

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations.

20th April 1858.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 27. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 16th March 1858, No. 947.

* *In Cons. 16th March 1858.* Read letter from the Collector of Bellary dated 11th February 1858,* complaining that under recent instructions in the Postal Department postage is demanded from his subordinates on their letters to each other on the public service.

(Here enter No. 20.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

† "List No. 2 appended to the rules for the management of
"Post Office Department, passed by the Governor General
"of India in Council on the 12th August 1854."
‡ Parties authorized to send letters &c. bona fide and exclu-
sively on the public service, relating to the business of
"their respective Departments without actual payment of
"postage, but only to the authorities hereinafter named.
"Civil Officers, Subordinates, Judicial, Revenue, Police, En-
gineer and other. To
"The authorities with whom they may have to correspond on
"public service within their respective Districts."

2. In the foregoing communication, the Collector of Bellary states that the subordinate Hoozoor and talook officials of his District were, until lately, accustomed (under the authority quoted in the margin†) to forward to each other letters on the public service free of postage, but that this privilege has been now withdrawn, and the result has been that between the 28th January and 11th February last about Rupees 28 have been charged on 24 covers strictly on the public service.

3. In reply to a request from the Collector for an explanation, the Deputy Post Master forwarded copy of a letter‡ from the Director General in which that officer expresses his opinion that the rule quoted does not exempt the letters of subordinate officers from payment of postage, unless the communications be addressed to their superiors who are entrusted with the power of franking.

4. Mr. Pelly enters fully into the inconvenience and detriment to public business resulting from the change as none but the Sheristadars in the Hoozoor and Tahsildars in the talook have funds from which they can meet the required postage, and he does not think that it would be safe to provide all his subordinates, who have occasion to transmit service letters to each other, with money for the purpose referred to. The Collector is also of opinion that nothing is gained by compelling payment for letters on the public service, as on this plan the amount of Government work performed by the Post Office is lost sight of and at the same time business in other Departments materially injured. He requests that, should the rule as now in force in his District be allowed to stand, he may be permitted to increase the District post, a measure which will entail considerable extra expense to Government.

5. The Board observe that the construction put upon the rule in question by the Director General of Post Offices in India will occasion similar inconvenience in all the Districts of the Presidency, they would therefore suggest that if the present practice cannot be allowed to continue, an account should be kept of the amount of postage falling due on such letters, but that no demand should be made from the subordinate officers sending or receiving them, the account between the Government and the Post Office being adjusted at the close of each month.

6. From para. 11 of Mr. Pelly's letter it will be seen that to prevent impediment to business, he has for the present authorized his officers to pay the postage that may be demanded on service letters addressed to them, but the Board disapprove of continuing this plan for reasons stated by Mr. Pelly and alluded to in para. 4 of these Proceedings.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, Secretary.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 491; dated 17th April 1858.

The Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Bellary, representing the inconvenience resulting from the recent decision of the Director General of Post Offices, which places a restricted meaning on the rule which authorizes the transmission, free from payment, of corres-

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* கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள் *
* செப்பனெடு முடிந்த நாள் *
* சபார்க்குமே ராஜ்யத்தினை *
* மு. த. பத. எ. யாளர் *
* கையொப்பம் கையொப்பம் *

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pondence *bona fide* on the public service forwarded by subordinates to their superiors, and requires the payment of postage on such communications addressed by the subordinate officials to the heads of Departments in the Collector's Hoozoor Cutcherry.

2. The Government are of opinion that the decision alluded to will impede public business, and necessitate the keeping of accounts which are now not necessary. The papers will however be referred to the Public Department, where the Government are already in correspondence with the Supreme Government on the subject.

To Government of India dated 6th February 1858, No. 153.

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

No. 947.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1858.

In con, 16th March 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Bellary dated 11th February, 1858, complaining that under recent instructions in the Postal Department postage is demanded from his subordinates on their letters to each other on the Public Service.

(Here enter No 20.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

"*Inst. No. 2 appended to the Rules for the management of the Post Office Department, passed by the Governor General of India in Council on the 12th August 1854.*"
Parties authorized to send letters, etc. *bona fide* exclusively on the Public Service, relating to the business of their respective departments without actual payment of postage, but only to the authorities hereinafter named.

Civil Officers, Subordinate, Judicial, Revenue, Police, Engineer and other.

To the authorities with whom they may have to correspond on Public Service within their respective Districts.

The result has been that between the 23rd January and 11th February last about Rupees 25 have been charged on 24 covers strictly on the Public Service.

3. In reply to a request from the Collector for an explanation the Deputy Post Master forwarded copy of a letter* from the Director General in which that officer expresses his opinion that the Rule quoted does not exempt the letters of subordinate officers from payment of postage unless the communications be addressed to their superiors who are entrusted with the power of forwarding.

4. Mr. Pelly enters fully into the inconvenience and detriment to public business resulting from the change as none but the Sheristadars in the Hoozoor and Talukdars in the Taluk have moneys in which they can meet the required postage, and he does not think that it would be safe to provide all his subordinates who have occasion to transmit service letters to each other with money for the purpose referred to. The Collector is also of opinion that nothing is gained by compelling payment for letters on the Public Service as on this plan the amount of Government work performed by the Post Office is lost sight of and at the same time business in other Departments materially injured. He requests that, should the Rule as now in force in his District be allowed to stand, he may be permitted to increase the District Post, a measure which will entail considerable extra expense to Government.

5. The Board observe that the construction put upon the Rule in question by the Director General of Post Offices in India will occasion similar inconvenience in all the Districts of the Presidency, they would therefore suggest that if the present practice cannot be allowed to continue, an account should be kept of the amount of postage falling due on such letters, but that no demand should be made from the subordinate officers sending or receiving them, the account between the Government and the Post Office being adjusted at the close of each month.

6. From para 11 of Mr. Pelly's letter it will be seen that to prevent impediment to business he has for the present authorized his officers to pay the postage that may be demanded on Service letters addressed to them, but the Board disapprove of continuing this plan for reasons stated by Mr. Pelly and alluded to in para 4 of these Proceedings.

(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary.

H. FORBES, Esq.,
*Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.*

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March 1836

Read the following

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Proceedings of the Board
of Revenues

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of Bellary representing
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To Govt of India dated
6 February 1858 No. 153.

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from the above 2/19
to Board of Genl.
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Letter to Geo: 20th April

21st April

Extract from: of Geo:
Dated 17th April 1887

Re: M. C. in the State of
of 20th April 1887
18th May

Regarding the
conclusion to keep the
legislation of 1887 in the
regarding the functions in the
State of Georgia and that
nothing is done about the
and subordinates in their
cases to such other, but the
subordinates.

Call must at April