

I think the suggestion
of the J.C. may be
approved in the case
of the W. Coast
Div. only.

15/10/86

Approved as a special case.

See

16/10/86.

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No 006

West Coast Division
Calicut 1st October 1886

From The Executive Engineer,
West Coast Division,
To The Superintending Engineer,
W. Circle.

Sir, I have the honor to bring
to your notice, with regard to Chief
Engineer's memorandum No. 2872.C,
dated 21st August 1886, the great
delay which takes place in the cor-
respondence of this office when the
rule that the Executive Engineer
must first open all official covers
to his address is adhered to.

2. It seems hardly necessary
to explain this, but to take a
case:- Suppose the Executive Engineer
to be at Mangalore. This is four
days' post from Calicut, so that
counting the one day for re-
addressing it will be five days
before a letter reaches him. He
will then in most cases, before fi-
nally disposing of it have to re-
turn it to the office for portions
of the file concerned, - nine days.
Supposing this to be sent back at
by return post it will take an-
other four days to reach him -
thirteen days. If disposed of at
once another four days will be
taken

in the return of the letter finally
to the office, making in all seventeen
days, and this under ^{most} favourable
circumstances of immediate return
on both sides. Generally speaking
the correspondence would be from
three weeks to a month behind
time when the Executive Engineer
is on circuit in South Canara.

3. Similarly there will be as
great delay when he is at out-
stations in Malabar, and Wynad.

4. Whenever the Executive En-
gineer may be delayed must always
occur, which is very vexatious in
the case of references requiring
immediate attention, which in
many instances might be well
disposed of in the office, or merely
sent out for approval and
signature.

5. I request therefore that
regarding the great extent of
this Division, the official correspond-
ence may be opened by the Ac-
countant or Head Clerk when
the Executive Engineer is away
from Head Quarters.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedt. Servt.

H. Taylor
Executive Engineer

H. T.



From

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

Dated 1st }
Received } October 1886

N: 666

Enclosure -

Official covers

Requesting sanction
for opening the — by
the Accountant or Head
Clerk.

No. 390
W.

From,

To,

Superintending Engr's Office,
Coimbatore, 13 October, 1886

The Superintending Engineer,
IV Circle.

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Enclosure 1 Sir,
1. Letter.

With reference to your memo
No. 2872 C of 21st August, 1886, I have
the honor to forward herewith for
your information and orders a letter
from the Executive Engineer, West
Coast Division, pointing out the
great inconvenience and delay
likely to result in that Division
from the order forbidding the
opening of Official covers by ^{the} Head
Clerk or Accountant.

2. There is no doubt that what
the Executive Engineer states is
quite correct, in the special circum-
stances of the West Coast; where
Communication

communication is difficult, and slow,
and the Post takes often many days
^{even} or weeks reaching outlying places.

3. I have therefore a proposal
to make in the case of that Division.

It is this; to give the accountant per-
mission to open Official Covers,
only in the absence of the Divisional
Officer on Circuit, and in the presence
of the H^d Clerk; and that these
two men shall together prepare
a statement of the contents of the
Official Covers and send it, signed
by both of them, to the Divisional
Officer.

4. I request permission
to have this Course adopted only
on the West Coast, as I consider
that the inconvenience resulting
from the adoption of the new
order in Fimbratore and the
Nilgiris would not be serious.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obt. servt

L. Beatty. Colonel R.E.

Superintendent, 4th Circle.

2 C. 21.8.86. 1863 17/12. 7.86
4 C. 22.7.86. 25/7/11 ✓
9 W 8.2.86.
1546 W 29.4.86
2757 W 19.10.86

The proposal made
by the Suptg. Engr. in
para 3 of his letter
in regard to the
opening of covers
containing official
correspondence to
the address of the
Executive Engineer,
West Coast Division,
is sanctioned as
a special case.

From,
The Suptg. Engineer
IV Circle.

To,
The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department

Dated 13th } October 1886.
Recd 15th }



No 390
RW

Encls. 1.

No. 2757 dated 19.10.86

Opening Service covers
in the West Coast Division

Requests that in
the absence of the Exr.
Engineer, the covers
may be opened in
the manner stated.

1000 with a file of
concerns paper
To be kept in file

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S. & IV circle

Id 20/10/86 in 29/10