

Revenue Department

No 372

Intd 21-3-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d March 1859.

Read the following letters.

No. 67. From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Teroocalicoom, 18th February 1859, No. 8.

SIR,

In reply to Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 214, of the 16th Instant, I have the honor to submit copies of my correspondence* with the Board on the subject of sending the District Gazette free of Postage.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will perceive that I only applied for the privilege in the case of Government servants, but having observed in the Madura Gazette of the 28th Ultimo, that the privilege of sending the Gazette free to all subscribers prevailed in that District, I presumed that it was done on due authority, and accordingly extended the indulgence to all subscribers in Chingleput. The Salem Gazette of the 11th Instant shews that the privilege is also enjoyed in that District.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1859, No. 368.

Read letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Sydapet, 24th December 1858, No. 387.

SIR,

Some of the village Moonsiffs and Puttamaneagars, who have subscribed to the District Gazette, are now supplied with it through the Post office "bearing postage." Being Government servants, they consider that they might very well be relieved from the payment of postage. Should their request be favorably met, I think it would lead to a more extensive circulation of the Gazette, and the Press receipts be thereby benefited. I have the honor to request the Board will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for my being permitted to enclose copies of the Gazette, for official persons like the above under cover to the Tahsildars who will distribute them by means of the village Taliars.

The Board see no objection to the Collector's forwarding the copies of the District Gazette, subscribed for by public servants, through the Tahsildars as proposed by him.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed J. D. SIM, Secretary.)

No. 68. From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort St. George; dated Sydapet, 25th February 1859, No. 9.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 8 of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying District Gazette which, having been forwarded "bearing Postage," has been returned to me with an application to pay the Postage due on it, as the party to whom it was addressed was not to be found. This may be of frequent occurrence if District Gazettes are to be sent otherwise than free of Postage, and the charge will appear as an item against the expenses of the Press, which it has no right to bear, give a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and create confusion in the adjustment of accounts connected with my own private letters which reach me with a bearing Postage, and are delivered together with those on the Public service. Under these circumstances, and if the Gazettes are to be useful publications of general circulation among the people, such, as I hope, mine will prove to be, I trust I may be permitted to adduce the present as an additional reason for permitting them to circulate free of postage.

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No. 69. From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort St. George; dated Darampoory, 3d February 1859, No. 30.

SIR,

In obedience to the requisition conveyed in an Extract Minutes of Consultation (No. 229) under date the 19th Instant, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. When out on circuit, I adopted measures, by the issue of printed circulars, to obtain a more extended circulation for the District Gazette.

3. Being satisfied that the great obstacle to its being subscribed for, was the postage levied on each issue; and considering its wide circulation a public benefit, I, under the general powers of a Collector, directed that the copies subscribed for, in each talook, should be forwarded through the talook post to each Tahsildar for distribution.

4. I believe other Collectors have acted similarly. The Collector of Madura certainly has, and I think also the Collector of Chingleput.

No. 70.

ORDER THEREON, No. 372; dated 21st March 1859.

The Government are of opinion that it is contrary to the Postal Rules to allow the District Gazettes not forwarded on the Public service to be carried by the Public mails without payment, and they cannot sanction the practice. The papers above recorded will be forwarded to the Post Master General, through the Public Department, for such notice as he may think they require.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 21st March 1859

Read the following letter

From the Collector of Chingleput

(Here enter 18th 425th Feb 4/1859
No 8 & 9)

From the Asst Collector of Salem

(Here enter 23rd February 1859
No 30)

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Post Master General in parcels to be forwarded through the Public Department for such notice as he may think they require. Explanation will be given to the Public Department with Chingleput Circulars Revenue Board & All Collectors except Matras - Disps-B

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Dpto Gen: 52 March.

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Richard Allen of Iowa:
22 March 1859.

Declining to sanction
the various proceedings
of allowing District Agents
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