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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

18th August 1866.

No. 111. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 27th July 1866, No. 3156.

Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 615, dated the 20th ultimo, inquiring whether, by the Notification of the Government of India of the 4th May, No. 567, “it is intended to revoke, or in any way to modify, the “privilege which has been granted to the Governors of Foreign European Settlements of franking official letters, &c.”

2. In reply, I am directed to transmit, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director General of the Post Office of India,* reporting on the subject, and to state that the Governor General in Council has been

* No. 947, dated 12th July 1866.

pleased to determine that the privilege heretofore given to Foreign European Governments in India should be fully continued. Probably the most convenient mode of doing so will be that suggested by Mr. Riddell, in the 4th paragraph of his letter, of including the names of those functionaries who have hitherto been included in the franking list, in the list of those who are allowed to keep accounts with the British Post Office.

3. His Excellency in Council, however, does not consider it necessary to adopt Mr. Riddell's suggestion that the accounts should be actually *paid to the Post Office* by the British Collectors.

4. Arrangements, in accordance with this view, will be made by the Director General of the Post Office.

From H. B. RIDDELL, Esq., Director General of the Post Office of India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated Simla, 12th July 1866, No. 947.

I have the honor to return the paper received with your Endorsement, No. 2636, dated 11th instant.

2. The Government of Madras inquire if it is intended to revoke, or in any way to modify, the privilege which has been granted to the Governors of Foreign European Settlements of franking official letters, &c., and remark that the withdrawal of the privilege cannot fail to be unwelcome.

3. As all privileged franking has been abolished, both in England and British India, I cannot think that, if it were properly explained, His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry could feel himself aggrieved or slighted by being placed on the same footing as regards franking as Her Majesty the Queen and the Viceroy of India.

4. If, however, to accommodate the Governors of Pondicherry and Chandernagore, and avoid the appearance of withdrawing a privilege, it is determined that the Post Masters of Pondicherry and Chandernagore shall keep an account of the postage due on the correspondence sent and received through the British Post Office by the Governments of these Settlements, an addition can be made to the list of Privileged Offices, and the bill for postage be presented monthly for payment to the Collectors of Cuddalore for Pondicherry, and of Hooghly for Chandernagore.

5. I do not think that, if the Governors at Pondicherry and Chandernagore receive and send their official correspondence without charge, that there will be the slightest necessity to make any special arrangement for the correspondence of the Subordinate French Agents at the minor Settlements.

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