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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

23rd March 1867.

No. 164. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 1st March 1867, No. 350.

I have the honor to solicit the orders of Government on the enclosed letter from the Deputy Collector of North Arcot, giving cover to one from the Assistant Collector of that District.

2. Mr. Spedding inquires whether District Post Gumastahs may be allowed to vend Postage labels to the public, receiving the higher discount of one Anna in the Rupee, under paragraph 9 of the Rules for the custody, distribution, and sale of Postage Stamps sanctioned by the Government of India. The present rule allows to "all Officers of Government, whether employed in the Post Office or otherwise, who are *required* to vend Postage Labels," a discount at the rate of one Anna in the Rupee, provided the labels supplied to any such Officer at one time be of the value of not less than 5 Rupees, and provided the labels are paid for in cash on delivery.

3. I find from the records of this office that, in reply* to a reference made to the Director General of Post Offices in India in 1858, that Officer stated that to entitle a public servant to the discount, "he must not only be a *bona fide* purchaser of the labels, paying cash for them in advance, but he must be in a position to state that he purchases and sells the labels because he is *required* to do so by Government."

Under this opinion, it would seem necessary for Government to authorize District Post Gumastahs to vend stamps to the public before they can claim the discount of one Anna, and I beg strongly to recommend that this may be done throughout the Presidency as a measure calculated to facilitate the supply of labels to the rural population and to add to the State revenue.

From the Deputy Collector of North Arcot, to the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras ; dated Chittoor, 22nd February 1867, No. 27.

In a letter† dated 20th instant, No. 14, received from the Assistant Collector, Mr. Spedding, who is in charge of the District Postal Department, he requests to be informed whether District Post Gumastahs can be allowed to purchase Postage labels at a discount of one Anna per Rupee. As these Gumastahs come within the scope of paragraph 8 of the new rules, I see no objection to their request being complied with. But as the Postmasters and Deputy Postmasters alone have hitherto enjoyed this privilege, although there was the same provision in the old rules, I thought it proper to apply for your instructions on the subject, and request to be furnished with the same.

† Copy enclosed.

From J. B. SPEDDING, Esq., Assistant Collector of North Arcot, to the Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, North Arcot ; dated Chittoor, 20th February 1867, No. 14.

As many of the District Post Gumastahs have applied to me to be allowed to purchase Postage labels at one Anna discount for sale to the public, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether they may obtain the Postage labels agreeably to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the "Rules for the custody, distribution, and sale of Postage Stamp Labels" issued by the Director General of the Post Offices of India on the 29th September 1866.

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23rd March 1867.*

2. If you are of opinion that the District Post Gumastahs are allowed to purchase Postage labels on discount, I request you will inform me of the names of the several local Depôts in this District.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1867, No. 315.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Stamps, and under paragraph 9 of the Rules for the custody, distribution, and sale of Postage Stamp Labels, the Governor in Council grants authority to District Post Gumastahs throughout the Madras Presidency to vend Postage Labels to the public.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Ed. J. Tulloch.

*Gazette of India 15 October
1866 Page 1288-*

*Public Dept.
From, Pros. 23 March 1867.*

*The Superintendent of Stamps
Madras*

*Mr. S. S. The Chief Secretary
to Government*

*Lab. 100
Recd 23 March 1867*

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*Submitting for orders
of Government, letter from the
Deputy Collector North Arcot
inquiring whether the higher rate
of discount of 8 Annas only
may be allowed to the
Post Gumastahs.*

*c20 March 1867
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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from the Superintendent of
Stamps - Madras.

(Received 1st March 1867 No. 200)

Order thrown 23rd March 1867 No. 315.

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vend Postage labels to the
public.

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*Public 107 Dept.
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The Chief Secretary
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*Lab. 107
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Dated. 23rd Nov 1864.