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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 118. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 17th December 1859, No. 2499.

With reference to your letter No. 1390, dated the 12th October, I am directed to state that by List No. 2, appended to No. 36 of the Rules for the management of the Post Office, subordinate civil officers are authorized to send letters on the public service without actual payment of postage "to the authorities *with whom they have to correspond on the public service*, within "their respective districts."

2. The Board of Revenue at Madras is therefore right in its opinion that the line embraces every officer whose letters to the authorities *with whom they have to correspond* on the public service are entitled to pass free, that is to say, in other words, the definition includes every subordinate officer who *himself has occasion to write* on the public service to any authority within his district. But the Board is wrong in its opinion that the Head Clerk of a Collector, or any other merely ministerial officer, comes under the general designation of "subordinates" in List No. 2. A Collector's Head Clerk has no authority to send public letters without payment of postage, except covers addressed to the Collector, and the President in Council cannot consent to extend this authority in the manner recommended by the Madras Government.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1860, No. 39.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings dated 23rd September 1859 No. 3850.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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With reference to the letter from this Govt. No 1390 stating that subordinate civil officers are authorized to send letters on public service free of postage to the authorities with whom they may have to correspond on the public service within their respective districts, and that the Head Clerk of a Collectorate has no such authority except pending the absence of the Collector.

With an order

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No 39
Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings dated 23rd September 1839 No 3,550.

H. T. Prinsep Esq.
10th January 1860.