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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th June 1862.

No. 213. Read again letter from Mr. Pelly, 20th March, and recorded in G. O. 23rd April 1862, No. 874.

Read also the following papers:—

From the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st March 1862, No. 1,211.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit letters from the Collector of Vizagapatam, requesting me to obtain immediate sanction for a Postal Establishment to Jeypore. I was unable to do so satisfactorily, until my scheme for the entire postal arrangements of that District and of all the Districts generally were complete. These are now finished and have been reported on in my letter No. 1,210 of the 20th instant. The cost of the runners, &c., for the line to Jeypore, for which the Collector solicits an immediate sanction, will according to my recommendation (see paragraph 9 of Appendix No. 1 to letter dated 20th instant, and routes Nos. 6 and 11 under Vizagapatam in Statement No. 1, enclosed in that letter) be Rupees 214. I must leave it to the Government to grant special permission for this sum, previous to the 1st May next, for I am not aware that there are any funds provided in the Budget of the current year from which to disburse it. But if the Government are able to comply with the Collector's request, I would beg to propose that the whole revised Establishment for Vizagapatam be at once introduced.

No. 214. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department.

Communicating letter from Director General of the Post Office of India forwarding for information certain papers regarding the amalgamation of the District with the General Post. } (Here enter 3rd May 1862, No. 549.)

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1862, No. 1,314.

1. The first of these papers is the Honorable Mr. Pelly's report on the District Postal Establishments of this Presidency, submitted in pursuance of paragraph 13 of the Proceedings of Government 18th October 1860, No. 1,905.

2. Mr. Pelly's scheme, as detailed in this report, has been carefully considered in communication with the Collectors; and is approved by the Government.

3. The cost of the present Establishment, so far as it can be ascertained, is Rupees 83,271 per annum, while that of the proposed Establishment is Rupees 1,16,550. These sums, it is observed, include the cost of the North Canara Establishment, which should be wholly omitted, the District having, since the date of Mr. Pelly's report, been transferred* to the Bombay Presidency, and only such portion of it retained as appertains to the Cundapoor Táluq, now attached to South Canara.

* G. O. 17th April 1862, No. 862.

4. Mr. Pelly is requested to prepare and submit, as soon as possible, for transmission to the Government of India, a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form, showing in detail the present and proposed Establishments for each of the Collectorates, with the exception noticed above in paragraph 3. Mr. Pelly will also forward a separate Memorandum furnishing, in respect to the proposed Establishment, information on the several points indicated by the Government of India in their Circular† of 15th March 1862, copy of which will now be furnished to that gentleman.

† G. O. 14th May 1862, No. 1,052.

5. The question of the amalgamation of the District with the General Post, referred to in Mr. Pelly's report and in the letter from the Director General of the Post Office of India, communicated with the Order in the Public Department above recorded, will also be noticed in the application to the Government of India.

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

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from G. PATON, Esq., Director General of the Post Office of India; to the Post Master General of Bombay, No. 3,075, Camp Delhie, 22nd March 1862.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 376 of the 20th ultimo, to the Government of Bombay, and to observe that I concur with you generally in the proposals therein made,

2. The amalgamation of the District with the General Post has obviously become absolutely necessary in the several Presidencies of India, and I am satisfied that it is not only possible without collision with, or inconvenience to, the District officials, but that it will be attended with great expansion of the correspondence of the country, the receipts from which will within a very short time cover, and at no distant date exceed, the additional expense that will have to be incurred in rendering the arrangements efficient or equal to requirements.

3. In order to enable me to solicit the Government of India for sanction to the increase of expense to be incurred on the amalgamation of the District with the General Post, I request you will with as little delay as possible, prepare and submit two statements, the one showing in detail the present and proposed establishments for conveying the Mails in each separate District; and the other showing in detail the present and proposed establishments for receiving, despatching and delivering the Mails at each District Post Office, Thanna or Tehsil.

4. I am of opinion that the Post Office at the Head Quarters of each District should generally be made a disbursing office, and exhibit in its cash account not only all the receipts and disbursements of all the General and District Post Offices, but also the charges of the General and District Post lines of road. This arrangement will probably necessitate an increase in the number of disbursing offices and extra expense in order to provide for the efficient working of them.

5. In addition to District Post Offices, there should be, as you have proposed, Receiving houses at the small towns on the lines of District Post establishments. Letters should not only be received but also delivered by the peon in charge. The letters posted thereat would have to be put in a packet and conveyed to the nearest District Post Office. The peon would keep no account beyond a Memorandum of the number and class of covers received and despatched. It would be incumbent on the peon to deliver all covers received and to remit the postage daily or at stated periods to the District Post Office whence the covers were received.

6. The salary of the official in charge of the District Post Office must be regulated with reference to the importance of the office or the number of covers received at, and despatched therefrom. The salary of the peon in charge of the Receiving house should be regulated on the same principle.

7. The number of peons and their payment must of course, be regulated with reference to the requirements and responsibility. The scale that you have given appears fair and liberal.

8. The rate of pay for runners in the District Dak should not, I think, as a rule, be equal to, or so high as that for runners employed in the General Post in consideration of the weight of the Mail being usually considerably less, and the speed required not being so high.

9. In the North West Provinces and other Presidencies the standard rate of the General Post runners is Rupees 4, and I propose to fix that for the District Post runners at Rupees 3-8. I have already addressed you on this subject as you appear to be of opinion that higher or exceptional rates are indispensable in the Bombay Presidency.

10. For the supervision of the Post Offices and road establishments of the District Post, there must be a Sub-Inspector for each District. He will be subordinate to the District Post Master and Inspecting Post Master of the division. The salary should, I think, vary from Rupees 25 to Rupees 40, according to the importance of the District and it is desirable that it should include travelling allowance.

11. The Inspecting Post Master of the Division should be held responsible for selecting and instructing the Sub-Inspectors and the officials in charge of the District Post and Receiving houses. All correspondence and forms of account connected with the District Post will generally be in the Vernacular; but wherever a slight acquaintance with English may be requisite, that qualification should be insisted.

12. A small room for an Office including a residence for the officials in charge of the District Post Office and also for the peons in charge of Receiving houses will have to be provided or built, the expense of which should not exceed in the former case Rupees 60 and in the latter Rupees 20. Until special accommodation can be provided, house rent allowance will have to be estimated for. The houses should be of simple or inexpensive materials, and be built by the officials themselves under the supervision of the Sub-Inspector.

1 small table 3 x 2½ x 1¼ with a row of 8 or 6 pigeon holes for sorting letters and covered with country cloth for stamping purposes.
1 Box 3½ x 2½ x 2 for keeping records, deposit letters and cash.
1 Paid stamp with types.
1 Bearing do. do.
1 Registered letter Stamp.
1 Obliterator.
2 Ink Pots.
1 Common or country scales for weighing letters.
1 Letter Box with spout.
1 Board marked Post Office.
1 Do. ,, Letter Box.

13. At each District Post Office, a Vernacular Clerk on the salary indicated by you will, I think, be indispenable.

14. An Estimate shou.l be made to meet the expense of providing .urniture, (as per margin) forms, chelans, &c., and included in the Tabular statement that you submit.

15. For annual repairs a small allowance should be granted to the officials in charge of the District and Receiving Post houses, whereby correspondence connected with estimates, &c., will be avoided.

16. By requiring the District Postmaster and Sub-Inspector to exercise vigilant supervision, there can be no excuse for the District Officer having grounds for complaint regarding the conveyance of his official correspondence. The one or other should be ready at any time to arrange the transit of the District Mails to meet the requirements of the District Officer.

17. Rules defining the position and duty of the District Post Master, Sub-Inspector and the officials in charge of the District Post Offices will be furnished to you hereafter.

CIRCULAR No. 478.

Copy forwarded to the Post Master General of Madras for information and [illegible] request that he will submit the Statements called for in the 3rd paragraph of the above letter with as little delay as possible, also that he will include in his Tabular Statement the charge of two extra Clerks in his Office to provide for the correspondence and disposal of Contingent Bills connected with the District Dak.

CAMP DELHIE,
22nd March 1862.

(Signed) G. PATON,
Director General of the Post Office of India.

No. 3,104.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information.

CAMP UMBALLA,
26th March 1862.

(Signed) G. PATON,
Director General of the Post Office of India.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1862, No. 549.
Communicated to the Revenue Department.
(True Extract.)

G. J. Cumlhust
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd, F. Cartledge.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 14.th June 1862.

Read again letter from Mr Pelly 2 abstract
preceded in G.O. 23.d April 1862 N.o 874.
Read the following papers.

From the Honble C. Pelly Member of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting letters from the Coller of Vizagapatam requesting sanction for a postal Establishment to Jeypore.

(Here enter 21.st March 1862 N.o 1011)

Pro.g of the Madras Government in the Public Depart.t

Communicating letter from Director General of the Post Office of India forwarding for information certain papers regarding the amalgamation of the Distt with the Genl Dept.

(Here enter 3.d Aug.t 1862 No. 529)

The first of these papers is the Honorable Mr. Pelly's report on the District Postal Establishments of this Presidency, submitted in pursuance of para 13 of the Rec.g Pro.g of Govt 18 October 1860 No. 1905.

2. Mr Pelly's scheme, as detailed in this Report has been carefully considered in

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District Postal Estabts.

District with the General Post Stations referred to in Mr Pelly's report and in the letter from the Director General of the Post Office of India communicated with the Rates in the Public Department above recorded, will also be notified in the application to the Govt of India.

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From the Dy Gnl of Post-Offices of India
D/ 2 July/62 No 2372.

From Hon'ble Pelly. 5 Aug/62
No 2279

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From Hon: C Pelly Dy
5 July/62 C No 1928
in Pro 7 Aug/62 Nos 124-125

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