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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 682. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1869, No. 1,147 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 7th December 1868, No. 1,189.

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board a few shortcomings in the present Talook Tappal System of this district, which appear to have been not foreseen when the District Post Establishments were reorganized by the Honorable Mr. Pelly in 1862, and which consequently require to be remedied.

2. The pay at present allowed to the Tappal Runners—namely, Rupees 5 a month, is inadequate, and offers obstacles to the efficient working of the department. Owing to the insufficiency of this remuneration, good Runners cannot be procured for employment, nor can check or discipline be exercised against those who accept employment; as no sooner is one person turned out for some fault, than he is replaced by another of a worse description, and fines and stoppages only tend to accelerate resignations. The correspondence upon one of the District Post lines (Manzerabad) is increasing in importance, on account of the numerous Coffee plantations opened above the ghaut, and frequent complaints are made of unusual delay in the travelling of the Mails on the line in question, which in the end turns out to be due to the negligence of the Runners; but, as above explained, I have no means of punishing these persons, as a Runner's post is not much coveted, while it is easily thrown up.

3. One of the reasons which obtained for fixing the pay of the Runners at 5 Rupees a month, during the revision of the District Post Establishment in 1862, (though it was even then acknowledged to be the lowest that could be offered,) was, I understand, that that was the rate at which Talook Peons were generally remunerated; but this reason holds good no longer, as the pay of the Talook servants has since been raised* throughout to 6 Rupees. Moreover, the Runners employed on the Imperial Post lines are generally paid Rupees 6 a month, while there is no difference that I can see in the nature or amount of work required of them. Irrespective of the above reasons, the general rise in wages of all descriptions alone seems to demand an increase to the Runner's pay, since an ordinary porter (coolie) now earns as much as 4 Annas a-day, or Rupees 7-8-0 a month. I beg, therefore, to recommend that sanction be obtained for increasing the pay of the Runners in this district from 5 to 6 Rupees a month. There are twenty-six Runners attached to the Talook Tappal, and the proposed increase would involve an enhanced cost to Government of Rupees 26 a month, or Rupees 312 per annum.

* Government Order, 3rd July 1862, No. 1,445. Revenue Department, paragraph 4.

4. The number of Runners employed on some of the lines is found insufficient, and only enables me to maintain a tappal on alternate days. This is the case on the Manzerabad line above alluded to, as well as on that between Mangalore and Agoomba, *via*, Mudbidri and Karkal. I am not, however, prepared to recommend an immediate increase, or doubling of the number of Runners on these lines, and in lieu thereof, am only seeking greater efficiency in the small staff of Runners allowed.

5. On the line between Mangalore and Cannanore, the District Post is conveyed by the general Tappal Runners in outside packets, which are received and

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dropped at two stations between Mangalore and Cassergod, namely, Manjeshwar and Kumbbla, at both of which places the Postal duties are performed by either a Salt or Sea Customs Superintendent, in addition to his own. In the receipt and despatch of the Mails, no inconvenience is felt at Manjeshwar, where the road of the Runner of the General Post Office passes close by the Salt Superintendent's Office, so that he can easily take up or drop a Mail; but at Kumbbla the track of the Postal Runner and the Custom Superintendent's Office are about half a mile apart from each other, and much inconvenience is experienced in consequence in watching daily for the arrival of the Runners, for which purpose one of the two Peons, attached to the Custom House, has to be almost exclusively detailed. This interferes with the ordinary work of the Post, and a separate Peon is found necessary at this place for postal business. I recommend that one be sanctioned at a monthly cost of Rs. 6. It would doubtless save the pay of an extra man if the General Post Runner were directed to run this extra mile; but as I do not imagine it would be likely to be conceded by the General Postal Authorities, though the delay would be but trifling, I have proposed this extra man on Rupees 6 a month, or Rupees 72 a year.

6. At Karkal, which is a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate's station, as well as the station of a District Moonsiff, the duties of the District Post are carried on by one of the Clerks attached to the Deputy Tahsildar's Office, and as this officer is required frequently to move about in his division on public duty, much inconvenience is felt from want of a hand to look after the District Post letters. The employment of a separate Gumastah for this place is, therefore, necessary, and I beg sanction for the entertainment of one accordingly at a monthly cost of Rupees 10, or Rupees 120 per annum. Karkal is an important station, commanding a considerable local trade, and the correspondence passing through this Office warrants the employment of a separate Tappal Establishment.

7. For the same reasons as the above, I beg sanction also for the employment of a Gumastah at Hosdrug : letters to and from which place are now forwarded through the Cassergod Post Office, which is 15 miles distant from Hosdrug; and thence carried by Talook Peons to and from Hosdrug. Between Cassergod and the Malabar frontier, there is at present no kind of Postal communication whatever, and the inhabitants of that extensive portion of the talook have to come to Cassergod to post their letters. It is desirable, for the convenience both of the Government and of the Public, that a District Post Office should be opened at Hosdrug.

8. I propose no separate Delivery Peons for the above two stations, as the delivery of letters can be arranged as at present by means of the Deputy Tabsildar's or the Village Establishment, as may be found convenient.

9. The increase I have proposed above (in paragraph 3) to the pay of the Tappal Runners, necessarily induces me to seek some consideration also for the Tappal Gumastahs. Of all Revenue servants in the district, these obscure employes are the worst remunerated for their services, and the most ordinary common sense demands that they should be placed, as regards pay at least, on a better footing than the Tappal Runners; and I beg on this consideration to recommend that their pittance, Rupees 7 a month, be raised to 10 Rupees.

10. There is one other subject which also demands attention, namely, the monthly allowance made to the Tappal Gamastahs for contingencies. The inadequacy of this allowance was brought to the notice of the Board by one of my predecessors, in a letter to the Honorable Mr. Pelly, dated 9th January 1866, No. 2, and

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I take this opportunity to solicit that this be now raised to an uniform rate of 1 Rupee per mensem at all District Post Offices, except at head-quarters, where a higher allowance of 2 Rupees at least is necessary.

11. The several proposals I have made above, and which, in fact, amount to a slight remodelling of the present District Tappal Establishment, are calculated to involve an increased cost to Government of Rupees 828, as shewn below :—

										Monthly.	Annual.
										RS.	RS.
1. Increase of pay to 26 Runners, at 1 Rupee each ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	312
2. One Peon at Kumbla, at 6 Rupees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	72
3. One Gumastah at Karkal, at 10 Rupees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	120
4. One do. at Hosdrug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	120
5. Increase of pay to two Tappal Gumastahs at Uppinangadi and Sulya, at 3 Rupees each ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	72
6. Increase of allowance for contingencies to the under-mentioned Offices, to bring it to a uniform rate of 1 Rupee per month, except at head-quarters :											
	Present allow- ance			Increase re- quired.			Total.				
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.		
Mangalore, head-quarters ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0		
Mulki ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Uppinangadi ...	0	12	0	0	4	0	1	0	0		
Sulya ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Manjeshwar ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Kumbla ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Hosdrug (proposed)...	...	...	...	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Karkal ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Beltangadi ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
Baidur (now transferred to Mudbidri) ...	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	0	0		
										11	132
	Total...									68	828

				Present monthly allowance for Contingencies.
				RS. A. P.
* Bantwal	...	...	...	0 4 0
Udipi	...	...	...	1 0 0
Barkur or Brahmawar	...	...	...	0 4 0
Puttur	...	...	...	0 4 0
Cassergod	...	...	...	0 12 0
Kundapur	...	...	...	1 0 0
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† Cost of Establishment at the rate of one
Gumastah on 7, and one Delivery Peon on
5 Rupees, to each Post Office.

	RS.	A.	P.
Per month...	72	0	0
Per year	864	0	0
Contingencies	42	0	0
	<u>906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

12. No separate sanction is necessary for the above increase, as six District Post Offices are shortly to be abolished at the stations* noted in the margin, where regular Post Offices have lately been opened in supersession of them, and where the present District Tappal Establishments are about to be done away with. The savings from the abolition of those establishments will amount to Rupees 906,† which is more than sufficient to cover the increased expenditure I have proposed, and which I request I may be authorized to incur from the 1st of January next, from which date I propose to introduce the aforementioned changes in communication with the Post Master General.

31st March 1869.

THE Collector of South Canara considers that, in order to place the District Post on a sound footing, it is necessary to appoint Gumastahs at Karkal and Hosdrug and a Peon at Kumbala; to raise the pay of the Gumastahs at Uppinangadi and Sulya from Rupees 7 to Rupees 10, and the pay of all Runners from Rupees 5 to Rupees 6; and to increase the monthly allowance for contingencies to Rupees 2 at head-quarters and Rupee 1 at all other District Post Offices.

2. The cost of carrying out these proposals will be Rupees 828 per annum, and can be met from the savings which will be caused by the abolition of six District Offices in places where regular Post Offices are to be established.

3. The Board concur with the Collector as to the advisability of all the measures advocated by him, and recommend them for the sanction of Government.

4. The proposition with respect to the pay of Gumastahs and Runners raises a question which affects the whole Presidency. There are now 288 Tappal Gumastahs, drawing Rupees 7 a month, and 1,020 Runners, drawing Rupees 5 a month.

5. In the letter recorded with Government Order, 22nd December 1865, No. 3,097, Mr. Pelly remarked that the salaries of Tappal Gumastahs were "very low," and those of Runners "the lowest that could be allowed." He would have recommended that the latter should be raised if it had not been that they were the same as those fixed by the Postal Department. The Board learn that the rates on Imperial lines have since been raised, and that in ten of the districts, including South Canara, there is no lower rate than Rupees 6. In the nine districts in which the 5 Rupee rate is still retained, (with the exception of Tanjore,) higher rates are also given.

6. The Board are of opinion that the increase applied for in South Canara should be allowed, especially as it can be met from savings, and that the question as to whether a similar augmentation is requisite in other districts should be deferred, until their Collectors find it necessary to propose such a measure.

No. 683.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1869, No. 847.

Miscellaneous.

The revision of the District Dāk Establishment proposed by the Acting Collector of South Canara and supported

by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings above recorded is sanctioned. It not only involves no additional charge but will result in an annual saving of Rupees 78.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton

Under date the 31st March 1864.

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 Recommending proposition of
 Collector to certain revision of the District
 Dak Establishment in South Canara } Hereafter 20 February 1869 A. 1147/

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