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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 523	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th April 1868.*

No. 184. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 20th April 1868, No. 1043.

Resolve to request sanction of Supreme }
Government to adopt a rule to enable } (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department,
Forest Subordinates to frank service } dated 20th April 1868, Nos. 426 and
correspondence within limits of their } 427).
respective Forest Department ranges. }

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1868, No. 523.
Communicated to the Postmaster General.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster General.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1868.*

No. 426. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 12th February 1868, No. 545 :—

1. Referring to the Government Order No. 2,819, of the 27th November last, and to my letters recorded in the Government Orders Nos. 3,360, dated 13th December 1866, and 549, of the 5th of March last, I have the honor to forward letters on the subject of postal arrangements from the Conservators of Bengal, Bombay, and the Central Provinces, by which it will be seen that the Conservator of Bengal complains of the same inconveniences, and that he is referring the matter to his Government, and that the Conservator of the Central Provinces states that his subordinates are allowed to frank within their respective ranges, which in all cases comprise portions of more than one Revenue district, and which is the arrangement that, I think, it is to the interest of Government to introduce into our Presidency.

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From the Conservator of Forests, Lower Provinces, to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, Neilgherries, dated Calcutta, 30th December 1867, No. 14.

1. In reply to your letter No. 417, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to state that both in Bengal and Burmah, letters from the Conservator's office and addressed to the Conservator's office are franked only, the Conservator's office being a privileged office; but all other correspondence by Forest officers, whether with their own or other departments, has to be post-paid, or stamped.

2. No doubt this stamping is very inconvenient, as Forest officers are very much away from stations where postage stamps can be obtained, and I think it quite worth while to open up the question. This I will do at once, and get the matter referred to the Government of India, using your letter to strengthen my hands, so that an exception may be made, if possible, as regards stamping and paying postage in favor of all Forest officers.

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From the Conservator of Forests, Bombay, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Camp at Nassick, 6th January 1868, No. 15.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with accompaniment, noted in the margin, No. 419, dated 14th ultimo, and in reply to inform you, that though several of my Assistants have charge of more than one Collectorate, no difficulty has been experienced by the present postal arrangement.

2. My Assistants use service stamps for letters to their subordinates in another Collectorate. In the same way, his subordinates use service stamps for letters to the Deputy Conservator when he is in another Collectorate.

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From the Conservator of Forests, Central Provinces, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Camp at Hurrupalla, 29th December 1867, No. 305A.

In reply to your letter No. 418, of 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that, as a rule, the Post Office have not objected to pass the official correspondence of my subordinates unsamped within the limits of their respective ranges, all of which comprise more than one Revenue division. In one or two instances, where postage was charged, I avoided raising the question, as if the Post Office Rule be strictly interpreted, it may perhaps be difficult to get over the objection, although under a looser interpretation, which the Post Office here have been willing to give it, there can be no doubt that a Forest Officer's district is the limits of his range, and this it is believed is the spirit and intention of the Act if not the actual letter.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1868.*

No. 427.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1868, No. 1,043.

Miscellaneous.

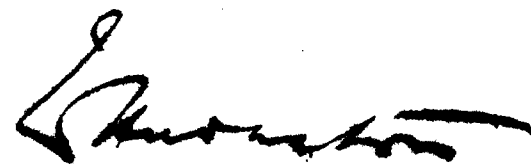
1. In his letter of 12th November 1866, the Officiating Conservator of Forests brought to the notice of Government the inconvenience resulting from the rule requiring that departmental correspondence passing beyond the limits of a Revenue district or Zillah needs to be paid by stamps, although the limits of the departmental range may not be overpassed.

2. It was ascertained from the Postmaster General that the definition of the word 'District,' laid down by the Government of India, precludes the abandonment of this rule where neither of the officers concerned in the correspondence are in a privileged office.

3. The result is that a stock of stamps has to be entrusted to the lowest class of Forest subordinates (as peons or watchers), who have to make reports to the Range Officer, in the numerous cases in which the forest range crosses the boundary of a Revenue district, and the correspondence now submitted by Major Beddome shows that the objections which he entertains to the rule are equally felt in other parts of the country.

4. The Government, therefore, resolve to bring the subject under the consideration of the Government of India in view to a rule being adopted, enabling Forest subordinates to frank service correspondence within the limits of their respective Forest Department ranges, whether they include parts of one or of more Revenue districts or Zillahs.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
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27th April 1880
The Secretary General

W. H.

The Secretary General 27th April

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