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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1400	Press Mis.
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15th September 1871.

Read the following papers :—

- No. 64. Translation of a letter from His Excellency M. MICHEAUX, Provisional Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of the Presidency of Fort St. George, dated Pondicherry, 18th August 1871, No. 19.

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have received from several mercantile firms remonstrances on the delay that, for some time past, has occurred in the transmission of letters for Pondicherry brought by the English Mail.

2. The complaint is that these letters passing by Arcunum, Conjeveram, and Chingleput only reach Pondicherry two days after the arrival of the same mail at Madras, instead of reaching their destination on the following day. The same inconvenience is sometimes experienced in the transmission of letters from Pondicherry to Europe. These do not always arrive at Bombay in sufficient time to be despatched by the outgoing mail.

3. This state of things, which is prejudicial to business and inconvenient to the public at Pondicherry, is probably attributable to the non-coincidence of the arrival of the French Mail at Chingleput, *via* Conjeveram, and the Southern Mail from Madras. The only remedy, in my opinion, would be that, in future, the French letters, both those intended for Europe and those which come thence for Pondicherry, should be sent direct to Madras, instead of their being despatched by Arcunum and Conjeveram. Under this arrangement, letters sent from here on Friday at 8 P.M. would reach the Presidency at 2 P.M. on Saturday, and might be sent on Sunday at 9 A.M. to Bombay, and in like manner letters arriving from Bombay at Madras on Sunday would be received at Pondicherry on Monday.

4. Your Excellency will see the necessity of issuing the necessary orders for the despatch *via* Madras, and not *via* Conjeveram, of the letters from the French Establishments in India *via* Bombay to Europe and *vice versa*.

A translation of the letter above recorded will be forwarded to the Postmaster-General, for report whether the arrangements proposed by the Governor of the French Settlements can be adopted.

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

- No. 65. From the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 4th September 1871, No. 2078-2305.

I have the honour to return the letter from the Governor of the French Settlements, dated 18th ultimo (received with your endorsement without date), complaining of the delays to which the mails passing between Pondicherry and Europe have been subjected, and suggesting that these mails should be sent in future through Madras.

2. I very much regret that the delays complained of should have occurred. They have arisen chiefly from two causes :—As regards the mails from Bombay to Pondicherry, from the Contractor having failed to have a cart ready at Chingleput

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to carry on the mail immediately on its arrival from Conjeveram. As regards the mail from Pondicherry to Bombay, from occasional changes in the railway time tables, and the difficulty of making, in good time, the corresponding changes in the time of despatch from Pondicherry.

3. The Mail Contractor is bound, by his contract, to carry on this mail to Pondicherry on its arrival at Chingleput, and I am taking measures to ensure his regular fulfilment of this part of his duty; and as it is very improbable that inconvenience will arise from any sudden change in the railway time tables in future, I do not think it expedient to adopt the suggestion of the Governor of the French Settlements.

4. I am making arrangements to ensure that this mail shall always be forwarded between Arcoum and Pondicherry as speedily as possible. Under these arrangements, there will be no danger of the mail arriving at Bombay too late for the Steamer, while I believe that the mail from Bombay will reach Pondicherry somewhat earlier than if it were sent *via* Madras.

No. 66. To His Excellency M. MICHEAUX, Provisional Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated Ootacamund, 15th September 1871, No. 1400.

I have the honour to enclose, for your Excellency's information, copy of a letter* received from the Postmaster-General, explaining the delays which have occurred in the transmission of mails to and from Pondicherry, and the measures taken to obviate future delays.

Accept, Sir, &c.,

(Signed) NAPIER.

* Dated 4th Sept. 1871, No. 2078-2305.

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Pondicherry, the 15th September 1871.

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To HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PROVISIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE
FRENCH SETTLEMENTS IN INDIA

Dated September, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 15th September 1871, No. 1400.

SEPTEMBER.
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Monsieur le Gouverneur,

En sujet de retards survenus
dans la transmission de dépêches
postales de Bombay à Pondichéry
et réciproquement.

J'ai l'honneur d'ingérer votre
Excellence que j'ai reçu de diverses
maisons de commerce des reclama-
tions au sujet du retard qui éprouvent
depuis quelque temps, les dépêches
dirigées sur Pondichéry et apportées
par la maille anglaise. On se plaint
de ce que ces dépêches, passant par
Arcanum, Canjivaram et Chingleput,
ne parviennent à Pondichéry que le
surlendemain de l'arrivée du même
courrier à Madras, alors en elles devrai-
ent à destination dès le lendemain.

Ce même inconvénient se
reprécuit quelque fois pour la trans-
mission en Europe de la correspondance
de Pondichéry, laquelle n'arrive pas
toujours assez à temps à Bombay pour
être

A. votre Excellence, le très-honorable Gouverneur de
la Présidence du Fort St. Georges, à Madras.

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être acheminée par le courrier partant
cet état de choses préjudiciable
au commerce et aux habitants de nos
établissements, tient probablement à un
défaut de coïncidence entre l'arrivée de la
malle française à Chinglepott, passant
par Canjavarom et celle qui s'expédie de
Madras pour le sud. Le seul moyen d'y
remédier me paraît être de diriger,
désormais, les lettres françaises, ainsi bien
lorsqu'elles sont expédiées pour l'Europe
que lorsqu'elles en partent en destina-
tion de Pondichéry, sur Madras directe-
ment au lieu de leur faire suivre la
voie d'Arcanum et de Canjavarom. De
cette manière, parties d'ici le vendredi à
8 heures du soir, elles arriveront à la
Présidence le samedi à 2 heures de l'après-
midi, et pourront être expédiées le
dimanche à Bombay, à 9 heures du
matin; comme aussi celles arrivant
de cette ville à Madras le dimanche, seront

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seront reçues au chef-lieu de nos établisse-
ments le lundi.

En conséquence, Votre Excellence
jugera, sans doute, nécessaire de prendre
des mesures pour que la correspondance
des établissements français de l'Inde, via
Bombay, pour l'Europe, et vice-versa,
passe par Madras et non par Can-
javarom.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le
Gouverneur, l'assurance de la haute consi-
dération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur
d'être,

De Votre Excellence,

Le très obéissant serviteur :

Gouverneur des établissements français de l'Inde

No 2078
2305

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 4 Sept. 1871.
Notarized

From *Leint Col. A. C. Pears*
Postmaster-General, Madras
To *The Honorable R. S. Ellis*
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort St. George
Notarized

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Pondicherry
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these arrangements there will be no danger of the mail arriving at Bombay too late for the Steamer, while I believe that the Mail from Bombay will reach Pondicherry somewhat earlier than if it were sent via Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedt Servant

W. E. D.

Postmaster General.

Public Department

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From

The Postmaster-General,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Department,

Fort Saint George.

S. L. No. 1400
17/5/71

No. 2078
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Dated 4. Sept. 1871.

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17/5/71

Copy of letter of delay
of mail between Pondicherry
& Calcutta to be
taken to Government
for reference

The letter above mentioned will be
communicated to the Governor
of the French Settlements in India
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of M. H. C.
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