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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th March 1863.*

No. 287. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 11th March 1863, No. 272:—

Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, Southern Circle, dated Tanjore, 6th December 1862, No. 260.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice the delay and inconvenience occasioned by the Head writer and Head Accountant of my Office being allowed to frank letters to me, when I am on circuit, only by the Taluq Tappal.

2. The regular Post is tolerably regular, and by giving all the Deputy Postmasters timely notice, I can arrange to get my other letters at the nearest Station of which there are many in this District, and in general I get all such letters two days after their arrival at Tanjore. The Taluq Tappal on the contrary is very slow and very uncertain; no foresight on my part will enable me to determine when the letters of any particular date will reach me, and sometimes important ones continue following me and getting more and more behind hand, until they finally turn up a week or ten days after my return to head quarters.

3. This month the monthly accounts have been delayed a week from this cause. The application for funds for December will not reach the Collector until quarter of the month has elapsed and upwards of 50 letters of more or less importance have been delayed four to six days. Unless therefore the reasons for the Taluq Tappal being preferred for this public purpose to the regular Post, be very weighty, it would appear advisable to put a stop to an arrangement, which will always be as inconvenient as it is now shown to be.

4. Why there should be a Taluq Tappal at all on the same lines as the regular Post is a matter not readily to be understood by the uninitiated, and it is perplexing to have a difference of three or four days in the time occupied by two sets of letters in getting from Tanjore, say, to Sheally though posted at the same time, but with this I have nothing to do if only my letters can be rescued from the slow Tappal.

No. 4,809.

Submitted for the information of Government, with a request that the Postmaster General may be desired to take means to rectify the Postal arrangements of this District, and with a recommendation, that, if possible, the privilege of franking letters by the regular Post within their District, may be extended to the Office servants referred to.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, (Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Lieut.-Col., R. E.,
CHIEF ENGR., 22nd December 1862. For Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.
To Colonel W. I. Birdwood, R. E., Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

Referred to the Public Department.

CHEPAUK,
23rd December 1862.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Lieut.-Col., R. E.,
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2. The Government are not prepared to recommend that the Head writer and Head Accountant in the Office of a District Engineer should be authorized to frank letters.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1863, No. 588.

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ation of Mr. Pelly in paragraphs 11 to 18 of his letter dated 20th March 1862, No. 1,210. This together with other papers on the same subject was submitted for the orders of the Government of India with letter dated 11th December 1862, No. 2,582, and no orders can therefore be now issued in anticipation of their views.

2. The Collector of Tanjore will, however, be requested to make the best possible arrangements for avoiding the delay complained of by the District Engineer.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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To the Revenue Department,
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Ed. T. McMoatry.

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Public Works Depty
Hon. Mr. D. S. Colls. of Engineers Depty
Hon. Mr. Bell
Secy of Revenue

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of Engineers, dated 11th Decr 1862,
referring to the delay in the
the same being as follows:
Capt.

Recd 26 March

W. H. Bell

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