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No. 152. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th October 1862, No. 1,375 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 22nd September 1862, No. 2,058, requesting me to explain how the current year's charge on account of the Postal establishment, according to the new scale, is proposed to be met from the sum of Rupees 79,655 provided in the Budget Estimate of 1862-63, I have the honor to state for the information of Government that the whole sum provided in the Budget for Tappal establishment is Rupees 1,09,644 per annum, which was taken by the Board on a rough estimate before the new scale of Tappal establishment was finally settled by me for each District. It having been ascertained from the Post Master General that a sum of Rupees 29,989 was provided in his Budget for Tappal establishment, it was thought proper by the Board to exclude that amount in their Budget, and to enter only a sum of Rupees 79,655. Thus the actual amount available in the current year on account of Tappal establishment is Rupees 1,09,644, which I believe will be more than sufficient to meet the charges of the current year, inasmuch as nearly five months of the official year 1862-63 have now elapsed, and the revised establishment has not yet been sanctioned by the Government of India.

2. The Post Master General has just informed me* that the Government of India have recently sanctioned the transfer of the line from Covilputt to Dindigul in Madura, from the control of the Revenue to the General Postal Department, with effect from 1st May 1862. For this line I had provided eight runners at 5 Rupees. The Collector of Madras has also stated that the two runners proposed by me from Pooduvail to Poongolum and Soonnapooguntah in the Madras District will not be required, in consequence of the abolition of the Poongolum Salt Pans. I accordingly request that the cost of these two lines amounting to Rupees 50 may be excluded from the Statement now before Government. The total cost of the establishment will then be Rupees 9,442½ per mensem.

* Letter dated 19th September 1862.

Letter dated 28th August 1862.

	Rs.
From Covilputt to Dindigul in Madura 8 runners at 5 Rupees each	40
From Pooduvail to Poongolum and Soonnapooguntah in the Madras District 2 runners at 5 Rupees each	10
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No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1862, No. 2,582.

The items specified in paragraph 2 of this letter will, as requested, be excluded from Mr. Pelly's Tabular Statement of the District Postal establishment, and the Statement in its amended form will be forwarded to the Government of India for sanction.

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 154. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue Department, dated 11th December 1862, No. 2,583.

SIR,

1. The Government of India are aware that the re-organization of the Revenue establishments of this Presidency has, under the orders of this Government, been conducted by the Honorable Mr. Pelly, a Member of the Board of Revenue. To this gentleman was also entrusted the revision of the District Postal establishment which is under the manage ment of the Collectors,

and was known to require re-organization and extension. I am now directed to forward for submission to the Government of India Mr. Pelly's report on this establishment, together with the correspondence (noted in the margin) which has taken place on the subject subsequent to that date.

Letter from Mr. Pelly with enclosures, dated 20th March 1862, No. 1,210.
G. O., 14th June 1862, No. 1,314.
" 14th " " " 1,315.
" 23rd July " " 1,576.
" 31st " " " 1,629.
" 11th August " " 1,700.
" 15th " " " 1,735.
" 16th " " " 1,740.
" 20th " " " 1,769.
" 27th " " " 1,826.
" 8th Sept. " " 1,914.
" 20th " " " 2,046.
" 22nd " " " 2,058.
" 7th October " " 2,148.
" 26th Nov. " " 2,489, paragraph 17.
" 1st Dec. " " 2,519.
" 11th " " " 2,582.

With papers recorded in these orders.

2. The revised establishments proposed by Mr. Pelly comprise Clerks (Gumástas), Postmen (Delivery Peons) and Runners.

3. Four rates of salary have been fixed for the Clerks, viz., 7, 10, 15 and 20 Rupees a month. Each Collector is to have at his head Station a Clerk on 20 Rupees. At Talooks and other stations 10 and 15 Rupees being allowed in a few Clerks are for the most part to get but 7 Rupees; exceptional cases.

4. The pay proposed for the Postmen or delivery Peons is 5 Rupees. One is allowed to each Talook station and to other large places.

5. The runners generally are to get 5 Rupees each, Rupees 6 being allowed exceptionally in the Wainád Talook of Malabar.

6. The number of employés and rates of salaries proposed have been fixed on as economical a scale as is compatible with efficiency.

7. The cost of the present establishment in the several Districts (omitting North Canara), so far as it can be ascertained, is Rupees 80,667 per annum, while that of the proposed establishment is Rupees 1,13,310, the excess being Rupees 32,643. A further sum of Rupees 2,955 is required for "Sadirwarid."

8. Mr. Pelly however, shows that there is good reason for believing that the receipts cover the charges.

9. Mr Pelly's scheme, as briefly detailed above, has been carefully considered in communication with the Collectors. The Government approve of it generally, and recommend its introduction. An important question has however been raised as to the separate maintenance of the District Posts. From a letter* received from the Director General of the Post Office of India (copy of which is enclosed), it appears that that Officer contemplates the amalgamation of the District with the General Post and a similar suggestion is made by Mr. Pelly in his report of 20th March.

* Recorded in G. O. Revenue Department, 14th June 1862, No. 1,314.

10. This Government, I am to state, are favorable to the principle of the Director General's proposal, and admit that it is not desirable that two sets of Postal establishments under different authorities should be maintained as is now the case; but they are not prepared to transfer the District establishments to the Post Master General, if the whole Department is to continue as the general Department at present is, absolutely beyond their control and even cognizance.

11. It is not for this Government to question the utility of the office of Director General, but I am to state emphatically, that whatever advantages may have resulted elsewhere, the administration of the Post Office in this Presidency has not benefited by being removed from the control of the local Government.

12. Complaints are frequent of letters being destroyed for the sake of the Stamps affixed to them; of the mail bags being plundered; of advantage not being taken of the speediest means of communication; of Post Offices being closed at unnecessarily inconvenient hours, and of other similar matters of detail management with which the Imperial Government cannot be expected to deal. The local Government, however, which could interfere with the best and speediest effect and is most interested in the correction of such evils is deprived of all power, and in fact kept in ignorance of the working of the Department.

13. A remarkable instance of interference on the part of the Director General in a matter, the proper settlement of which must be governed by local circumstances, has been recently brought to the notice of this Government. Robberies of the mails on the northern road have been of late of very frequent occurrence. A few weeks ago an attempt at robbery having been reported by the Post Master General, and the attention of the Inspector General of Police having been drawn to it and to the frequency of the attacks on the mails on the road in question, the latter Officer expressed his conviction that the robberies were committed by the runners, stating that much discontent prevailed among them in consequence of a recent and very sudden reduction in their pay. On reference to the Post Master General, the Government learnt that some months ago the Director General of the Post Office ordered that the pay of the runners in

this Presidency, should be reduced to Rupees 4 per mensem, the standard rate in the North-West Provinces, the Punjab and Bengal. The Post Master General, appears to have remonstrated against the order on the ground, it is presumed, that with reference to the rates of wages for labor prevailing in this Presidency the proposed rate of pay was insufficient. In reply he was informed that "if the Overseers and Inspecting Post Masters in his Division cannot or will not "exert themselves to procure able-bodied runners at 4 Rupees per mensem, they would be "superseded." He thereupon referred to the several Collectors for information as to the possibility of obtaining runners at the reduced rate, and from their replies it appears that in 18 out of the 20 Districts in this Presidency it is the opinion of the Chief Executive Officers that able-bodied and trustworthy men cannot be obtained for less than Rupees 5 per mensem. In fact in many Districts the ordinary wages of labor exceed that rate, and in some rise to Rupees 7 and Rupees 8 per mensem. The instructions however which the Post Master General has received from the Head of his Department are so peremptory, that although it must be obvious that the carriage of the post cannot be efficiently conducted at a rate of wages below that which can be earned by any daily labourer, he has considered it his duty to order the reduction, or in other words to imperil the efficiency and in fact the safety of the Post throughout this Presidency, because the Director General who writes from Simla, and whose experience is entirely confined to the north of India, is unable to admit the existence in any part of the Empire of a state of things different from that which has come under his own immediate observation.

14. The responsible Head of the Department (unless as can rarely be the case he is a Madras Officer) can know little or nothing of this Presidency, his charge of establishments spread over so vast an Empire is manifestly more than one man can manage, and communication with him is often excessively tedious. Even supposing the Director General to be personally conversant with the wants of this Presidency, the mere fact that a letter often takes three weeks to reach him is fatal to that close supervision and prompt action without which such a Department as the Post Office cannot be efficiently worked, and it is idle to suppose that the public will complain of its defects when weeks must lapse before a representation can be simply acknowledged.

15. Leaving it therefore for the Supreme Government to consider whether the office of Director General is worth the expense it entails, this Government earnestly request that so long as the office is retained, the functions of the Director General should be limited to the consideration of large and general questions, and that the regulation of matters of detail be vested in them. The Director General would thus be rather the adviser of the Supreme Government than the Executive Head of the Department, and the powers which he cannot exercise with effect would be exercised by the local Government with all the influence which local knowledge and authority afford. Entrusted as the Government is with every other branch of the administration, it cannot be argued that this alone is beyond its competency or of so peculiar a nature that local management is incompatible with Imperial control, with uniformity of practice, or with successful results. It seems mistaken policy for the Imperial Government to deprive itself of the assistance which the local Government from its local knowledge and experience can afford, to burden itself with executive functions and to render so important a Department as the Post Office independent in every respect, even to the most trifling administrative detail, of the authority which can best regulate it and is so most concerned in its efficiency.

16. With these remarks, the Government desire me to submit their recommendation that sanction may be granted to the revised scale of the District Postal establishments as shown in the accompanying Tabular Statement at a total cost of Rupees 9,442-8-0 per mensem or Rupees 1,13,310 per annum. Of the establishments proposed for North Arcot, the Government in their Order dated 31st July 1862, No. 1,629, sanctioned the employment of two runners from the 4th of that month at Rupees 5 each per mensem for the conveyance of the mails to and from certain places within the District; an arrangement which was urgently needed in consequence of the regular postal line between Chittoor and Kurkumbaddy, having, on the extension of the Railway, been abolished. The Government have also been obliged in consequence of the defective postal arrangements of Wainád to anticipate the sanction of the Supreme Government in the case of the runners proposed for that important Talook. A letter from Goodaloor to Manantoddy, only 50 miles west of it, had to be carried 70 miles to Coimbatore in exactly the opposite direction, thence back again by rail to Calicut, and finally eastwards to its destination. It had thus to traverse a route of about 240 miles, while the actual distance between the two places is only 50 miles. It being very desirable therefore that this short link in the chain of postal communication as well as that between Goodaloor and Ootacamund should be completed, the Government have in an Order dated 1st instant, granted sanction for the employment of the establishment proposed for the purpose, viz., 14 runners, at Rupees 6 each per mensem. Under this explanation, I am desired to request retrospective sanction for the two runners in North Arcot from 4th July, and for the 14 runners in the Wainád Talook of Malabar from 1st December 1862. The increased charges on account of the rest of the revised establishment will take effect after the receipt of the sanction of the Government of India.

17. The provision in the current year's Budget for meeting the expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,09,644, of which Rupees 29,989 is entered in the Post Master General's and Rupees 79,655 in the Revenue Budget. The latter sum was roughly estimated by the Board of Revenue in communication with Mr. Pelly, and as more than half the year has passed will certainly cover the additional expense now proposed.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of Increase to Establishments in this Department

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.			Proposed Scale.			Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
														Home Department.	Financial Department.	
														Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
					RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.						
			District Tappal Establishments.	GANJAM DISTRICT.												
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*								
				1 Gumashta	15	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0					
				1 Peon...	3	0	0	1 Peon	5	0	0					
				Taluq.				*Taluq, &c.*								
				4 Gumashtas	22	0	0	1 Gumashta	10	0	0					
				9 Peons...	27	0	0	11 Do. at 7 ...	77	0	0					
				25 Runners	76	8	0	4 Peons at 5	20	0	0					
								52 Runners at 5... ...	260	0	0					
				40 Total...	143	8	0	70 Total...	392	0	0					
				VIZAGAPATAM DISTRICT.												
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*								
				1 Gumashta	15	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0					
				Taluq.				*Taluq.*								
				5 Gumashtas	33	0	0	1 Gumashta	15	0	0					
				2 Peons	10	0	0	2 Do. at 10 ...	20	0	0					
				77 Runners	308	0	0	17 Do. at 7 ...	119	0	0					
								5 Peons at 5	25	0	0					
								104 Runners at 5... ...	520	0	0					
				85 Total...	366	0	0	130 Total...	719	0	0					
				GODAVERY DISTRICT.												
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*								
				... ...	...	...	...	1 Gumashta	20	0	0					
				Taluq.				*Taluq.*								
				8 Gumashtas	60	0	0	3 Gumashtas at 10 ...	30	0	0					
				84 Peons...	347	8	0	17 Do. at 7 ...	119	0	0					
				76 Runners...	282	0	0	32 Peons at 5	160	0	0					
				3 Ferrymen...	8	0	0	92 Runners at 5... ...	460	0	0					
								6 Vettyans, 5 @ 2 & 1 @ 1-8	11	8	0					

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Proposition.					Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.	
Permanent.		Temporary.						Home Department.	Financial Department.
Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Increase per month.		Decrease per month.				Remarks.	Remarks. Orders.
		Period.		Period.					
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of Increase to Establishments in this Department recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.				Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Proposition. Permanent. Decrease per month.	Proposition. Temporary. Increase per month. Period.	Proposition. Temporary. Increase per month.	Proposition. Temporary. Decrease per month. Period.	Proposition. Temporary. Decrease per month.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Orders of the Government of India. Financial Department. Remarks.	Orders of the Government of India. Financial Department. Orders.
						Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs. A. P.												
171			District Tappal Establishments.	Total...		697	8	0	154 Ferrymen at 2 ... Extra allowance to 3 Curnums of certain Zamindari stations.	814	8	0	117 0 0											
				KISTNA DISTRICT.																				
159				*Huzur.* ... *Taluq.* 26 Gumashtas ... 46 Peons... ... 83 Runners... ... 4 Ferrymen... ...	...	564	0	0	*Huzur.* 1 Gumashta ... *Taluq.* 2 Gumashtas at 10 17 Do. at 7 13 Peons at 5 ... 103 Runners at 5... 2 Ferrymen at 2½	744	0	0	180 0 0											
				NELLORE DISTRICT.																				
111				*Huzur.* 2 Gumashtas ... 3 Peons... .. *Taluq.* 39 Peons... ... 67 Runners ...	Total...	434	12	0	*Huzur.* 2 Gumashtas 20×15 1 Peon ... ... *Taluq.* 14 Gumashtas at 7... 9 Peons at 5 ... 88 Runners at 5...	623	0	0	188 4 0											
				CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.																				
				Huzur. ... *Taluq.* 2 Gumashtas ...	...	7	8	0	*Huzur.* 1 Gumashta ... *Taluq.* 1 Gumashta ...	30	0	0											

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of increase to Establishments in this Department

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.				Proposition.						Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.			
													Permanent.			Temporary						Home Department.	Financial Department.	
													Increase per month.			Decrease. per month.			Increase per month.		Decrease per month.				
																	Period.			Period.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
						RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.											
					3 Peons	10	8	0	11 Gumashtas at 7 ...	77	0	0														
					57 Runners...	228	0	0	12 Peons at 5	60	0	0														
									53 Runners at 5... ...	265	0	0														
					62	246	0	0	78 Total...	432	0	0	186	0	0											
					BELLARY DISTRICT.																					
					Huzur.				*Huzur.*																	
					1 Gumashta	15	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0														
					Taluq.				*Taluq.*																	
					8 Gumashtas	64	12	0	1 Gumashta	15	0	0														
					92 Peons...	322	0	0	3 Do. at 10 ...	30	0	0														
					40 Runners...	96	0	0	13 Do. at 7 ...	91	0	0														
									17 Peons at 5	85	0	0														
									85 Runners at 5... ...	425	0	0														
					141 Total...	497	12	0	120 Total...	666	0	0	168	4	0											
					KURNOOL DISTRICT.																					
					Huzur.				*Huzur.*																	
					... ...				1 Gumashta	20	0	0														
					Taluq.				*Taluq.*																	
					13 Gumashtas	88	0	0	1 Gumashta	10	0	0														
					14 Peons...	56	0	0	8 Do. at 7 ...	56	0	0														
					28 Runners...	128	0	0	9 Peons at 5	45	0	0														
									36 Runners at 5... ...	180	0	0														
					55 Total...	272	0	0	55	311	0	0	39	0	0											
					MADRAS DISTRICT.																					
					Huzur.				*Huzur.*																	
					2 Gumashtas	18	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0														
					Taluq.				*Taluq.*																	
					6 Gumashtas	36	0	0	13 Gumashtas at 7 ...	91	0	0														

District Tappal Establishments.

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Years.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.				Proposition.				Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
													Permanent.		Temporary					Home Department.	Financial Department.	
													Increase per month.	Decrease. per month.	Increase per month. Period.	Decrease per month. Period.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
			District Tappal Establishments.			RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	RS. A. P.									
				4 Peons	17	8	0	6 Peons at 5	30	0	0												
				21 Runners...	94	0	0	19 Runners at 5... ...	95	0	0												
33				Total...	165	8	0	39 Total...	236	0	0	70	8	0									
				NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT.																			
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*															
				3 Gumashtas	34	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0												
				Taluq.				*Taluq.*															
				24 Gumashtas	136	0	0	2 Gumashtas at 10 ...	20	0	0												
				26 Peons..	104	0	0	27 Do. at 7 ...	189	0	0												
				72 Runners...	288	0	0	21 Peons at 5	105	0	0												
								49 Runners at 5... ...	245	0	0												
125				Total...	562	0	0	100 Total...	579	0	0	17	0	0									
				SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT.																			
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*															
				1 Gumashta	20	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0												
				3 Peons...	15	0	0	3 Peons at 5	15	0	0												
				Taluq.				*Taluq.*															
				17 Gumashtas	97	0	0	1 Gumashta	10	0	0												
				27 Peons...	109	8	0	15 Do. at 7 ...	105	0	0												
				52 Runners..	202	0	0	11 Peons at 5	55	0	0												
								54 Runners at 5... ...	270	0	0												
100				Total...	443	8	0	85 Total...	475	0	0	31	8	0									
				TANJORE DISTRICT.																			
				Huzur.				*Huzur.*															
				2 Gumashtas	35	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0												
				Taluq.				*Taluq, &c.*															
				9 Gumashtas	55	4	0	5 Gumashtas at 10 ...	50	0	0												

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of increase to Establishments in this Department

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.				Permanent. Increase per month.	Permanent. Decrease per month.	Temporary. Increase per month.	Temporary. Period.	Temporary. Decrease per month.	Temporary. Period.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Orders.
						RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.										
		District Tappal Establishments.		12 Peons		40	0	0	13 Gumashtas at 7 ...	91	0	0													
				186 Runners...		621	8	0	58 Peons at 5 ...	290	0	0													
									70 Runners at 5... ...	350	0	0													
				209	Total...	751	12	0	147	Total...	801	0	0	49	4	0									
				TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICT.																					
				Huzur.					*Huzur.*																
				1 Gumashta		8	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0													
				Taluq.					*Taluq.*																
				3 Gumashtas		13	0	0	8 Gumashtas at 7																
				1 Peon...		5	0	0	9 Peons at 5	56	0	0													
				37 Runners...		139	0	0	45 Runners at 5... ...	45	0	0													
										225	0	0													
				42	Total...	165	0	0	63	Total...	346	0	0	181	0	0									
				MADURA DISTRICT.																					
				Huzur.					*Huzur.*																
				...	...	...	...		1 Gumashta	20	0	0													
				Taluq.					*Taluq.*																
				5 Gumashtas					2 Gumashtas at 10... ...	20	0	0													
				23 Peons...		19	0	0	18 Do. at 7... ...	126	0	0													
				23 Runners		80	8	0	21 Peons at 5... ...	105	0	0													
						86	8	0	52 Runners at 5... ...	260	0	0													
				51	Total...	186	0	0	94	Total...	531	0	0	345	0	0									
				TINNEVELLY DISTRICT.																					
				Huzur.					*Huzur.*																
				3 Gumashtas		28	0	0	1 Gumashta	20	0	0													
				1 Peon...		3	0	0																	
				Taluq.					*Taluq.*																
				2 Gumashtas		13	0	0	12 Gumashtas at 7 ...	84	0	0													

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of increase to Establishments in this Department

Year.	Charges.		
	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
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No.	Date.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.				Proposed Scale.					
							RS.	A.	P.				Es.	A.	P
				District Tappal Establishments.	23 Peons		79	8	0	13 Peons	at 5	...	65	0	0
					33 Runners		115	8	0	64 Runners	at 5	...	320	0	0
					62	Total...	239	0	0	90		Total...	489	0	0
					COIMBATORE DISTRICT.										
					Huzur.					*Huzur.*					
					...		...	...	...	1 Gumashta ...		...	20	0	0
					Taluq.					*Taluq, &c.*					
					15 Gumashtas ...	...	73	8	0	2 Gumashtas	at 10	...	20	0	0
					31 Peons... ...	...	112	8	0	12 Do.	at 7	...	84	0	0
					13 Runners ...	...	48	8	0	1 Peon... ...		...	7	0	0
										10 Do.	at 5	...	50	0	0
					59					46 Runners	at 5	...	230	0	0
						Total...	234	8	0	72		Total...	411	0	0
					SALEM DISTRICT.										
					Huzur.					*Huzur.*					
					...		...	...	...	1 Gumashta...		...	20	0	0
					Taluq.					*Taluq.*					
					13 Gumashtas ...	...	76	8	0	13 Gumashtas	at 7	...	91	0	0
					47 Runners ...	...	186	0	0	10 Peons	at 5	...	50	0	0
										31 Runners	at 5	...	155	0	0
					60	Total...	262	8	0	55		Total...	316	0	0
					SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT.										
					Huzur.					*Huzur.*					
					...		...	...	...	1 Gumashta...		...	20	0	0
					Taluq.					*Taluq.*					
					8 Gumashtas...	...	56	0	0	1 Gumashta ...		...	10	0	0
					12 Peons ...	...	60	0	0	7 Do.	at 7	...	49	0	0
					27 Runners ...	...	136	0	0	8 Peons	at 5	...	40	0	0
										26 Runners	at 5	...	130	0	0
					47	Total...	252	0	0	43		Total...	249	0	0

recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Proposition.						Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
Permanent.		Temporary.							Home Department.	Financial Department.	
Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Increase per month.		Decrease per month.					Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—Statement of Increase to Establishmentt in this Department

Year.	Charges. Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Total.
...	...	...	...

No.	Date.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Extract from Home Department of the Government of India.	Nature of charge.	Present Scale.			Proposed Scale.		
					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
				MALABAR DISTRICT.						
				Establishments:						
					Huzur.			*Huzur.*		
					...			1 Gumashta... ...	20	0 0
								1 Peon...	5	0 0
					Taluq.			*Taluq.*		
					5 Gumashtas	35	0 0	1 Gumashta... ...	15	0 0
					37 Peons...	184	0 0	12 Do. at 7 ...	84	0 0
					4 Runners	20	0 0	16 Peons at 5 ...	80	0 0
								14 Runners at 6 ...	84	0 0
								4 Do. at 5 ...	20	0 0
					46 Total...	239	0 0	49 Total...	308	0 0
					Grand Total per mensem.	6,722	4 0	Grand Total per mensem...	9,442	8 0
					Do. do. per annum	80,667	0 0	Do. do. per annum...	1,13,310	0 0
								Deduct Decrease...	...	...
								Net increase per mensem.	...	...
								Do. per annum...	...	...

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th December 1862.

recommended for the sanction of the Government of India.

Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Rs.	A.	P.	Permanent. Decrease per month.	Rs.	A.	P.	Temporary. Increase per month. Period.	Temporary. Decrease per month. Period.	Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India. Home Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Remarks.	Financial Department. Orders.
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	2,723	4	0		3	0	0				Vide letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 11th December 1862, No. 2,583.	Favorable.			
	3	0	0												
	2,720	0	0												
	32,643	0	0												

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

Extract from Report of Madras Postal Commission-
er to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated
23d April 1851.

Para 59. "It is part of the plan proposed by my colleagues, that henceforth the Post-office in India shall be one great department, and directed by one individual; that no local Government shall have any communication with it whatever, and that in the Government of India alone shall be vested its patronage and control. In support of this plan it is urged, that as there is but one legislative enactment, one code of rules, and one general system, it is necessary that one individual should see that uniformity of practice is preserved. Secondly that the want of one competent controlling authority over the whole "has given rise to diver-sity of practice highly injurious to the public service;" and, thirdly, that as there is but one Postmaster-general for Great Britain and Ireland, so there needs but one for the British Empire

Outline of Plan proposed by the Commissioners of Bengal and Bombay

That there should be a Director-general of the post for all India; that the Director-general, the Post-master-general, and the postmasters at all the Presidency towns, should be appointed by the Governor-general in Council; that the number of each principal Sub-office should, with certain exceptions, be a deputy postmaster, corresponding direct with the Postmaster-general, the Account-ant General, and other departments; that a line of road from 500 to 600 miles in length should be under an inspection postmaster, whose duty it should be frequently to pass along it, inspecting the runners and the Sub offices, and to send a weekly diary of his proceedings to the Postmaster-general; that subject to the approval of the Director General, all the patronage of the department should be in the hands of the postmaster-general, who alone should have power to dismiss and appoint; and that a gradation of offices should be established over the whole Presidency.—

Empire in India. That empire extends from Peshawur to Cape Comorin, from Kurrachee to Singapore, and its means of communication are very generally men on foot. The Director-general, if appointed, will probably reside at Simla; and will be expected to exercise a careful supervision over the post throughout Bengal, Madras, Bombay, and the settlements across the Bay. I am quite unable to see any analogy between this position and that of the Postmaster-general in London, the utmost limit of whose control may be reached in a few hours by the rail, and whose orders may be conveyed in a few seconds by the telegraph; the furthest point of whose administration is, in fact, less distant from his office than is the north of Canara from the South of its adjoining province of Malabar. This Director-general, though he may be selected from any presidency, can belong to only one; and yet, in his hands, it is proposed to vest the power of confirming or annulling the appointment of every dâk writer, in every part of India, to make which power of any value it must be presupposed that he is personally acquainted with the merits and demerits of all the candidates for office.

Indian

India, it is true, is one empire, but no single code of laws has yet been enacted for the Government of its diverse races. The judicial system differs in each Presidency, the revenue administration varies, and even its financial accounts, in which, if in anything, uniformity would be practicable, are kept on a totally different plan under all the different Governments. Diversity of practice in detail there probably has been, and in the peculiarities of the Government of India such diversity must ever be; but I certainly am not aware of any difference which "has been highly injurious to the public service;" nor do I conceive that the Government of India will be willing to purchase exemption from the few references occasionally made on postal questions, at a cost of Rs. 50,000 a year.

It is my opinion that, in this straining after uniformity of practice, we shall lose not only the object we profess to have in view but all effectual control also; that the utmost endeavours of the Director-general will fail to attain his end; and that his entire ignorance of the requirements of at least

least two-thirds of his charge, and the immense distance from which he will exercise control, will make his interference an unmixed evil wherever it shall be exercised. The office will cost the State annually half a lac of rupees, and will be either mischievous or a sinecure. I am also, as a general principle, opposed to the system of centralization which the proposition involves. It has of late years been imperceptibly gaining ground, and the Government servants in the provinces have acutely felt, by the diminution of their own authority, how, by slow degrees, all power is centering at the Presidency. This proposition is a great extension of the evil; and I am unable to see how, when all other departments have suffered from the minor evil, its exaggeration should be beneficial to the post. It is not necessary for me to point out to the Government the many inconveniences which would result from removing from its hands all the patronage of, and all the control

control over the post, a department which in England, is considered to be so intimately connected with the Government, that its chief is always changed with the Ministry; nor need I enlarge on the anomalous position in which many of its servants would be placed when owing, in matters of detail, a double allegiance to Simla and Madras. But as the proposition will go before the Government made by the Commission of which I am a member, I am bound in honesty to record my disapproval of its every part."

S. Wilkinson

Office of Dr. Genl. of the post for all India.—

N°. 18.

Madras Collector's Office,
Out Circuit,
Chingleput, 28th August 1862.

From,

B. Cunliffe Esqre.,
Collector of Madras,

To

The Honorable C. Pelly,
Member of the Board of Revenue,
Government House,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the abolition of the Pungolum Salt Farm, there will be no need of the Runners proposed at Pudewoil and Injalur for the transmission of the Pungolum packets, in my letter to your address of the 19th June 1861.

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

B. Cunliffe
Collector

Lt. P. Le Hattaumy
A. Clerk

Madras

No. 3999

Postmaster General's Office

19th September 1862

To,

The Honorable C. Pelly Esqr.

Member of the Board

of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to my Letter No. 6313 of the 3d March last, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of India in the Financial Department under date the 24th July last, have sanctioned the proposition of the transfer of the line from Coimbatty to Dindigul from the control of the Revenue to that of the General Post Department, with effect from 1st May 1862 and that I have addressed the Inspecting Postmaster of the Trichinopoly Division, desiring him to take charge of the line, and to direct the Postmasters of Trichinopoly and Madura to draw in their regular Abstracts the amounts of the Road Establishment on the line Viz 31/2 and 17/2 Rs respectively from 1st Proximo.

The Collectors of Trichinopoly

and

No. 2272.
1862 Department
From
The Collector of Coimbatore
To The Hon'ble C. Pelly Esq
Member of the Board of Revenue
Dated 28th October 1862
Received 30th do
Answered
Copy to Trichinopoly Collector
Do Postmaster General
Do Inspector Post Offices
Do Postmaster Trichinopoly
Do Postmaster Madura
Do Postmaster Coimbatore
Do Postmaster Dindigul
Do Postmaster Palghaut
Do Postmaster Pollachy
Do Postmaster Caroor
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Do Postmaster Coimbatore
Do Postmaster Trichinopoly
Do Postmaster Madura

, and Madura have also been advised of the measure.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

P. H. Williamson

Postmaster General

1862

Department

From

No. 2296.

The Postmaster General

To

Rev: 2870/62 Madras

The Honorable C. Petty Esquire

Member of this Board of

No. 3999 Revenue

Dated 19th September 1862

Received 20th Sept 1862

Answered

Ord. to Govt. No. 1375 &c.

Informs that the Government of India have sanctioned the proposition for the transfer of the line from Cuddapah to Dindigul from the Control of the Revenue to that of the General Post Department with effect from 1st May 1862.

15.2.1863

are employed but the generality of the class get only 7 Rs. which is certainly a low rate.

The Postmasters drawing Rupees 5 Rs. 5 Rs. each - One is allowed to each Station & to other big places.

The Runners generally get 5 Rs. each - Rs 6 being allowed Esp. especially in Wynad.

The cost of the present establishment for which can be ascertained is Rs 85,166 per annum while that of the proposed Establishment is Rs 116,550. a further sum of Rs 3075 is required for "Sabbaroad".

Mr Kelly knows that there is

good reason for believing that the receipts over the charges -

The District Post has, as already stated, always been under the Collr - It will be seen from the enclosed letter marked B. that the Superintendence of the Post Offices contemplates amicably terminating it with the General Post-Office. The Postal Department of each Presidency was under the Local Govt - but in Lord Dalhousie's time, the Dept was made Imperial & placed under a Director Genl in immediate subordination to the Supt Govt - This was done on the recommendation of the Majority of the

Commissioners appointed to enquire into the administration of the Post Office. The Bengal & Bombay Govts. were in favor of this change. The Madras Govt. & Mr. Yates protested strongly against it.

The transfer of this Dept. from the Local Govt. which can & the General Govt. which cannot control it, has always seemed to me a great mistake. The President & Council of Bombay I believe, has never left a post in the Presidency & can know nothing of it from personal knowledge. In his present letter

comes from Kurrachee & is dated 26 March and was received 14 April. We might as well be outside the Post Master Genl's Council! It is the circle which keeps us from pressing the expediency of the measure but I should beg for orders on the question of the transfer of the districts Posts & the P.M. Genl. These posts are scattered over the Country & I believe will be best managed by the Civil Govt. until it certainly seems anomalous to

one Sets of Posts
maintained by a
Special Dept and
another Set by the
Post Officers - but
there is the conve-
nience of the Post
being placed in
the strange position
of having no control
whatever over the
Post Master Genl.
& in deed of not
receiving the slightest
information of the
working of his Dept
so far as this Post
are also to be handed
over to the M Genl it
seemed desirable that
the Post Should have
the means at least
of judging whether the
Dept is working sa-

tisfactorily. They should
hear of cases in ter-
fere in executive
details. The Post
Master might possibly
assist & advise
in such circum-
stances, should
there be a disputable
& transfer all the
postal Establishment
& the Post Master
Genl - i.e. all es-
tablishment to paid
Dept for Postal
duty - there a Police
or Revl person in the
course of his ordi
nary duty carries a log
without extra re-
muneration, it would
not do to give the
M.G. power to control.

There is another
point for consideration

provided 8 Runners at 5 Rupees. The Collector of Madras has also stated that the 2 runners proposed by me from Poodurvait to Poongolum and Soonnapooguntah in the Madras District will not be required, in consequence of the abolition of the Poongolum Salt Pans. I accordingly request that the Cost of these two lines amounting to Rupees 50 may be excluded from the statement now before Government. The total cost of the Establishment will then be Rupees 9442½ per Mensem.

Letter dated 28th August 1862

From Covilpatti to Dindigul in Madura 8 Runners at 5 Rupees each ..... Rs 40

From Poodoorvail to Poongolum & Soonnapooguntah in the Madras District 2 Runners at 5 Rupees each 10

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant,
Lilley
Member.

Comptl
Ltr

I suppose the District Posts here mean as they are - viz. whether on the present Postal lines the post general post should not carry all the mails at present on some lines there is one set of runners under the P.M. for the "through" mail & another under the Collr for the District mails. There should be but one set to do the work.

S. N.

Revenue Department

No. 2583

11th Decemr/62

In our General letter against Centralization we point out the uselessness of this appt.

The Secretary to the Govt of India,
Rev. Department.

Sir,

1. The Govt of India are aware that the reorganization of the Revenue Establishments of this Presidency has, under the orders of this Govt, been conducted by the Honorable Mr Pelly, a Member of the Board of Revenue. To this Gentleman was also entrusted the revision of the District Postal Establishments which ~~are~~ is under the management of the Collectors, and I am ^ and directed to forward for submission to the Govt of India Mr Pelly's report on these Establishments dated 20th March

Note. I beg to submit for consideration whether this opportunity of suggesting the abolition of the Dr. Genl.ship should not be taken advantage of? The appointment is useless to Madras & the present incumbent retires soon. It costs the State something like half a lac while the Post could do the work better for nothing, as they used to do.

J.D.S.

The Postal already are Imperial Establishments. I think the reference made in the draft will be sufficient. At the present the local Postmaster gen. might have certain power in connection with the Govt to meet special cases but I would keep the Imperial headship. W.D.

^ was known to require reorganization & Extension.

See Note

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No. 2582

The above specifies in para 2 of this letter was requested be reading from Mr Pelly's Tabular Statement of the District Postal Establishment, and the alterations in it, from with the forwarded to the Govt of India for sanction.

Revd 1862 Decr
Reg. Govt No. 2870.

From
The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the B. of Rev.

To
The Honble T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary to Govt
Rev. Dept.

Dated 9th October 1862
Recd 14th Octr 1862

Fort St. George
11 December

P. 22 Sept 62 No. 1218 Office
Copy in a letter to Circular dated 17th Decr, 1862

From Govt to India D. 15 Feb. C. No. 1322

Offering his recommendations called for by Govt in their Procdg of 22nd Sept No. 2058 regarding the Dist. Postal Estab.

To the Honble C. Pelly
Bd of Revenue
P. Copy
4 Copies to Tabl.

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March 1862 No 1210 together with the correspondence as noted in the margin which has taken place on the subject subsequent to that date.

2. The revised establishments proposed by Mr Kelly comprise Clerks, Gumasthas, Postmen (Delivery Peons) and runners.

3. Four rates of Salary have been fixed for the Clerks viz 7, 10, 15 and 20 Rupees a month. Each Collector is to have at his Head Station a Clerk on 20 Rupees. At Talays and other Stations Clerks are for the most part to get but 7 Rupees, 10 and 15 Rs being allowed in a few exceptional cases.

4. The pay proposed for the Postmen or Delivery Peons is 5 Rupees. One is allowed to each Talay Station and to other large places.

The

Letter from Mr Kelly with enclosures dated 20th March 1862 No 1210.
G.O. 12th May 1862 No 1314.
" 14th " " 1315.
G.O. 23rd July " " 1676.
" 31st " " 1629.
" 11th Aug " " 1700.
" 15th " " 1735.
" 16th " " 1740.
" 20th " " 1769.
" 27th " " 1826.
" 8th Sept " " 1914.
" 20th " " 2046.
" 29th " " 2058.
" 7th Oct " " 2148.
" 4th " " 2132.
" 26th Nov " " 2189.
" 1st Dec 1862 " 2
" 4th " " 2
Letter from Mr Kelly with enclosures

6. The number of employés & rates of salaries proposed have been fixed on as economical a scale as is compatible with efficiency.

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5. The runners generally are to get 5 Rupees each, Rupees 6 being allowed exceptionally in the Valley of Malabar.

6 & 7 The cost of the present establishment in the several districts, omitting North Canara so far as it can be ascertained, is Rupees 80,667 per annum, while that of the proposed establishment is Rs 113310 the excess being Rupees 32,643. A further sum of Rs 2955 is required for "Sadrawand".

7. Mr Kelly however shews that there is good reason for believing that the receipts cover the charge.

8. Mr Kelly's scheme as briefly detailed above has been carefully considered in communication with the Collectors. We do not approve of it generally, and recommend its introduction. An important question however has been raised as to the separate

P.O

separate maintenance of the District Posts. From a letter received from the Director General of the Post office of India (copy of which is enclosed) it appears that that officer contemplates the amalgamation of the District with the General Post, and a similar suggestion is made by Mr. Kelly in his report of 20 March.

× Records in L.O. Revenue Department 14th June 1862 No. 1344.

9. This Govt. have instructed to state, are favorable to the principle of the Director General's proposal, and adjust that it is undesirable that two sets of Postal Establishments under different controlling authorities should be maintained, as is now done, and they are prepared to transfer the District Postal Establishments to the Post Master General. It seems desirable however that while the Post office continues to be administered by the

on one condition

(See next page)

the Imperial Govt. the assistance which the local Govt. from its local knowledge and experience can afford should not be so entirely lost as is the case under the existing system. Complaints are not infrequent of letters being destroyed for the sake of the stamps affixed to them, of the Mail bags being plundered, of advantage not being taken of the speediest means of communication, of Post offices being closed at unnecessarily inconvenient hours, and of other similar matters of detail. Management with which the Imperial Govt can scarcely be expected to interfere. The Local Govt which however could interpose with the best effect and is most interested in the correction of such evils has no power of

of interference, and is in fact left wholly ignorant of the working of the Department - The responsible Head of the Department - the Director General - has not, the Govt believe, any personal knowledge of this Presidency and the calls on his time must be most numerous.-

10 I am directed to submit therefore that while all the Postal Establishments of the Presidency be placed under the Director General, the Govt should, by means of periodical reports, be placed in possession of such information as will enable them to judge of the working of the Department and to promote its efficiency.

11 With these remarks, the Govt desire me to submit their recommendation that sanction may be granted to the revised scale as shewn in the Tabular Statement herewith forwarded at a total cost of Rupees 9,442-8-0 per mensem or Rupees 113,310 per annum of the Establishment proposed for North Arcot,

the Govt in their order dated 31st July 1862 No 1,629 granted authority for the employment of two runners from the 4th of that month at Rupees 5 each per mensem for the conveyance of the Mails to and from certain places within the District; an arrangement which was said to be urgently needed in consequence of the irregular postal line between Chittoor and Karkumbadi having on the extension of the Railway, been abolished - I am therefore desired to request retrospective sanction for

for three two enumerations from the date above mentioned, viz^t 4th^{th} July 1862. The increased charges on account of the rest of the revised Establishment will take effect after the receipt of the sanction of the Govt of India.

2/9. ~~Re to~~ The provision in the current year's Budget for meeting the expenditure Mr Pelly in reply to a reference made to him by Govt on the subject states as follows.

"The whole sum provided "in the Budget for Saffaid "Establishment as Rupees 109,644 per annum, "which was taken by the "Board, on a rough estimate, before the new "scale of Saffaid Establishment was finally "settled by me for each "district. It having been "ascertained from the Post "Master General that a "sum of Rupees 29989 was "provided

Rs
amounts 109,644
of which Rs 29,989 is
entered in the P. M. Budget

~~Estimate~~
~~Budget~~

~~Budget~~ and Rs 79,655
in the Revenue Budget.
The latter sum was
roughly estimated by
the Bd of Rev. in Com-
munication with Mr
Pelly and as more
than half the year
has passed will
certainly cover the
additional Expenditure
now proposed.

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"provided in his Budget
"for Saffaid Establish-
=ment, it was thought
"proper by the Board to
"exclude that amount in
"their Budget, and to enter
"only a sum of Rs 79,655.
"Thus the actual amount
"available in the current
"year on account of Saf-
=faid Establishment is
"Rs 109,644 which I
"believe will be more
"than sufficient to meet
"the charges of the current
"year, inasmuch as even
"nearly 8 months of the
"official year 1862/63 have
"now elapsed."-

Remarks of the Honorable Wm. Pycroft—

I do not see that these reports will do us much good—What we want is greater power (or rather some power for we have none now) to regulate matters of detail such as those referred to in the preceding para; without the intervention of the Director, whose jurisdiction if he is to continue, should be confined to large and general Postal questions. Our present grievance is that we cannot put a mail cart on twenty miles of road, nor even an extra accelerator between the Port and the Mount without the sanction of the Director, who knows no more of the localities than he does of Nova Zembla—It may be difficult to arrange their division of power but we should try—Were reports would not available.—

(Signed) W. P.

Sir Rowland would be glad to see Mr. Pycroft's suggestion adopted, and to have the Director's powers enlarged in the manner therein suggested.

I concur in Mr. Pycroft's suggestion that power of action should be asked for by a Circular preceding to the proposition of Three always urged that each Dist. Post can best manage its own Postal details subject to Imperial Regulations to be laid down by Queen's Govt. Cannot be done

Remarks by the Hon^ble
Mr Pyarelal —

para 9. This part, I am to state, are favorable to the principle of the D^r Govt^t proposal and admit that it is desirable that two sets of Postal Establishments under different authorities should be maintained as is now the case —

but they are not prepared to transfer the Dawk Establishments to the Post Master General of the whole department the present Debt is to continue as at present, absolutely beyond their control and even cognizance —

10 It is not for this Government to question the utility of the office of Director General, but I am to state emphatically, that whatever advantages may have resulted elsewhere, the administration of the Post-Office in this Presidency has not been fulfilled by being removed from the control of the local Govt —

11 Complaints are frequent of letters being destroyed for the sake of the stamps affixed to them — of the mail bags

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being plundered of ad-
-vantage not being taken
of the speediest means of
communication - of Post-
Offices being closed at un-
necessarily inconvenient
hours and of other similar
matters of detail arrange-
-ment pretty which, the
Imperial Government can-
-not be expected to deal-
The Local Government
however which could
interfere with the best
and speediest effect and
is most interested in the
correction of such evils
is deprived of all power
and in fact kept in ig-
norance of the working
of the Department -

13 The responsible
Head of the Department
(unless as can rarely be
the case he is a Madras
Officer) can know nothing

of their Presidency / his
charge of establishment
spread over so vast an
empire is manifestly
more than one man can
manage - and communi
-cation with him is
often excessively tedious.
Even supposing the Di
-rector General to be per
-sonally conversant with
the wants of this Pre
-sidency, the mere fact
that a letter of ten lines
3 weeks to reach him
is fatal to that close
supervision and prompt
action without, which
such a Department as
the Post Office cannot be
efficiently worked and
it is idle to suppose that
the public with complai
of its defects which must
must elapse before a
representation can be

promptly acknowledged.

14 Leaving it therefore for the Supreme Government to consider whether the office of Director General is worth the expense it entails, this Government earnestly request that so long as the office is retained, the functions of the Director General should be limited to the consideration of large and general questions, and that the regulation of matters of detail be vested in them. The Director General would thus be relieved of the anxiety of the Supreme Government, and the Executive Head of the Department; and other powers which he cannot exercise with effect, would

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concerned in its
efficiency.

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-stance of ~~xxx~~ mis-
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of the Director-Gen
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to the notice of this Go
Robberies of the mail
on the Northern Roa
have been of late
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occurrence. A few weeks ago an attempt at robbery having been reported by the Post Mr. General and the attention of the Inspector General of Police having been drawn to it and to the frequency of the attacks on the mails on the road in question the latter officer impressed his conviction that the robberies ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ were committed by the runners, stating that much discontent prevailed among them in consequence of a recent and very sudden reduction in their pay. On reference to the Postmaster Genl. the

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the Govt. learnt that some months ago the Director General of the Post office ordered that the pay of the runners in this Presidency should be reduced to Rupees 4 per mensem, the standard rate in the North West Provinces, Punjab and Bengal. The Postmaster Genl. appears to have remonstrated against the order on the ground, it is presumed, that with reference to the rates of wages for labor prevailing in this Presy. the proposed rate

sale of spy may misus-
-ficient. In reply he
was informed that "if
"the Overseers and In-
-specting Postmasters
"in his division can-
"-not or will not ex-
"-ert themselves to pro-
"-cure able bodied run-
"-ners at 4 Rupees per
"mensem they would
"be superseded." He
therefore referred to
the several Collectors
for information as to
the practicability of ob-
-taining runners at
the reduced rate, and
from their replies it
appears that in 18 out
of the 20 Districts in
this Presidency it
is the opinion of the
chief Executive Officers
that

that able bodied and
trustworthy men can-
-not be obtained for
less than Rs. 5 per
mensem - In fact
in many Districts
the ordinary wages of
labor exceed that rate
and in some price
to Rs. 4 and Rs. 8 per
mensem - The instruc-
-tions however which
the Postmaster Genl.
has received from
the head of his de-
-partment are so pe-
-remptory that altho'
it must be obvious
that the carriage
of the post cannot
be efficiently con-
-ducted at a rate
of wages below that
which can be earned
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Revised para 15 of Draft letter to Supreme Govt on the District Postal Establishments.

15. With these remarks, th
Government desire me to submi
their recommendation that sanc
tion may be granted to the
revised scale of the District
Postal Establishments as
shewn in the accompanying
Tabular Statement at a total
cost of Rs. 9,442-8-0 per mensem
or Rs. 113,310 per annum. Of the
establishments proposed for
North Arcot, the Govt in their
Order dated 31st July 1862 & 1624
sanctioned the employment
of two runners from the 1st of
that month at Rs. 5 each per
mensem for the conveyance of
the Mails to and from certain
places within the district; an
arrangement which was urgently
needed

any daily labourer.
he does considered it
his duty to order the
reduction; or in other
words to imperil the
efficiency and in fact
the safety of the Post
throughout this Presy.
because the Director
General writes from
Sindh, and whose ex-
perience is entirely con-
fined to the North
of India, is unable to
admit the existence
in any part of the
Empire of a state of
things different from
that which has come
under his own imme-
diate observation.

needed in consequence of the irregular postal line between Chittoor and Kurkumbady having, on the extension of the Railway, been abolished. The Govt. have also been obliged in consequence of the defective Postal arrangements of Wynád to anticipate the sanction of the Supreme Government in the case of the runners proposed for that Talug. A letter from Goodaloor to Manantoddy, only 50 miles west of it, had to be carried 70 miles to Coimbatore in exactly the opposite direction, thence back again by rail to Calicut, and finally eastwards to its destination. It had thus to traverse a route of about 240 miles, while the actual distance between the two places is only 50 miles. It being very

desirable therefore that this short link in the chain of postal communication as well as that between Goodaloor and Cotacamund should be completed, the Government have in an order dated 1st instant, granted sanction for the employment of the establishment proposed for the purpose viz 4 runners at Rs 6 each per mensem. Under this explanation, I am desired to request retrospective sanction for the two runners in North Areod from 1st July, and for the 11 runners in the Wynád Talug of Malabar from 1st December 1862. The increased charges on account of the rest of the revised establishment will

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Revenue Department. Statement of Increase to Establishments in this Department recommended for the Sanction of the Government of India.

Year	Charges		
	Ordinary	Extraordinary	Total
"	"	"	"

Extract from Home Dept. Govt. of India		Office to which the proposition refers	Nature of Charge		Proposition					Grounds of Proposition	Local Governments' recommendations	Orders of the Govt. of India		
					Permanent		Temporary		Casual or Extraordinary			Home Dept.	Financial Dept.	
No.	Date		Present Scale	Proposed Scale	Increase per Month	Decrease per Month	Increase per Month / Period	Decrease per Month / Period				Remarks	Remarks	Orders.
		Disbursement Establishments	**Ganjam District**											
			Huzur	Huzur										
			1 Gumashah — Rs. 15	1 Gumashah — Rs. 20										
			1 Peon — 3	1 Peon —										
			Taluq	Taluq										
			4 Gumashahs — 22	1st Gumashah — 10										
			9 Peons — 27	11 do @7 — 49										
			25 Runners — 76 8	4 Peons @5 — 40										
				52 Runners @5 — 130										
40			Total — 143 8	70 — 249					3					
			Vizagapatam District.											
			Huzur	Huzur										
			1 Gumashah — 15	1 Gumashah — 20										
			Taluq	Taluq										
			5 Gumashahs — 33	1 Gumashah — 15										
			2 Peons — 10	1 Gumashah — 84										
			77 Runners — 308	5 Peons @5 — 80										
				104 Runners @5 — 184										
85			Total — 366	130 — 308					169					
				Total — 1442 8	2723 4				3		Vide letter No. 1 Secretary to Govt of India dy		Favourable	
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				Decrease	8									
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				Annum	32643									

Tabular Statement

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Vide letter to the Secretary to the Government of India

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Godavery Disbrick

Huzurs				Huzurs		
"	"	"		1 Gumastah @ 6	20	
Talugs				Talugs		
8 Gumastahs	60			33 Gumastahs @ 3 1/2	30	8
84 Peons	347	8		17 do @ 7	119	
76 Runners	282			32 Peons @ 5	169	
3 Ferrymen	8			92 Runners @ 5	460	
				6 Vettyans @ 2 1/2 & 2	8	8
173				4 Ferrymen @ 2	8	
				Extra allowance to 3 Gumms of certain Zemindary Shabiand	6	
171	Total	697	8	154 Total	814	8

Kistnah Disbrick

Huzurs				Huzurs		
"	"	"		1 Gumastah @ 6	20	
Talugs				Talugs		
26 Gumastahs	100			20 Gumastahs @ 3 1/2	120	
46 Peons	143			17 do @ 7	119	
83 Runners	310	8		13 Peons @ 5	65	
4 Ferrymen	10	8		103 Runners @ 5	515	
				2 Ferrymen @ 2 1/2	5	
159						
	Total	564		138 Total	744	180

Disbrick Tashil Establishments

District Tasildal Establishments.

Nellore District

Auzun			Auzun		
2 Gumastahs	23	" "	2 Gumastahs 20+15	35	" "
3 Peons	15	" "	1 Peon	5	" "
Taluq			Taluq		
39 Peons	195	12 "	14 Gumastahs @7	98	" "
67 Runners	201	" "	9 Peons @5	45	" "
111			88 Runners @5	440	" "
Total	434	12 "	114 Total	623	" " 188 4 "

Cuddapah District

Auzun			Auzun		
Taluq	"	" "	1 Gumastah	20	" "
2 Gumastahs	7	8 "	Taluq		
3 Peons	10	8 "	1 Gumastah	19	" "
57 Runners	228	" "	11 12 Peons @5	60	" "
62			53 Runners @5	265	" "
Total	246	" "	78 Total	432	" " 186 " "

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Ruzus			Ruzus		
1 Gumashah	15	.. ..	1 Gumashah	20	.. ..
Talug			Talug		
8 Gumashahs	64	12 ..	17 Gumashahs	15	.. ..
92 Peons	322	.. ..	17 Peons @ 5	85	.. ..
40 Runners	96	.. ..	85 Runners @ 5	425	.. ..
141 Total	497	12 .. 120	Total	666	.. 168 ¼

Kurnool Dishrict

Ruzus			Ruzus		
"		.. ..	1 Gumashah	20	.. ..
Talug			Talug		
13 Gumashahs	88	.. ..	1 Gumashah	10	.. ..
14 Peons	56	.. ..	8 Do @ 7	56	.. ..
28 Runners	128	.. ..	9 Peons @ 5	45	.. ..
			36 Runners @ 5	180	.. ..
55 Total	272	 55	Total	311	.. 39

Madras District

Huzur			Huzur		
2 Gumastahs		18	1 Gumastah		20 .. ..
Taluq			Taluq		
6 Gumastahs		36	13 Gumastahs @7		91 .. ..
4 Peons		17 8 ..	6 Peons @5		30 .. ..
21 Runners		94	19 Runners @5		95 .. ..
33	Total	165 8 ..	39	Total	236 .. .. 70 8 ..

North Arcot District

Huzur			Huzur		
3 Gumastahs		34	1 Gumastah		20 .. ..
Taluq			Taluq		
24 Gumastahs		136	20 Gumastahs @10		200 .. ..
26 Peons		104	27 Peons @7		189
72 Runners		288	21 Peons @5		105 .. ..
			49 Runners @5		245 .. ..
125	Total	562	100	Total	579 .. .. 17 ..

South Arcot District

Huzur			Huzur		
1 Gumastah		20	1 Gumastah		20 .. ..
3 Peons		15	3 Peons @5		15 .. ..
Taluq			Taluq		
17 Gumastahs		97	15 Gumastahs @7		105
27 Peons		109 8 ..	11 Peons @5		55 .. ..
52 Runners		202	54 Runners @5		270 .. ..
100	Total	443 8 ..	85	Total	475 .. .. 31 8 ..

Statement of Taluq Tosshal Establishments.

Districk Tasfeal Establishments.

Tanjore Districk

Ruzur				Ruzur				
2 Gunnastahs		35	..	1 Gunnastah		20	..	
Falug				Falug Vee				
9 Gunnastahs		55	4	5 Gunnastahs @ 10		50	..	
12 Peons		40	..	13 Do @ 7		91	..	
186 Runners		621	8	58 Peons @ 5		290	..	
				70 Runners @ 5		350	..	
209	Total	751	12	147	Total	801	..	494

Trichinopoly Districk

Ruzur				Ruzur				
1 Gunnastah		8	..	1 Gunnastah		20	..	
Falug				Falug				
3 Gunnastahs		13	..	8 Gunnastahs @ 7		56	..	
1 Peon		5	..	9 Peons @ 5		45	..	
37 Runners		139	..	45 Runners @ 5		225	..	
42	Total	165	..	63	Total	346	..	181

District Tasfal Establishments

Madura District.

Huzur			Huzur		
"	"	"	1 Gumashah	20	
Taluq			Taluq		
5 Gumashahs	19		20 Gumashahs @10	120	
23 Peons	80	8	18 Do @7	126	
23 Runners	86	8	21 Peons @5	105	
			52 Runners @5	260	
51 Total	186		94 Total	531	345

Tinnevelly District.

Huzur			Huzur		
3 Gumashahs	28		1 Gumashah	20	
1 Peon	3				
Taluq			Taluq		
2 Gumashahs	13		12 Gumashahs @7	84	
23 Peons	79	8	13 Peons @5	65	
33 Runners	115	8	64 Runners @5	320	
62 Total	239		90 Total	489	250

District Tasfal Establishments

Madura District.

Huzur			Huzur		
"	"	"	1 Gumashah	20	
Taluq			Taluq		
5 Gumashahs	19		20 Gumashahs @10	120	
23 Peons	80	8	18 Do @7	126	
23 Runners	86	8	21 Peons @5	105	
			52 Runners @5	260	
51 Total	186		94 Total	531	345

Tinnevelly District.

Huzur			Huzur		
3 Gumashahs	28		1 Gumashah	20	
1 Peon	3				
Taluq			Taluq		
2 Gumashahs	13		12 Gumashahs @7	84	
23 Peons	79	8	13 Peons @5	65	
33 Runners	115	8	64 Runners @5	320	
62 Total	239		90 Total	489	250

Districk Foskal Establishments.

Coimbatore Districk

Huzur				Huzur		
" " "				1 Gunnaskahs	20	
Taluq				Taluq Dto		
15 Gunnaskahs	73	8	2½ Gunnaskahs @10		20	
31 Peons	112	8	12 Peons Do @7		84	
13 Runners	48	8	11 Peons Do @5		55	
			10 Do @5		50	
			46 Runners @5		230	
59 Total	234	8	72 Total		411	176 8

Salem Districk.

Huzur				Huzur		
" " "				1 Gunnaskahs	20	
Taluq				Taluq		
13 Gunnaskahs	76	8	13 Gunnaskahs @7		91	
47 Runners	186		10 Peons @5		50	
			31 Runners @5		155	
60 Total	262	8	55 Total		316	53 8

District Faujdaree Establishments.

South Canara District

	Huzur			Huzur	
	" " "			1 Gunnastah	20
	Taluq			Taluq	
8	Gunnastahs	56	4	Gunnastahs	5
12	Peons	60	18	Peons @ 5	90
27	Runners	136	26	Runners @ 5	130
47	Total	252	43	Total	260

Malabar District

	Huzur			Huzur	
	" " "			1 Gunnastah	
				1 Peon	
	Taluq			Taluq	
5	Gunnastahs	35	15	Gunnastahs	20
37	Peons	184	16	Peons @ 5	80
4	Runners	20	14	Runners @ 5	70
			4	do @ 6	24
46	Total	239	49	Total	520

Grand Total per Annum		1,722	4	Grand Total per Annum	719
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Copy in a Letter to England
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To Govt of India

Submitting Mr Pelly's Scheme
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Revenue 1862 Departt.
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No 2583.

The Secretary to the
Govt of India.
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Letter to Government of
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