

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 548

DATED 12-5-27

12/5/27

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Collector of Tanjore that
the rules with regard to postage on
Special Communications to Ceylon ~~are~~
~~are~~ to be generally known and complied
with and that it is not necessary to
make any reference on the subject to the
Ceylon Govt.

14/5/97.

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CURRENT No. 1685



From The Collector of
Tanjore

Order

No. 1797
Rev of 1897

Dated 13 April 1897

Received
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Enclosures Two

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Requesting to address
Ceylon Government
to instruct its officers
not to refuse correspondence
unstamped or insufficiently
stamped

BACK PAPER

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No. 1797
Rev of 1897
From

Tanjore Collector's
13th April

T. Andrew Esquire,
Acting Collector & District Magistrate,
TANJORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose 2 Covers
despatched from this office but returned
to me through the Dead Letter Office, the
same having been refused acceptance
by the addressees, viz, the Post Master
Badulla and the Police Magistrate
Kandy, in Ceylon.

2. The Cover to the Post Master,
Badulla contained a letter requesting
to be informed of certain particulars
connected with a Telegraphic money
order received from him. That to
the

Refused Letter Office
REFUSED LETTER OFFICE
FROM THE
Dead Letter Office.
To
William
Tanjore 12

Police Magistrate, Kandy, contained a letter returning certain warrants unexecuted. Postage at rates for official Correspondence was paid thereon but the Officers concerned having refused to receive them on the ground that they were charged four and six annas respectively by the Post Office as postage due thereon, they were returned to me through the Dead Letter Office. As it was not clear why the covers, on which postage at the rates for official Correspondence was duly paid after enquiry at the Post Office, Vallam, were charged Extra Postage, I requested the Post Master General to institute

Enquiries

Public DEPARTMENT
Enquiries on the subject of
Communications to the
of what as a matter
official Courtesy as well as in
the public interest, official covers
ought not ^{to be} refused in this
manner. Such refusals possibly
leading to delays involving
serious public consequences.

From the Post Master General's
reply, I find that under the
Regulations then in force the covers
were liable to the same rates
of postage as private Correspondence, that the covers were
therefore correctly taxed with
postage under Clause 346, Indian

Postal

2nd so, besides having a decided
 appearance of want of official
 Courtesy, may lead to have public
 inconvenience. As the rejected
 cover might ^{conceivably} ~~necessarily~~ contain
 correspondence relating to matters
 of the utmost public urgency.

I therefore request that if the
 Government thinks fit, the Ceylon
 Government may be asked to
 instruct its officers not to treat
 official letters in the way they
 have done.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

H. Muttusami

For Acting Collector

Date



Postmaster

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In a letter

from

The Collector of
Tanjore

To The Chief Secretary to
Government
Public Department
Madras

Subordinate office Tanjore

On 11/11/1897

Dated 13 April 1897

No 1797 of 87
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Subject

2 Covers which form
the Enclosure to the
letter

Public DEPARTMENT

C. No. 1670

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Refusal of covers and
insufficiently sta

FOR ORDERS.

For orders as to
whether the Ceylon form
may be addressed, as
requested by the Collector
in the concluding para-
graph of his letter. The letter
is complete in itself.
The person responsible for the delay
is really the Postmaster at Vellam.
The Collector states that the stamps
were affixed after enquiring at the
Post Office. Art 346 of the Indian
Postal Guide - to which the Collector
does not appear to have referred
until his attention was called to
it by the Postmaster Genl - states
that the inland Semei rates
do not apply to postage to Ceylon.

It is suggested that the

remedy for such mistakes as

As reported lies in
 they are that letter are
 immediately stamped, rather than
 in asking that Ceylon officers
 should receive letters immediately
 stamped.

At the same time it is to be
 observed that at 343 of the
 Postal Guide lays down a rule
 that, in India, Govt. officers
 are bound to receive & pay
 the postage due on articles
 addressed to them. On her
 Majesty's Service. ^{and more the} ~~Postmaster General~~
^{signature in full of the} ~~Postmaster General~~
^{signature in full of the} ~~Postmaster General~~
 The rules of the Indian
 8/5/97 Postal Guide do not apply
 to Ceylon.

I will dispose of this - no need to
 trouble you with it.

20 No complaints of a similar nature
 have been received from other districts
 and it is therefore to be inferred

that the rules with regard to postage on official communications to Govt.
 are known and complied with elsewhere. As the attention of the
 has now been called to them by the P. M. Genl. there is no reason
 to suppose that further difficulties will occur.

2. The Govt. therefore considers it unnecessary to make any reference
 to this subject to the Govt. of Ceylon 10/5/97

Cell: of Jangora with answer.

When copied 15/8/95
 When examined 17/8/95
 When signed 18/8/95

READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189 DATED

CURRENT No.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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