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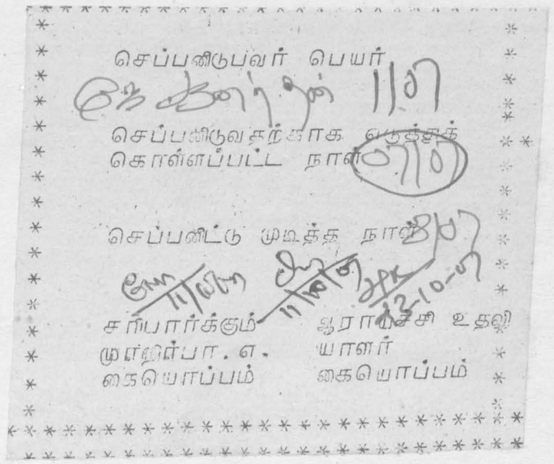

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th December 1857.

No. 26. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department under date the 20th November 1857 No. 1645.

Read the following letter from the Post Master General, Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government in the Public Department, dated 6th November 1857, No. 2582.

SIR,

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Extract from N. B., at foot of the Rule 36.

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From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Masulipatam; to R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Post Master General, Madras, dated 10th October 1857, No. 37.

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3. The monthly audit of pay bills has greatly increased the work of the Post Office besides annoying every Officer up-country.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Collector.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. H. WILLIAMSON,
Post Master General.

Resolved that the attention of Heads of Offices be called to the order in question.

(True Extract and Copies.)
(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 1253; dated 4th December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Chief Secretary.

To

The Revenue Department

for record and for communication to the proper Officers

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Revenue 1857 Dept.
Dº to Cons.ª Decr.

№ 1481.

Extract from the
Mins. of Cons. in the
Public Department.

Dated 20th
Recd 28th } Novr 1857.

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the Rules of the Post Office
Departt on the subject, be inva-
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№ 1253. 11th December.

With an order &

№ 1253

ordered to be com-
municated to the Board of
Revenue.

Fort St. Geo.
4th Decr 1857.

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