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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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No. 906.

FROM

W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (SIMLA).

SIR,

In reply to your Under Secretary's letter, No. 896, dated 3rd June 1871, forwarding certain papers relative to the transmission of official correspondence by post, I am directed to state that, without anticipating any marked advantage from the change, this Government desire to offer no objection to the proposed limitation of the privilege of sending and receiving official correspondence free of charge, actual or *pro forma*, to the Members of Government and Commanders-in-Chief, their Private and Military Secretaries, and the Government Secretariats.

2. They arrive at this conclusion on the assumption that the Supreme Government are in favour of retaining and extending the use of service postage stamps in lieu of franking; but they are not themselves satisfied of the superiority of the former system, which must inevitably entail some expense on the State not apparently to be counterbalanced by any commensurate benefit.

3. An Officer who will deliberately superscribe a letter as "On Her Majesty's Service only" when it is not so, will probably not hesitate to add the stamp, and would really be exposed to less risk by doing so, since the Post Office must respect the stamp, while, under the old system, they might challenge the superscription.

4. This Government is not in a position to know whether the requirement of stamps has tended to reduce the amount of *bona fide* official intercommunication by post; but, even if it has done so, the result is not necessarily an unmixed advantage, nor is it otherwise unattainable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Fort St. George,
22nd June 1871.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

1871.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 22nd June 1871.

Recd.

No. 906.

Enclosure.

Intimating, with remarks, that this Government desire to offer no objection to the proposed limitation of the privilege of sending and receiving official correspondence free of charge to the Members of Government and Commanders-in-Chief, their Private and Military Secretaries, and the Government Secretariats.

No. 896.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SEPARATE REVENUE.

Post Office.

Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George

SIMLA, THE 3rd JUNE 1871.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for any remarks that *the Govt. of Madras* may wish to make, the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Director General of the Post Offices of India, and of its enclosure, containing certain proposals respecting official correspondence transmitted by post which are generally approved by the Government of India.

2. It is particularly requested that a reply to this reference may be submitted on an early date, not later than the 15th of July 1871.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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for the Govt. of India

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No. 896.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

REVISÉD CODE OF RULES

FOR

REGULATING THE TREATMENT

OF

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.



CALCUTTA:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING.
1871.

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A.—PRIVILEGED OFFICES.

(1). The Officials and public Offices enumerated in the annexed list will be privileged to send and receive by Inland Post (without payment of postage) covers *bona fide* and exclusively on Her Majesty's Service.

On Her Majesty's Service.

To

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
CALCUTTA.
A. B.,
Secretary to Government, Bengal.

(2). Each cover posted by a privileged Official or Office must be endorsed and addressed according to the specimen form given in the margin, under the full signature (autograph or stamp) of the privileged Official or of the Superintendent or other principal Officer of the privileged Office.

On Her Majesty's Service only.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,
CALCUTTA.
A. B.,
Director of Public Instruction.

(3). Each cover posted under privilege to the address of a privileged Official or Office must be endorsed and addressed according to the specimen form given in the margin.

B.—OFFICES NOT PRIVILEGED.

(4). Offices not privileged consist of those Government Offices which are not included in the list, and do not therefore enjoy the privilege referred to in Rule (1).

At the following rates, viz.:—

Letter Post.		
Not exceeding ½ tola	...	... ½ anna,
Not exceeding 1 tola	...	... 1 anna,
Not exceeding 2 tolas	...	... 2 annas,
and so on.		
Book Post.		
Not exceeding 10 tolas	...	... 1 anna,
Not exceeding 20 tolas	...	... 2 annas,
and so on.		
Banghy Post.		
Not exceeding 10 tolas	...	... 3 annas,
Not exceeding 20 tolas	...	... 6 annas,
and so on.		
Gazettes.		
Not exceeding 10 tolas	...	... 1 anna each.
Not exceeding 20 tolas	...	... 2 annas each.

(5). Official covers from Offices not privileged and addressed to other than privileged Offices should be prepaid* by service postage stamps purchased at the Government Treasury or other local stamp depôt. These stamps, when used in payment of postage, must be supported by the superscription on the cover "On Her Majesty's Service" under the full signature and official designation of the Government Officer who sends the cover. The superscription and signature should be entered in the form marginally† given. Service stamps affixed to a cover without the above superscription will not be recognised by the Post Office in payment of postage. Treasury Officers are enjoined not to sell service stamps to any but Government Officials.

† Service Labels.

On Her Majesty's Service.

To

(Here enter address).

(Signature of sender).

(Official designation).

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Public Department.
No. 906.

To

The Secretary to Government
of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

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In reply to your
Under Secretary's letter N^o 896
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I am directed to state that
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From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
~~Financial~~ Department.

Dated June 22 1871

Recd.
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*Intimating, with remarks, that
this Govt. desire to offer no
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