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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1211

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Dated

30.8.1937

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
30th August 1869.*

No. 198A. Read the following letter from the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 16th August 1869, No. 3661-850.

With reference to the Order of Government, Public Department, No. 1055, dated 29th ultimo, I have the honour to request that I may be informed whether it is the intention of Government that the salary of Rupees 60 per month therein sanctioned, shall be provided for by the Madras Government in the Marine Department, or by the Government of India in the Postal Department.

2. If the latter is intended, I will submit a tabular statement through the Director General of the Post Office for this new charge, and for the reduction of one boat's crew, in accordance with the Order of Government, Public Department, No. 1019, dated 21st ultimo.

4. But before doing this, I think it my duty to observe that the salary proposed to be given appears unnecessarily high for the purpose. The work which the new Mail Agent has to perform is simply to go to and fro between the beach and the shipping in charge of the mails : a duty which, I think, could be very well done by a native on Rupees 20 per month.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1869, No. 1211.

As the Postmaster General is satisfied that the duty of taking the mails on boardship can safely be intrusted to a native on a salary of twenty rupees a month, the Master Attendant, to whom a copy of the letter above recorded will be sent, will modify, to this extent, the arrangement sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 29th July last.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster General.

„ Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

&c, &c, &c.

Dated August, 30th.

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G. O., 30th August 1869, No. 1911.

AUGUST.

Nos. 198A-199.

Fixing the salary of the subordinate to be employed for taking mails on boardship, at Rupees 20 instead of Rupees 6) a month.

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14 Aug. 69

My dear Mr Ellis

The Order of Govt. 1055-29 July
has placed me in a somewhat awkward
position - I am extremely unwilling
to throw any difficulty in the way of
the arrangements sanctioned by Govt.
for landing & shipping the mails, or
to offer any objection to it - But
if I am to send up a statement
for the salary of the Mail
Agent I shall be obliged to say that
I think Rs 60 a month far higher than
is necessary - And it will probably
be remarked that I ought to have
communicated my opinion to
the Madras Govt. - I hesitated

however about writing to I
had spoken to Mr. Culbertson
about it. He says he thinks
I had better write & I have
accordingly written the letter
which you will receive with this.

It is to be observed that
the duty to be done by the
Maine agent (for whatever he is to
be called) has been done
for many years past by the
Sergeant - Charge of our
stables in addition to his
proper work - and although
disputes have lately arisen
between the postal subordinates

and those of the Marine Department
no ground appears (as far as I
can see) for supposing that a
person of a higher class is required.

There is no doubt a good deal
of truth in the Marine Department's
suggestion that a "sea faring"
man should be employed - But
I have no doubt whatever that
a man of the class of a tinker
or a superior person would
do the duty perfectly well.

Yours sincerely
A. R. S.

N^o 3661
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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 16 Aug 7 1869.

From
Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Pears
Postmaster General,

To
The Honble R. C. Elliot Esq.
Principal Secretary to Government
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to the order of Government, Public Department No 1055, dated 29 ultimo, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether it is the intention of Government that the salary of Purposes 60 per month therein sanctioned shall be provided for by the Madras Government in the Marine Department, or by the Government of India in the Postal Department.

If the latter is intended, I will submit a tabular statement through the Director General of the Post Office for this new charge, and for the reduction of one boat's crew, in accordance with the order of Government, Public Department

Department, No 1019, dated 21st Feb 1880.

But before doing this, I think it my duty to observe that the salary proposed to be given appears unnecessarily high for the purpose —

The work which the new mail agent has to perform is simply to go to and fro between the beach and the shipping in charge of the mails, a duty which, I think, could be very well done by a native in Rupees 20 per month.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yr Most Obedt Servt

Yours
Postmaster General

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

Public

The Postmaster Genl
8th

Dated 30 Aug 1869

To,

Encl.

G. O. 30 August 1869, No. 1211.

No. 198A-1/9.

7/11/2039.

Giving the salary of the
Subordinate to be employed
and for taking orders on
concessions, at Rs 20
instead of Rs 50 a month.