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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 842	Press Mis.
Dated 8-7-1870.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th July 1870.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1870, No. 218-329 :—

I have the honour to forward an extract from a letter from the Director-General of the Post-office of India, No. 769, dated 20th ultimo, stating that it was never intended that the privilege of franking covers, conceded to His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry, shall be extended to the Heads of the Administrations at Yanam, Karikal, and Mahé, and desiring that the opinion of the Government should be ascertained on the subject. I accordingly request I may be favoured with such opinion.

Extract from a letter from the Director-General of the Post-office of India, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 20th May 1870, No. 769.

“ In reply to your letter, No. 41-229, dated 27th ultimo, I have the honour
“ to observe that, under the old Franking Rules, *i. e.*, those in force prior to 1866,
“ the Governors of Foreign Settlements in amity with Her Majesty were privileged
“ to send Official Inland correspondence free of charge, and under the rules of 1866
“ and all subsequent rules, such Governors, including the Governor of Pondicherry
“ in your Circle, retained that privilege, having moreover the additional privilege
“ of receiving such correspondence also free of charge. There has never been any
“ authority for the Heads of the minor administrations to exercise a similar privilege,
“ although it was practically conceded to them in 1866 in respect to correspondence
“ addressed to the Governor, who, as already stated, then became privileged to
“ receive as well as to send official correspondence free of charge.

“ I am aware that it was stated in your letter of the 9th August 1866, No. 145,
“ that by a liberal (though incorrect) interpretation of the term “ Governor ” the
“ Heads of the minor administrations at Yanam, Karikal, and Mahé had practically
“ exercised the privilege; but I do not understand from the orders passed by Govern-
“ ment at that time, that it was intended to authorize any privileges which had
“ not been authorized before, except in so far as the privilege given to Governors
“ of receiving Official Inland correspondence free of charge was additional to what
“ they previously enjoyed.

“ Perhaps, however, it will be best for you, before rescinding the provisional
“ orders which you have given, to ascertain the opinion of the Government of
“ Madras on the subject.”

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1870, No. 842.

The Government consider it undesirable that the privilege of franking covers, which has been hitherto conceded to the Heads of the French Administrations at Yanam, Karikal, and Mahé, should be withdrawn.

(True Extract.)

To the Postmaster-General, Madras.

Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

Sept. of 1870} ~~1870~~

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To

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Madras.

Dated July, 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 8th July 1870, No. 842.

JULY.
Nos. 5-6.

Expressing the opinion that it is undesirable to withdraw from the Heads of the French Administrations at Yanam, Karikal, and Mahé, the privilege of franking covers.

Now

The effect of the Chief
de Service at Zanzibar will be
judging better, as suggested by
the Chief of the Service
- District, is that the Chief has
to pay the postage on the letters.

When the Postal Rules
were revised in 1870, the question
as to whether the Chiefs de Service
at Zanzibar, Kaskazini & Malindi
should continue to pay the
letters was raised & was
referred to this Committee. The proposal
of the J. O. of 1870, No. 842.

There is no reason why
the privilege which has been
continued for more than half
a century should now be withdrawn.

The Postal Department
brought his request to withdraw
the J. O. which was approved
by the J. O. of 1870. The Chiefs
de Service in the Principal Ports

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Post-Master General.
(H.E. 13th June 1878. 1228
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Order them 8 July 1878. 12842

The Government
consider it undesirable
that the privilege of
franking orders which
has been hitherto conceded
to the heads of the French
administrations at
Yandam, Karikal and
Mahe, should be
withdrawn.

To the Post-Master General,
Madras. 15/7

Mr Galton

See the above side first.
Lyonville Memo. - 3-2-8/77
No 842 that he had intended
asked Pears to ascertain what
this Govt. thought about the matter.
We said distinctly that
Chapide Service did the principal
L. Pears does not tell us
whether he communicated his
report. I suppose it was
franked - but merely says
that his names are not
on the list.

Ask Pears whether the question
has been deliberated upon and
approved by the Director. If so
we shall be prepared to go up to
P. of S. If the Director has
not passed his decision, tell
Pears to evoke it by another report
& meanwhile desire him to
keep the matter in practice.

Cont. of 118 } Minutes.

Public.

To

Mr. J. H. Brooks, General

Manager.

Dated *July 26/1872*

Recd.

1872, No. 842.

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By the opinion the U.S. is in desirable to withdraw

*from the hands of the
State & administration
of Kansas Territory and
make the privilege of
franchising correct.*