

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1868.*

No. 386. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1868, No. 4,130:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 11th May 1868, No. 145.

1. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. J. B. Jones, Assistant Collector, pointing out the inadequacy of the staff of delivering Peons attached to the District Post Establishment, especially as regards Sydapet Talook.

2. The delay complained of in the delivery of letters must take place so long as there is but one Peon for the duty at Sydapet. Two additional Peons on ten Rupees a month are urgently needed, and I would ask the Board to obtain the sanction of Government for the entertainment. There are no savings on the District Post Establishment from whence to pay them; but it is probable that there may be funds available from the General Post Establishment. The inconvenience to the public service and private individuals is very great.

From J. B. JONES, Esq., Assistant Collector in charge of the District Post, to the Acting Collector of Madras, dated Sydapet, 8th May 1868, No. 15.

1. I have the honor to draw your attention to the length of time taken in the delivery of letters intended for those places in this district, the postal arrangements of which are not under the management of the regular Postal Authorities, and to point out the great delay and inconvenience that result, in consequence, both to the Government service and the general public. This delay, which is more especially observable in the talook of Sydapet, is owing to the small number of Peons available for the service of the letters.

2. For this talook, lying in the immediate vicinity of the Presidency town, and containing some 207 villages, there is only one Peon employed to distribute the letters which, usually some 80 or 90 in number, are forwarded in the first instance from the regular Post Office in the Mount Road, Madras, to the District Post Office at Sydapet.

3. Here they usually lie several days awaiting the return of letter Peon from his round through the district.

4. Upon receiving a fresh batch of letters, the letter Peon again sets out, and by the time he has delivered the last of the letters, four or five days have elapsed.

5. Thus it frequently happens that a letter addressed to a place distant only some ten or twelve miles from the Presidency, will take eight or nine days, and even more, ere it reaches its destination.

6. In the month of March last, Captain Scott, R. E., Executive Engineer at the Red Hills, wrote to complain to the Inspecting Postmaster that an official letter dated 24th February 1868 reached him on the 3rd March, and that another dated 3rd March reached him on the 14th idem, the two letters in question thus occupying eight and eleven days respectively in transit.

7. I have the honor, therefore, to request you will be good enough to address the Board of Revenue upon the subject, with a view to obtaining their sanction for the employment of at least two additional letter Peons.

Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that, under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the entertainment of two additional letter Peons on five Rupees each per month be sanctioned for the Sydapet Talook. The charge can be met from the savings to be effected in the re-distribution of Tappal Establishments.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1868, No. 1,692.

Miscellaneous.

The charge is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 4th June 1868.

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No. 4,130.

Submitting with recommendation letter from
Collector of Madras requesting sanction for en-
tertainment of two additional letter peons for
Sydapet taluk.

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The charge is sanctioned.
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