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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 16 & May 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1869.

No. 333. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Communicating letter from the Government of India, regarding the Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions and Forest Officers being included in the list of Officers authorised to receive and send out franked communications.	(Here enter 30th April 1869, No. 561.)

No. 334. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1869, No. 1,345.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 561.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 266. Read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 15th April 1869, No. 2016.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin, to the address of the Home Secretary, and in reply to state that the Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions at Madras has been included in the list of officers authorized to receive and send out letters, &c., on the public service without actual payment of postage.

No. 444, dated 6th April 1868.
" 1044, " 20th " "
" 2973, " 27th November 1868.

Vide Financial Notification, No. 1891A, dated 24th March 1869, a copy of which has been separately communicated.

2. With regard to the proposal to include Forest Officers in the list, I am to forward an extract, paragraph 25 of a letter from the Director General of the Post-office in India, No. 4210, dated 23rd February 1869, containing the views of that Officer on the subject, in which the Government of India concur.

Extract of a letter from the Director General of the Post-office of India addressed to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finl. Dept., No. 4210, dated 23rd February 1869.

Paragraph 25.—I may here allude to the communications noted on the margin, in which the Madras Government represent the inconvenience of Forest Officers having to prepay the reports sent by them to the Range Officer. It is argued that, to enable them to prepay their reports, a stock of Service Stamps has to be entrusted to a very low class of officers "such as peons or watchers;" but a little consideration will show that, whatever risk there may be in entrusting the stock of Service Stamps, such risk is greatly enhanced if the subordinates in question are allowed to frank without stamps. The Service Stamp is only recognised when supported by the superscription "On Her Majesty's Service" under the full signature and official designation of the sendor, and, if the Forest subordinates in question would use the Service Stamps, supported by such superscription, for private letters, they would be much more likely to make a similarly wrong use of the Post-office, if they had merely to affix the superscriptions without the stamps. The necessity of using stamps involves the necessity of paying for them, and the payment gives to the superiors of those offices a means of checking any excessive use of the post. The distrust of these subordinate Forest Officers, felt by their superiors, instead of being an argument against the use of Service Stamps, is the strongest possible argument for it. I may note, however, that, under the rules now proposed, it will be possible for the Forest Department to avoid all risk in respect of the low class of subordinates above referred to, by making them send their reports "Service bearing" (vide Rule 13) to the Forest Ranger who may be required, if necessary, to submit the covers of all such letters received as vouchers for the payments made.

Madras Government, No. 1044, dated the 20th April, forwarded under Financial Department endorsement, No. 158, dated 25th May 1868. Original papers herewith returned.

Madras Government, No. 2973, dated the 27th November 1868, forwarded under Financial Department endorsement, No. 108, dated 5th January 1869. Original papers herewith returned.

(True Extract).

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1869, No. 561.

Paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter will be communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts, with reference to his letter of the 26th March 1868 B, and paragraph 2, together with the extract to which it refers, to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Controller of Military Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Postmaster General.

Fort St. George (1869) Gazette, 4th May.

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Fort St. George, 14th May 1869.

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G. O., 14th May 1869, No. 1,345.

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Mad. Gaz. 4th May 1869.

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Granting leave.—Order regarding the inclusion of Forest Officers in the list of Officers authorized to receive and send out franked communications, communicated to Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Revenue Dr. 1193 Vide

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE CONTROLLER OF
MILITARY ACCOUNTS.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 30th.

Recd. 9th May - Encl.

G. O., 30th April 1869, No. 561.

APRIL.
Nos. 266-267.

Communicating letter from the Government of India regarding the Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions and Forest Officers being included in the list of Officers authorized to receive and send out franked communications.

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With Order

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