

6TH JULY 1882, No. 500, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce,
dated Simla, 23rd June 1882, No. 1877.

Separate Revenue—Post Office.

Read—the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for
India, to the Government of India, dated 4th May 1882, No. 26 (Financial Stores).

In consequence of frequent complaints having been made of late in returned
packing accounts of the non-receipt of packages despatched by parcel post, instructions
have been issued that the charges for postage should no longer be prepaid in this
country.

2. The reasons for this step are explained in the accompanying copy of a report
by the Director-General of Stores.

3. The new system does not apply to presentation books, the postage on which
will be prepaid as heretofore.

Report by Director-General of Stores, dated 18th April 1882.

Frequent complaints having been made of late in returned packing accounts of the non-
receipt of packages despatched to India by parcel post, the matter has been brought to the notice
of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and papers on the subject are
annexed.

The postage on parcels has hitherto been prepaid in this country. It has been pointed out
by the Peninsular and Oriental Company that prepaid parcels are treated by the Indian Post
Office as letters, and delivered at the addresses given without demanding a receipt, and they have
suggested that in future the postage charges should be paid in India, as a record is kept by
the Post Office of unpaid parcels, for the purpose of verifying payment of charges, and it would
thus be possible to prove the delivery of parcels by the fact of their having been paid for.

The adoption of this suggestion will not involve any additional expense, and will doubtless
tend to secure due delivery.

In the case, however, of presentation copies of books, it will be desirable to pay the postage
in advance as heretofore.

Arrangements have, therefore, been made by which no further charges for parcel post will be
paid in England, except in the case of presentation books.

Order—

Ordered, that the foregoing be communicated to all the Local Governments and
Administrations, to the several Departments of the Government of India, and to the
Mint Masters, Calcutta and Bombay, for information.

(Signed) R. LOGAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat and to the Master Attendant.

(True Extract.)

Edmund Hoffmann

for Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat. *(D to M)*
„ Master Attendant.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Correspondence.

Communicating letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State intimating that packages sent to India by parcel post should no longer be prepaid in England except in the case of presentation books.

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