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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,  
13th March 1869.*

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No. 90. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George ; dated India Office, London, 4th February 1869, No. 4, (Public.)

The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 29th February, No. 2 of 1868, forwarding copy of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce at Madras, on the subject of the increased rate of postage imposed on the correspondence between India and the United Kingdom, has been considered by me in Council.

2. In reply I forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated 26th May last, and also extract (paragraph 2) from another letter from the same authorities, dated 29th December last. These documents must be regarded as expressive of the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the question discussed by the Chamber of Commerce at Madras.

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From G. S. BOOTH, Esq., to H. MERIVALE, Esq., c. n., dated Treasury Chambers, 26th May 1868.

With reference to Mr. Melvill's letter, dated the 15th instant, and to the letter addressed to you from this Board, dated the 18th March last, on the subject of the increased rates of Overland Indian Postage, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to request that you will state to Sir Stafford Northcote that the increase on the postage on correspondence *via* Marseilles from 10*d.* to 1*s.* 1*d.* the half-ounce letter was consequent upon the postage on the correspondence *via* Southampton being raised from 6*d.* to 9*d.* the half-ounce letter, the additional 4*d.* being the amount of transit rate payable to the French Post Office.

2. The postage on the correspondence with India was raised as stated in the letter from this Board above adverted to, with a view to assist in covering the largely increased expenditure which the new weekly service to India involves, and my Lords advertent thereto are of opinion that it would not be advisable to disturb the present rates of postage which were settled after the whole matter had received the most attentive consideration.

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*Extract of a letter, dated Treasury Chambers, 29th December 1868.*

Paragraph 2. As regards the question of the postage on letters between this country and India, I am instructed to observe that my Lords by their letter, 26th May last, intimated to the Secretary of State for India in Council their opinion that, advertent to the largely increased expenditure which the new weekly service to India involves, it would not be advisable to disturb the present rates of postage, and my Lords see no reason to depart from the opinion they then expressed.

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No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1869, No. 313.

A copy of this Despatch, and of its enclosure, will be furnished to the Chamber of Commerce, with reference to their Secretary's letter of the 5th February 1868.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

Edw. J. Wright.



Treasury Chambers  
26<sup>th</sup> May 1868

Sir,

With reference to Mr Melville's letter, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. and to the letter addressed to you from this Board, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March last on the subject of the increased rates of Orkney and Shetland Postage, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to request that you will state to Sir Stafford Northcote that the increase in the postage of correspondence *via* Marseilles from 10<sup>d</sup> to 11<sup>d</sup>, the 1/2 ounce letter was consequent upon the postage on the correspondence *via* Southampton being raised from 6<sup>d</sup> to

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to 9<sup>d</sup> the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce letter the additional  
4<sup>d</sup> being the amount of transit rate  
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Lords adverting thereto are of  
opinion that it would not be  
advisable to disturb the present rates  
of Postage which were settled after  
the whole matter had received  
the most attentive consideration.

I am, Sir,  
(signed) G. Scater Booth

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Copy letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 1868,  
also Extract of a letter dated  
29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1868 - from the Treasury

Referred to in Public letter to  
Madras, No. 14, dated 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1869

Public  
No. 14

India Office, London.

4<sup>th</sup> March 1869.

My Lord,

The despatch of your  
Excellency in Council  
dated 29<sup>th</sup> February  
No. 2 of 1868, forwarding  
copy of a letter from the  
Chamber of Commerce  
at Madras, on the  
subject of the increased  
rate of postage imposed  
on the correspondence  
between India and the  
United Kingdom, has  
been considered by me  
in Council.

His Excellency  
The Right Honourable  
The Governor in Council  
Fort St. George.

In reply I forward  
herewith copy of a  
letter



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The  
Letter to Fort St. George  
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The Chamber of Commerce  
March 1869

Form arising from the Lords  
Commissioners of the  
Treasury a letter and an  
extract from a letter, which  
express the decision of the  
Govt, regarding the increased  
rate of postage imposed  
on correspondence between  
India & the United Kingdom

With an order  
Read 5<sup>th</sup> March 1869 viz  
Minister V. B. B. B.

Govt. of 1869; Madras.

Public

To  
The Chamber of Commerce  
Madras

Dated March 13.

From

No. 13. March 1869. 3/13.

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Forwarding papers expressing the  
decision of the Home Govt. on  
the subject of the increased  
rate of postage imposed on  
the correspondence between  
India & the United Kingdom.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

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To

The Chamber of Commerce

Madras

Dated March 13.

Recd.

And

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