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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1859, No. 4725.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 19th August 1859, No. 119, submitting a bill of charges incurred on account of postage charged on official correspondence, &c., by the Postal authorities.

(In Con. 22d August 1859, No. 4196.)

Resolved that the bill received with the foregoing letter of the Collector of Bellary, of postal charges on official correspondence from 6th March to 31st July 1859, amounting to Rupees 188-5-0, be submitted for the sanction of Government, with reference to their order in the Revenue Department, No. 1389, dated 12th October 1859.

In Con. 13*th October* 1859.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1859, No. 1648.

Sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

In Con. 22nd August 1859, No. 4196.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of BELLARY, dated Bellary, 19th August 1859, No. 119.

I have the honor to submit a bill of charges, incurred from 6th March 1859 to 31st July 1859, on account of postage charged by the Postal authorities, on official correspondence, accounts, &c., under the circumstances fully explained in my predecessor's letter, No. 23, of 17th March 1859; and request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

2. As the charge is only nominal (being debited in the accounts of one office and credited in those of another), and as the amount of the advance fund of this office is thereby consumed, without any commensurate advantage, I take this opportunity of requesting the early and final instructions of the Board, for the entire removal of the restriction complained of, in the aforesaid letter, to the effect that "only such subordinate Civil officers of the department specified as are "in *independant charge*, are competent to frank under list II."

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Bill of charges incurred on account of postage, charged on official correspondence, in the district of Bellary, from 6th March to 31st July 1859.

IN CON. 22ND MARCH 1859. No. 1192

From C. PELLY, Esq., Collector of BELLARY,

dated Ramandroog, 15th March 1859, No. 23.

I am again obliged to bring the subject of franking official correspondence, by the Subordinate Officers, to the notice of Government, through the Board of Revenue, in consequence of the refusal of the Postal Authorities to receive as free letters strictly on the Public service, and franked as such, by Subordinate Officers. The matter was I thought fully set at rest by the order of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 491 of 17th April 1858, communicated in Board's Proceedings No. 1548 of 30th April 1858 in reply to my letter to the Board No. 20 of 11th February 1858, and subsequently by the following Extract of a letter from Secretary to the Government of India to the Officiating Director General of the Post Offices in India No. 830 of 26th March 1858.

2. "It is obvious," observed His Honor in Council, "that the entry in List II must be construed "as the Government of Madras have construed it, and the Subordinate Civil Officers in the Judicial, Re- "venue, Police, Engineer and other Departments in each District are thereby authorized to send letters "exclusively on the public service and relating to the business of their several Departments to all Autho- "rities superior or otherwise, within the same District with whom they may have to correspond on the "public Service." But it appears the Deputy Post Master of Bellary was not satisfied with this order and he seems to have referred again to the Officiating Post Master General of Madras, who has lately issued to the Deputy Post Master the following explanatory order No. 5505 of 1st March 1859 "only such Subordinate "Civil Officers of the Departments specified as are *in independent charge* are competent to frank under "List II."

3. The effect of this undefined explanation of the order of the Government of India No. 112 of 1857-58 has been again to impede public business, as the Deputy Post Masters refuse to pass free, and now charges with postage all official correspondence not franked by persons whom they suppose are not "*in independent charge*;" and what Subordinate Officer can properly be said to be in independent charge? and the restriction of the rule to such supposed independent Officers seems to me in direct opposition to the order of the Government of India; which very clearly lays down that *Subordinate* Civil Officers are authorized to frank letters relating to the business of their several Departments to all Authorities superior or *otherwise* with whom they have to correspond.

4. I trust the Officiating Post Master General may be requested to re-consider the late order, as great inconvenience, without any corresponding benefit, is occasioned in consequence of it.

I have forwarded a copy of this letter direct to the Officiating Post Master General.

No. 4725.

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Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

A.C. 21: Oct. 59 No 71-7

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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Submitting for sanction a Bill received from the Collector of Bellary of Batta Charges on Govt. Correspondence from 6th March to 31st July 1859 Amounting to Rs 188-5-0

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№ 1648. 6th December

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