

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd June 1863.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster General, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd May 1863, No. 527:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government, No. 766 of the 5th instant.

2. In reply I have to state that the cutting off of Chowghát from communication with Ponnany, complained of by the Collector of Malabar is the result of a mistake on the part of the Inspecting Postmaster of the Tinnevely Division, who was entrusted with the opening of the New Line from Shoranúr to Cochin.

3. Before the Railway was opened to Beypore, the Madras Mails for Cochin were carried by runners to Ponnany, where it was met by the Calicut Mail also for Cochin, and both these passed on, viâ Chowghát, to their destination. On the Railway being opened to Beypore it was discovered that the most direct route for the Madras Mail for Cochin, was from Shoranúr, a station on the Railway thirty-nine miles east of Ponnany, and it was therefore determined to take advantage of it—the Madras, Ponany and Calicut Packets for Cochin being made to meet once a day at Shoranúr.

4. From Shoranúr to Cochin there was the choice of two different routes, one viâ Wadakencherry, Kurnacolum and Chowghát, and the other viâ Wadakencherry, Trichoor and Kurnacopadum, and on the recommendation of the Resident of Travancore and, I believe, of the late Collector of Malabar, the choice fell on the first mentioned of the two routes, namely, viâ Wadakencherry, Kurnacolum and Chowghát, and the Inspecting Postmaster of the Division was ordered to arrange the Line accordingly; but as stated before, carried the Line by the second route, and thus cut off Chowghát from communication with Ponnany.

5. I have this day called on the Inspecting Postmaster to furnish an explanation of his proceeding, and directed him, if the strength of the newly sanctioned Establishment for the New Line permits it, to transfer the runners of the Chowghát route without a moment's loss of time.

6. So soon as I receive the Inspecting Postmaster's reply I will address you again.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1863, No. 942.

Ordered that a copy of this letter be furnished to the Collector of Malabar, with reference to his letter, dated 11th April 1863. The services of the four runners sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 5th May 1863, No. 766, should be dispensed with as soon as the Chowghát Line is adopted for the transmission of the Mails from Shoranúr to Cochin.

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

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I have this day called on the Inspecting Post Master to furnish an explanation of his proceeding, & directed him, if the strength of the newly sanctioned establishment for the new line permits it, to transfer the runners of the Chowghat route without a moment's loss of time.

6. So soon as I receive the Inspecting Post Master's reply I will address you again.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm
Post Master General

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For the Hon. George

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