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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1102 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 4-7- 1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th July 1860.

No. 38. Read the following letter from R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Postmaster General, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th May 1860, No. 541 :—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of copy of Order of Government of the 7th instant, No. 721, communicating, with reference to the Order of Government of the 13th of August 1859, No. 1,085, Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 24th of March last, No. 1,495, remarking on the inefficient state of the Local Posts within certain Districts.

2. Mr. Fane, in his letter to your address* explained clearly, the connection between this Department and District Posts of the Presidency, and suggested certain arrangements whereby the Táluq Posts in the Coimbatore and Salem Districts might be improved, and Mr. Roberts, I perceive, arranged so that every requisition of the Collector of Coimbatore was fully met.

* *No.* 1,698, *dated 24th August* 1859.

3. I beg to state, moreover, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that within the last five years, numerous suggestions have been received by me from Collectors, for the improvement of the efficiency of the Posts within their respective Districts, and I am unable to call to mind a single instance in which a suggestion of the kind has not received due attention at my hands. The views of the Collectors have generally been met by me and carried into practice. Those which on trial have proved failures, have been abandoned, but on all occasions where success has attended the experiment, the measure has been made permanent.

4. Within the period adverted to, to give effect to the views of Collectors and for the convenience of the public, I have, on my own responsibility, allowed and passed bills for increased Establishments to the District Posts of the Presidency, to the extent of Rupees 283-0-0 in round numbers, per month.

5. In the Districts adverted to by the Board of Revenue in the Extract from their Proceedings accompanying the Orders of Government under notice, I have on the recommendation of their respective Collectors, sanctioned the Extra Establishments, and passed monthly bills for the charges attending them to the amounts marginally shown. In fact, I have complied in full, with every requisition which has been made from each of those Districts, for the extension and improvement of its Local Posts.

Coimbatore.....	17	8	0
Kurnool.....	4	0	0
Ganjam.....	121	12	0
Vizagapatam...	87	8	0

6. District Posts are under the immediate and entire control of the Collector of the District. He has full power over the runners and other servants connected with them, whom he appoints, and whom he can dismiss or otherwise punish, as he deems necessary; and he is only subject to the authority of the Post Master General in respect to charges for Establishment borne by the Postal Department, and changes in the lines over which the Mails are carried. The latter, he is bound to submit for approval, but he virtually exercises his own discretion with respect to them.

7. I therefore very respectfully submit, that the responsibility for the inefficient state of the Local Posts within the Districts named by the Board, rests entirely with the Collectors.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1860, No. 1,102.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

No. 541.

Madras
Postmaster General's Office
30th May 1860.

From

R. H. Williamson Esquire.
Postmaster General.

To

J. D. Y. Donnellan Esquire
Secretary to Government
in the Revenue Depart.t
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of (copy of) Order of Government of the 7th Instant, No. 721, communicating, with reference to the Order of Government of the 13th of August 1859. No. 1985. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 21st of March last, No. 1495, remarking on the inefficient state of the Local Posts within certain Districts.

* No. 1698. dated 20th August 1859.

2. Mr. Jane, in his letter to your address* explained clearly, the connection between this Department and District Posts of the Presidency, and suggested certain arrangements whereby the Palcode Posts in the Coimbatore and Salem Districts might be improved, and Mr. Roberts (Receiver) arranged so that every requisition of the Collector of Coimbatore was fully met.

3. I beg to state moreover, for the information of

of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that within the last five years, numerous suggestions have been received by me from Collectors, for the improvement of the efficiency of the Posts within their respective Districts, and I am unable to call to mind a single instance in which a suggestion of the kind, has not received due attention at my hands. The views of the Collectors have generally been met by me and carried into practice. Those which on trial have proved failures, have been abandoned, but on all occasions where success has attended the experiment, the measure has been made permanent.

4. Within the period adverted to, to give effect to the views of Collectors and for the convenience of the public, I have, on my own responsibility, allowed and passed bills for increased establishments to the District Posts of the Presidency to the extent of Rs 283 " " in round numbers, per month.

5. In the Districts adverted to by the Board of Revenue in the Extract from their Proceedings, accompanying the Orders of Government under notice, I have on the recommendation of their respective Collectors, sanctioned the extra establishments, and passed monthly Bills for the Charges attending them to the amounts marginally shewn. In fact, I have complied in full, " with every requisition which has been made from each of those Districts, for the extension and

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and improvement of its local Posts.

6. District Posts are under the immediate and entire control of the Collector of the District. He has full power, over the Runners and other servants connected with them, whom he appoints, and whom he can dismiss or otherwise punish, as he deems necessary; and he is only subject to the authority of the Post Master General in respect to charges for establishment borne by the Postal Department, and changes in the lines over which the mails are carried. The latter, he is bound to submit for Approval, but he virtually exercises his own discretion with respect to them.

7. I therefore very respectfully submit, that the responsibility for the inefficient state of the local Posts within the Districts named by the Board, rests entirely with the Collectors.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. W. Kitchener
Post Master General

R - 10th May /60 No 70-71.

From the Offg Patwaree of
24th August /59 Cr 1537

No 1102.

To be recorded.

Forth Geo: 3
4th July /60

No 38 + 39.

Revenue 1860 Departt
Pro: of Govt for July
No 1128

From
The Postmaster General
Madras

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

No. 541.

Dated 30th May 1860
Desp. 30th
Received 1st June —"
Ansd.

Explains that he has done all in his power for the extension and improvement of District Posts and that they are under the immediate and entire control of the Collectors and that the responsibility for their inefficient state in the Districts mentioned by the Board of Revenue rests with the Collectors.

No 1102 - 4 July.

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