

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 109 *Ry.*

DATED 21st January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Receipt and despatch of mail at Bellary. — Letter from the Postmaster Genl. explaining the delay in the — and informing that arrangements have been made for the conveyance of a letter box to the train leaving Bellary at 1-35 P.M. to post letters up to the time of the departure of the train, Communicated to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Bellary.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Extract from Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Council,
dated 1st October 1889.

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C. L. Vaughan A 49th E. Office Chairman.

Mr. H. Ry. U. Corporowamy Modelkian Arangel Row Sahib.

do. J. Chellaperumall Pillay Avergal Pao Sahib

Captain G. A. P. Evans.

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M. R. 13. D. Kristnamachari Govra Par Sahit

do. S. Krishnaswamy Mudaliar Asargal Ponds

to. A. Sabapathy Mooty Argl. Rao Bahadur.

do. L. Ramu / Pon Gern / Rao Sahib

do. P. Ramu Pow Gera Pow Sahit

do. M. Casodeva Haidu Goru Pw Sahib.

do. W. Bencaba Rao Gerra Rao Sahib.

1. Read letter from the Collector of
Bellary No 1382, dated 10th September 1889,
requesting to be informed of the views of the
Municipal Council on the alterations in the
time of the arrival and departure of local
Mails

2427m

Mails from and to Madras.

The Council are of opinion that the Post Master General should be addressed on the subject, and that the authorities of the Southern Mahratta Railway be requested to allow letters to be put in the trains before starting, as is done at most other stations.

M. C. Office,
Bellary Oct/29/89 } True Extract.

W.K.

Chairman M.C.

By.

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P.W.C. 1331/89

Through the Revenue Divisional Offices.

No.

2676

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE,

Bellary, 27 October 1889.

FROM

K. Urcata Rao Garna
RAO BAHADUR, A. SABAPATHY MUDALIAR AVERGAL,

CHAIRMAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Local & Municipal Dept.
2427m BELLARY.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor in forwarding the enclosed resolution of the Municipal Council passed at their meeting held on the 1st Instant, to request the favor of the Government of Madras to move the Southern Mahratta Railway Company, and the Post Master General for accelerating the despatch of the Mails and the delivery of the letters, to prevent the great loss of time and the consequent inconvenience and hardship to the public.

According to the present arrangement

arrangement, the Mail train from Madras arrives at Coontakul at 7-51 A.M. and the Mail train to Madras leaves Coontakul at 4-21 P.M. having an interval of $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The distance between Coontakul and Bellary is about 30 miles which requires 2 hours, at the rate of 15 miles per hour, or 4 hours in all including the return journey. So the public of Bellary should have at least 3 hours out of the remaining $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours at their disposal between the delivery of the letters and the despatch of the mails, for preparing and posting their letters the same day, so as to be despatched by the next Train. But unfortunately the letters are now delivered even to those who send their letters to the post office, at about 12 noon, allowing scarcely one hour's time (the mail being

being closed by 1 P.M.) to read the letters and prepare their replies to go by the same day's train, which is almost hopeless in most cases and impossible in the case of persons living at long distances from the Post office. All the leading merchants complain of this and have had frequently to resort to messages by wire at large expense, owing to the extreme shortness of the interval between delivery and closing of mail boxes.

The Municipal Council, one at a loss to understand the reasons why better arrangements cannot be made to suit public convenience. The Southern Mahratta Railway Company requires only 4 hours to travel to and fro, even at the minimum rate of 15 miles per hour, and allowing half an hour for stopping and preparing

preparing the train, they ought to save
Me a more time, and leave it at the disposal
of the public. But if the speed between
Coimbatore and Bellary be raised to 20
Pos. miles per hour, as a special case, at
the which rate they often run the trains,
some the conveniences of the public can be
all secured to a very great extent.

It is also to be regretted
that since the introduction of the Southern
Mahratta Railway into Bellary,
no mail guards or mail boxes are
attached to the trains, and so persons
cannot avail themselves of the benefit
of the late letter fee system, which
is in vogue at all the important Sta-
tions on the other lines. Bellary town
is, as the Government are aware, not
only a large Military Station, but
is inhabited by merchants and
traders of various classes who are
having

having daily communications from
Madras and other important towns
on the North West line, as well as
with the Southern districts in con-
nection with the large trade which
has been developed by the railway
systems crossing through the district.
I therefore request that the Govern-
ment will be pleased to take im-
mediate action in this very important
matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant,
Chairman, M.C.

From *P.W. Dept. 10804*
1899

21-10-89
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Bellary

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras

Thru the Revenue Divisional Office

D 17th October 1889

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
24 OCT 89

del 21.10.89
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Recd. 13.11.89 Encl. 2

No 2676

E. L. Vaughan

21 OCT. 89

RECEIVED
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1 OCT. 89

Subject
For & in resolution regard
ing the proposed change
in the title of the arrival
and departure of
Local Trains.
Submitted
Approved
(with an endorsement)

N. 914

Transferred to the Public Works

Department (Railway Branch)

W. Meyer

Assistant Secretary

del 12.11.89
W. Meyer
13/11/89
Don't St. George
November 1889

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The Public Works Department (Railway Branch)

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Transferred to H. S. P. O. K. S. D.

Transferred to
the Government of Bombay
for favour of disposal.

Very opp. Colonel R. H.
Anderson to Govt. P. W. D. Ry. Branch

Refer first to the Public Works
Dept.

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Very
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To

The Joint Secretary to the
Government of Bombay
Public Works Dept.
Railway Branch
Nov 16. 1889
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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No, 10801

From

The Local & Municipal
Dept.

ENCLOS. - 1

No. 914

Dated 8th Nov. 1889

Received 13 - do -

SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from
the Chairman - Municipal
Council - Bellary going
a resolution regarding
the proposed change
in the time of the
arrival & departure
of local mails from
to Madras &

DISPOSAL.

No. 5415 Dated 20th Nov. 1889

Referred to the
Postmaster General
Madras for favor
of his views.

Drop (sd) K. A. Jopp Col. R. E.
Under Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.
By: Branch

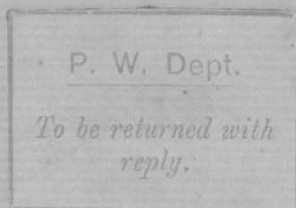
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No. 5415C of 20th Nov. 1889

Referred to the
Postmaster General Madras
for favor of his views.

Kapappan Colonel R.E.
Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Ry. Branch



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No. 27283

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 26th December 89

From

C. A. Stuart Esq.

Off. Postmaster General,

MADRAS,

To

The Under-Secretary to Government

P.W.D. - Railway Branch

SIR,

Madras.

In returning your No. 5415C dated
20th November '89, together with its enclosures,
I have the honor to state that the time of
arrival of the train at Bellary is
10.48 A.M., but it is not till 11.10 A.M.
that the mails reach the Post office. This
delay of 22 minutes is unavoidable for
the reasons given below:-

i. About 2 minutes are lost in
bringing the train to a standstill on the
platform.

ii. The Railway station is about
700 yards from the Post office and it

takes ten minutes to convey the heavy bags by the mail ponies.

iii Another ten minutes are taken up in handing over the mails under receipt to the mail ponies and examining the seals &c. The mails are conveyed as luggage and necessarily a delay of a few minutes takes place before the luggage clerk is prepared to deliver over charge.

2. On the receipt of the mails at the Post Office at 11.10 Am., every endeavour is made to have the letters checked, stamped, sorted and ready for delivery with as little delay as possible, and

this cannot be satisfactorily accomplished before 11.30 or 11.40 Am., when the window delivery is made as expeditiously as possible.

3. The train by which the mails for the Madras Side are conveyed is due to arrive at the Bellary Station at 1.6 Pm., and according to the Departmental Rules, the mails should be on the platform at least ten minutes before the arrival of the train by which they are to be conveyed, and the mails are now despatched from the Bellary Post Office at 1.10 Pm.

It is not possible to make any change in the present hour of despatch.

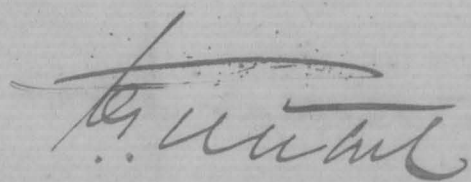
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With reference to the
concluding para of the Proceedings
of the Bellary Municipal Council,
I beg to remark that arrangements
have been made for the conveyance
of a letter-box by the train leaving
Bellary at 1.35 P.m., which will
enable the public to post their
late letters at the Railway station
up to the time of departure of
the train.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.



Offg. Postmaster General

No. 541504/20-11-89

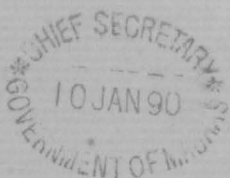
B. No. 109 R & 21st Jan'y/90.

11/16/90
17/1/90

The reply of the
officiating Postmaster
General of Madras will be
communicated to the Chairman
Municipal Council Bellary.

13 Jan'y

C.L.S.
9.1.90
R.



P.W.C. No. 12331

From

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
MADRAS.

No. 27283

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B. No. 109 R & 21st Jan'y/90.

Dated 26

Received 27

December 189

No. of enclosures two

SUBJECT.

Gives reasons for the delay
of mails reaching the Post
Office at Bellary, and informs
of the arrangements made for
the conveyance of a letter box
by the train leaving Bellary at 3.55
P.M. to enable the public to have
their late letters at the Ry. station
up to the time of departure of the
train.

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The Com. Engrs. for Ry.
" Postmaster General Madras.
" Local and Municipal Dept.
" Chairman Municipal Council Bellary.

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Ch. Secy 10-1-90

Am. 15-1-90 R. 17-1-90.