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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1180

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1863.*

No. 60. Read the following letter from G. A. BAILLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Manarghat, 13th June 1863, No. 65:—

SIR,

The enclosed from Captain Blomfield, dated 5th instant, No. 230, has been just received.

Vide G. O. dated 1st December 1862, No. 2,519.

From Gudalur to Manantoddy 61 Miles.
From Manantoddy to Calicut 58½ "

1. Repeated complaints have been made to me of the great length of time which letters take to reach their destination along the line of post recently established between Manantoddy and Ootacamund. Letters from Gudalur have been detained for a week or more in reaching Manantoddy or Calicut and *vice versa*, although the distance between them is not more than 61 and 119½ Miles respectively.

2. The line from Manantoddy to Ootacamund in most parts runs through wild country. The slow progress of the runners, from the want of Overseers or other officials, except at the Sultan's Battery and Gudalur Post Offices, cannot well be checked or traced to individuals. But the real fact is, that the number of runners allotted for the line is far too small to admit of the work being performed with even moderate efficiency. Fourteen runners, the number sanctioned, have to be divided between seven stages, which makes the average distance of each stage no less than 14 Miles. The runners now employed have been got with much difficulty, and

* Mr. Grant states that he cannot engage runners from Nedavattum to Ootacamund under Rupees 7 per month and two suits of warm clothing per annum.

in a country where wages at 4 Annas per day for comparatively easy work on a plantation is readily obtained, it is a matter of surprise we should have people to undertake the work required at Rupees 6 per mensem.

3. Under these circumstances I have taken advantage of a Circular from the Post Master General, dated 18th April 1863, which contemplates the amalgamation of the District with the General Post, to propose that the stages be reduced to 6 Miles each (which would give fifteen stages), and that thirty runners at Rupees 6 and 7 each be allowed. This will admit of a daily mail each way without difficulty.

4. But if the Government should deem this more than is at present actually required, I would propose that the daily mail be discontinued, and that the mails be despatched every other day only.

Fifteen runners would be required to allow of 6 Mile stages. All would go eastwards one day, all westwards another. The arrangement is not without objection, and the entertainment of the full complement of thirty runners would of course be more satisfactory, but it is impossible to work the line with the long stages now arranged. For the last proposition sanction for one more runner at Rupees 6 with an increase of from 6 to 7 Rupees to each of the three runners from Nedavattum to Ootacamund, will be required.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1863, No. 1,180.

The Collector is requested to state whether the weight of the mails each way exceeds the regulated weight for a single runner. The distance between Manantoddy and Ootacamund is 86 miles, and as there are fourteen runners allowed, the distance which each has to traverse is 6 Miles each way. If a single runner suffices for the mails each way and the mails eastward and westward can be so timed as to give the runners some hours intermediate rest, it would seem sufficient to reduce the stages to 5 Miles, so that each man would traverse 10 Miles or thereabouts daily with an interval of rest. The Collector will state whether this is feasible, and mention roughly what postage is realised by the line.

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

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No 280.

Office of Superintendent of Police,
North Malabar District,
Tellicherry 5th June 1863

From,

Captain, A. C. Blomfield,
Superintendent of Police,
North Malabar.

To,

G. A. Ballard, Esq.,
Magistrate of Malabar,
Calicut.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a cover posted by Inspector Wilkinson at Goodalau on the 21st instant, from which it will be observed that a delay of seven days has taken place in its arrival at Mannanthy, and request therefore you will be pleased to take such steps as will prevent the recurrence of this delay in future.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.
Wm. J. J. Captain,
Superintendent of Police,
North Malabar.

Wm. J. J.

On Her Majesty's Service

No

Mr. P. J. J. J.

W. P. J. J.
in charge
Range W. J. J.

Inspector in Charge
District Office
J. J. J. J.

Goodbye
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The collector is
requested to take
the weight of the mails
each way exceeds the
permitted weight for a single
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
July.
Under date the 3^d June 1863

Read the following letter
from the Collector of Madras

Explaining the cir-
cumstances under which he
proposed to the Post Master
General, the restriction of the
distance of each stage between
Mannar and Puttannam
to 6 miles and the conse-
quent of 30 runners at the
day week and suggesting that
if this be deemed more than (the order 13th June 1863. 1863)
is at present actually required,
the daily mail be discontinued
and that the mails be dis-
patched every other day only
in which case sanction for
one more runner at Puttannam
an increase of pay to the
beasts of the 3 runners from
Mannar to Puttannam
will be required

The Collector is
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runner. The distance between Manantlatdy and Colacannet is 86 miles, and as, there are 40 runners allowed, the distance which each has to traverse is 2 miles each way.

If a single runner suffices for the mails each way and the mails Eastward and on Westward can be so timed as to give the runners some hours intermediate rest, it would seem sufficient to reduce the stages to 5 miles so that each runner would traverse 10 miles or thereabouts daily with an interval of rest. The Collector will state whether this is feasible and ^{mention} roughly what postage is required by the line.

J. D. S.

McLoughlin to the P. & R. Co. 1847
1. - Col. of Colacannet

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c 10/1/80.

From the Collector of the
27th July 1863.

From the Collector of the
27th July 1863.

(No. No. 17-18
1-12-52

Regarding extension of the
representations of the Collector
of the station regarding
the delay in the receipt
of letters on the line of
road, recently established
between the station and
the station.

c 10/60 5th.