Mahals ..	...	None from his office
40	Commissioner in Sindh ...	29	From his own office Is of opinion that the limitation of the maximum weight 600 tolahs is not likely to result in any inconvenience in the discharge of public business.

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Tabular Statement of replies in compliance with Government Resolution, No. 2,936, dated 2nd December 1870, etc.—(Concluded)

No	Name of Office or Department	No of Service Banghy Parcels weighing between 600 and 2 000 tolahs despatched since May 1866	Remarks.
41	Collector of Kurrachee .	3	
42	Do of Hyderabad ...	126	
43	Do of Shikarpoor .		
44	Political Superintendent, Thurr and Parkur		
45	Do. Frontier, Upper Sindh ...		
46	First Assistant Collector in charge Punch Mahals	15	Estimated number of banghy parcels despatched since May 1866.

From the Collector of Bombay, and Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, dated 26th January 1871, No 141.

With reference to Government endorsement No. 6,060, dated 8th December 1870, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the number of service parcels posted from the Stamp Office weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs from March 1869 to March 1870 I beg to state that no parcels weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs were posted from the Collector's Department from 2nd March 1869 up to date No statement can be furnished previous to that period, as the records of the Postal Department have been destroyed by fire.

2. As regards the proposal of the Government of India to limit the maximum weight of service banghy parcels, conveyed free by post, to 600 tolahs, I have to state that I consider that it will cause great inconvenience to the Stamp Department who use the banghy post for the transmission of all postage and other adhesive stamps. In the monsoon months, when the communication with certain districts, as Rutnagherry, Dharwar, and Belgaum, is virtually closed, it is frequently absolutely necessary to send by banghy small consignments of stamp paper also, and if a limit of 600 tolahs is fixed, a larger number of parcels will have to be despatched, and office expense will be increased As far as the Collector's Department is concerned, there will be no inconvenience.

3 I, therefore, consider that, so far as the Stamp Department is concerned, the limit of service banghy parcels should be fixed at 2,000 tolahs

4. In conclusion, I would respectfully suggest that, in future, a separate copy of the Government Resolutions be sent to the Superintendent of Stamps and the Collector of Bombay

Statement showing the number of Servicee Parcels posted from the Office of Superintendent of Stamps, weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs during the years noted below.

Years	No of Parcels.
1869.	
From 2nd March	22
April	33
May	25
June	25
July	58
August	50
October	13
November	18
December	24

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Statement showing the number of Service Parcels posted from the Office of Superintendent of Stamps, weighing between 600 and 2,000 tolahs, etc —(Concluded)

Years	No. of Parcels
1870.	
January	62
February	11
March	16
Total ..	357

(Signed) C A. STEWART,
Post Master.

From the Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 18th April 1871, No 1,131.

In continuation of Under-Secretary Mr Beadon's letter No. 601, dated 28th February, I am directed to forward herewith, for submission to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, an abstract statement showing the number of banghy parcels between 600 and 2,000 tolahs in weight that have been despatched from the office of the Board of Revenue, the Superintendent of Stationery, since the year 1866, and from Mofussil Offices during the past two years

2 At the same time, I am to say, with reference to paragraph 1 of your letter No 5,085, dated 22nd November 1870, that, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor, the restriction of banghy parcels to a maximum weight of 600 tolahs will not be productive of any serious inconvenience to the public service

Number of Parcels between 600 and 2,000 tolahs in weight despatched

	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
Board of Revenue	4	1	1	2	..
Superintendent of Stationery	6	8	20	51	93
Mofussil Offices	...	..	...	407	184

No. 72. Order thereon, 8th August 1871, No. 2,044.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

We state that the Government of India

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary

No 1192 R

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY

Simla 8th July 1871.

Copy of the following correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras with reference to Despatch No 7R dated 23d June 1870 from the Secretary of State to the Government of Madras.—

By order

G W Hamilton Major R E

Deputy Secretary

No 1191 R dated 8th July 1871

From The Government of India, P W Dept

To The Secy to the Govt of India
Financial Department

With reference to Financial Department Resolution No 1330 of the 20th June 1871 the undersigned is directed to state that the Government of India

India in this Department concurs in the view taken in regard to the limitation as to weight suggested by the Secretary of State for Service Parcels conveyed wholly or partly by Railway. Measures should therefore be taken in the Financial Department to ensure the limitation of the Maximum weight of Parcels to 600 tolahs.—

2. The undersigned is directed to add that if the rule referred to by Major Montgomerie in his letter No. 335 dated 11th January 1871 to the Secretary in the Home Department, which requires a Bullock Train package to be made up to one Maund by the addition of rubbish before it will be received for transport, is still in force, it seems to require amendment.—

P. W. 1871 Dept.
No. 3567.

From.
The Government of India

Valid 8th } July 1871
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Forwarding correspondence regarding the maximum weight of Service Parcels conveyed partly or wholly by Railways

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With an order

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Govt of Madras.

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To

Dated.

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G O. 6th Aug 1871, No 2044

Nos. 7172

Weigh &c. of service Bamboos

Parcels received by the Railway. Letter B. from the Land & Sea Forwarding Company & enclosure regarding the maximum weight &c. of Service Bamboos Parcels conveyed partly or wholly by Railway. Discussed.