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Communicating Government of India resolution ruling that the use of the letter post to the United Kingdom for official purposes should, in future, be confined to *bona fide* letters, other articles being sent by parcel or book post, as the case may be.

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With order

26TH OCTOBER 1886, No. 1103, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated Simla, 30th September 1886, No. 3295.

Read—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 212 (Financial), dated the 29th July 1886, and enclosure, pointing out the needless additional expense caused by the practice which exists of using the "Letter Post" in sending bulky parcels to the India Office.

Resolution—

Official letters (not newspapers and other articles) addressed to any of the public functionaries or departments in England having special accounts for foreign letter postage with the London Post Office, detailed in the list given in article 376 of the Indian Postal Guide of April 1886, do not require to be prepaid. It has been brought to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that heavy articles are sometimes sent by letter post under the provisions of the article of the Postal Guide quoted. His Excellency desires to remind all officers, who have correspondence with the functionaries or departments referred to, that the system under which such correspondence is sent to England without prepayment is in no sense a system of mere franking, and that real expense is thereby incurred which eventually is defrayed from Indian revenues. His Excellency in Council is therefore pleased to direct that the use of the letter post to the United Kingdom for official purposes shall be confined to *bona fide* letters, and that other articles should ordinarily be sent by the cheaper and slower parcel post. In cases where time is of importance, the book post can be employed for printed papers and other similar matter which can, under the rules, travel by this mode of conveyance.

Order—

Ordered, that the foregoing resolution be communicated to the local Governments and Administrations, to the several Departments of the Government of India, and to the Heads of departments and Account officers under the Department of Finance and Commerce, for information and guidance.

2. Also that a copy, together with a copy of the despatch and enclosure read in the preamble, be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with a request that an inquiry may be made as regards the case instanced in the 2nd paragraph of the letter, dated 9th July 1886, from the London Post Office, and the result communicated to this department.

(Signed) G. C. WALKER,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 26th October 1886, No. 1103, Financial.

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(True Extract.)

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
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