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17*th September* 1867.

No. 151. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th September 1867, No. 159.

In forwarding the annexed copy of a letter from the Collector of North Arcot, recommending the establishment of certain additional local depôts for the sale of postage stamps in his District, I have the honor to support his proposition, and to request that, if the Government approve of the arrangement, the accompanying Supplemental List may be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*.

2. I find that a "Revised List of local Depôts" was published so for back as 1855. Since then, a few additions and alterations have been made in some Districts, but I think the List requires thorough revision, with reference to late changes and the altered circumstances of Districts, and I shall do myself the honor of addressing the Government hereafter on the subject.

Page 915, *Fort Saint George Gazette*, 3rd August 1855.

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras; dated Chittoor, 21st August 1867, No. 59.

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government, to establish local depôts for the sale of postage stamps at the seven stations noted in the margin, as they are not at present on the list of local depôts. They are all important stations, the two first being Taluq Head Quarters, and the other five those of Sub-Magistrates.

Wallajah.
Chendragherry.
Calastry.
Narrainavanum.
Maderpauk.
Kangoondy.
Venkatagherry Kota.

2. Wallajahpet was, it appears, excluded from the original list of depôts in consideration of its proximity to Old Arcot, where there is a local depôt. The distance between the two places, some 2½ miles, is certainly not great, but still, as they are separated by the Palar river, and Wallajahpet is not only a commercial centre and Head Quarters of a distinct Taluq but also a Municipality, it should, I think, have its own depôt.

3. In the Chendragherry Taluq, the town of Tripatty appears to have been selected in preference to the Cusbah, in consideration of its greater population and commercial importance. Now Tripatty is seven miles distant from Chendragherry, which is itself a place of some importance and the official Head Quarters of the Taluq. On these grounds, I advocate the establishment of a local depôt there.

4. Of the other five stations, Calastry and Kangoondy are the Head Quarters of Sub-Magistrates and seats of Zemindars. All these five stations have no depôts near them, and as it has recently been ruled that labels may be sold by the District Post Goomastahs and licensed Stamp Venders, at one Anna discount (Rule 9 for retail sale), I would beg to recommend that depôts be established at all of them.

5. I have found frequently in my tours in the District the greatest difficulty in procuring even half Anna postage labels at Cusbah towns. This is a state of things which, besides being exceedingly inconvenient to the public in general, must absolutely check any improvement in the Post Office revenues.

6. The Inspecting Postmaster of the Division has several times complained to me, by letter, of the difficulty which he had experienced in obtaining postage labels at some of these stations.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 17th September 1867.

ADDITIONAL LIST of local Depôts established for the sale of Postage Stamps of the value of not less than 5 Rupees at a time.

District.	Stations at which new local Depôts are established.
North Arcot.....	Wallajah. Chendragherry. Calastry. Narrainavanum. Maderpauk. Kangoondy. Venkatagherry Kota.

MADRAS, GENERAL STAMP OFFICE,
6th September 1867.

(Signed) V. RAMIENGAR,
Superintendent of Stamps.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1867, No. 1156.

Ordered that the additional list of local Depôts for the sale of Postage Stamps appended to the foregoing letter, be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Stamps.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" Postmaster General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 59

North Arcot

Collector's Office

Chittoor 21st August 1867.

From

J. D. Robinson Esquire,
Collector of North Arcot.

To,

The Superintendent of Stamps
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the Sanction of Government to establish local Depôts for the sale of Postage Stamps at the seven stations noted in the margin, as they are not at present on the list of local Depôts. They are all important stations, the 2 first are Taluq Head Quarters and the other five those of Sub Magistrates.

Wallajahpet as it appears excluded from the original list of Depôts in consideration of its proximity to old Arcot where there is a local Depôt. The distance between the 2 places some 2½ Miles is certainly not great, but still in this as separated

to the Taba river and Pattanjaipet is not only a Commercial centre of the Head Quarters of the District Taluq, but also a Municipality, it therefore should have its own depôt.

In the Trichinopoly Taluq, the Inam Deputie appears to have been attached as formerly to the Cutchah in consideration of its greater population and Commercial importance. Inam Deputie is 7 miles distant from Ulundraypettai which is itself a place of some importance and the Office of Head Quarters of the Taluq. A these grounds I would recommend the Collector's request be complied with.

In the Tanjore District Kalastri and Kangayam are the Head Quarters of Sub Magistrates and seats of Inam Offices. All these Stations have no depôts from them and as it has recently been ordered that Labels may be sold by the District

Post Masters as a Licensed Stamp Vendor I have to make an Account of Sales of postage labels) I would beg to recommend that depôts be established at all of them.

As I have found frequently in my tours in the District the great difficulty in procuring small postage labels at Cutchah towns. This is a state of things which besides being exceedingly inconvenient to the public in general, must absolutely check any improvement in the Post Office revenues.

The Inspecting Post Master of the Division has several times complained to me of the difficulty which he had experienced in obtaining postage labels at some of these Stations.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Robinson
Collector

True Copy

E. Ramiengar
Superintendent of Stamps

Encl. to 159 of 1867/68

Additional List of Local Depôts established for the sale of Postage Stamps of the value of not less than 5 Rupees at a time.

District	Stations at which new local Depôts are established.
North Arcot	Wallajah
	Cheindraghiri
	Kalastri
	Narrainavanum
	Maderpauk
	Kongoondy
	Venkatagiurry Kola

Madras
Gen[l] Stamp Office
1[st] September 1867

E. Ramaiyan
Superintendent of Stamps

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No 159 of 1867-68

Madras
General Stamp Office
5th September 1867

From,

The Superintendent of Stamps,
Madras.

To,

The Hon'ble M. J. Ellis C.B.
Acting Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In forwarding the annexed copy of a letter from the Collector of North Arcot recommending the establishment of certain additional local Depôts for the sale of Postage Stamps in his District, I have the honor to suggest his proposition, and to request that, if the Government approve of the arrangement, the accompanying Supplemental List may be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Read 6th Sept 1867
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No 159

I find that a "revised List of Local Depôts" was published so far back as 1855. Since then, a few additions and alterations have been made in some Districts, but I think the List requires thorough revision with reference to late changes and the altered circumstances of Districts. and I shall do myself the honor of addressing the Government Couple on the subject.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servt

E. Cunningham

Superintendent of Stamps

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Collector of Stamp Revenue
Postmaster General
Secretary

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