

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th August 1870.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 205. From the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 18th May 1870, No. 1,256-29.

In their Order, dated 4th April 1864, No. 561, the Government have declared that Survey and Settlement are in fact branches of one department.

2. "Officers in charge of Revenue Settlement" are included in the list of "Privileged Officers" under the category "District Officer".—*Vide G. O. G. G. No. 230 of 5th May 1870, Gazette of India, page 294.*

3. The expression "Deputy-Superintendent" in List No. 23, appended to the new Postal Rules, is, I believe, applicable to the Deputy-Superintendent of Revenue Survey, as he is, like other district officers, in charge of a district as far as survey and demarcation is concerned, and is therefore a "Privileged Officer".

4. I have the honour therefore to request that I may be informed whether my interpretation of the rule is correct, and if not, that the Deputy and Assistant Superintendents of Revenue Survey in charge of parties may be authorized to post letters under Rules from 1 to 5.

5. It would be exposing to great temptation the survey and demarcation field-subordinates scattered over talooks, and required, from the nature of their duties, to correspond largely with the head-quarter's office, if they were all entrusted with Postage Stamps. The same objection, though perhaps not with equal force,

Vide paragraph 12 of the Rules.

applies to assigning this duty to the Office Establishment on which the labour, moreover, will press heavily.

REFERRED to the Postmaster-General for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st May 1870.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 205A. From the Postmaster-General, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated camp at Ootacamund, 16th June 1870, No. 328-1,316.

I HAVE the honour to return your endorsement of the 31st ultimo on a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Madras, and in reply to state that although the Revenue Settlement and Revenue Survey may be considered branches of the same department, yet a formal order, including the latter in the Privileged List, is necessary before it can be recognized as "Privileged" by the Post Office.

2. As regards the last paragraph of Colonel Priestley's letter, wherein he adverts to the danger of entrusting Service Postage Stamps to subordinates of his department, I beg to quote as follows from a recent Circular by the Director-General of the Post Office of India :—"If an official cannot trust his own subordinates with Service Stamps, the Post Office cannot be expected to trust to their franks. The use of Service Stamps is simply an additional check on the use of franks, as it imposes on the sender the necessity of accounting to his superior for

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the money. The distrust of an official of his own subordinates is the strongest possible argument for enforcing this additional check in their case."

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1870, No. 1,235.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not consider that the privilege of franking official letters by signature places the same temptation in the way of subordinate officers as the possession of Service Stamps. The latter are a saleable commodity, but the first-mentioned privilege can only be abused to a limited extent, and only in regard to letters addressed to the head of the department.

2: The Government consider that the license, which, by the Notification of the Government of India, dated 5th May 1870, No. 230, is allowed to officers in charge of a Revenue Settlement, should also be allowed to Deputy-Superintendents of Revenue Survey and Assistant Superintendents in charge of parties. The Government of India will therefore be addressed on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Postmaster-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1256
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Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
18th May 1870.

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

This was with reference to the travelling expenses & better of sub-ordinate officers required to perform journeys by rail. The principle involved in both cases is the same.

1. In their order dated 4th April 1864 No. 561, the Government have declared that Survey and Settlement are, in fact, branches of one Department.
2. "Officers in charge of Revenue Settlement" are included in the list of "Privileged Officers" under the Category "District Officers". Vide G. O. G. No. 230 of 5th May 1870. Gazette of India Page 294.
3. The expression "Deputy Superintendent" in list No. 23 appended to the new Postal Rules, is I believe, applicable to the Deputy Superintendents Revenue Survey as he is, like other District Officers, in charge of a District as far as Survey and Settlement is concerned and therefore a Privileged Officer.
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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
REVENUE SURVEY.
Ct., &c., &c.

Dated August 1870.

Recd.

G. O. No. 1256 August 1870, No. 1, 256.

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NO. 205-206.

Franking official letters—Government of India to be addressed on the subject of including Deputy-Superintendents of Revenue Survey and Assistant Superintendents in charge of parties in the list of "Privileged Officers."

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your Most Obed^t Servant
H. Pickett Colonel
Superintendent Prisonery

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Under date the

Read the following letter
from the Superintendent of Revenue
Survey.

Requesting to know whether his interpretation that the Deputy Superintendents Revenue Survey are privileged officers under the new postal Rules is correct, and if not, that the Survey officers in charge of parties be included in the list of privileged officers.

(H. E. 18th May 1870 No. $\frac{1256}{29}$)

The Government cannot agree with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in considering that — the term "District Officer, i.e., officer in general administrative charge of a District or Zillah, whether under the name of Magistrate, Collector, Deputy Commissioner or Superintendent" can be construed as inclusive of officers employed in the Settlement Department.

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The Government however, consider that the term Commission of Survey under entry No 60 attached to the Notification dated 10th March 1870, includes Deputy and Assistant Superintendents of Revenue Survey who are therefore privileged to send letters free of actual payment under Rule 1 of the latter Notification.

I do not understand the principle - How are District Officers of Police treated? It seems to me that subordinate officers cannot be conversely privileged.

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Edith Hall

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Revenue Dept^{ts}
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Proceedings of the Madras Court
under Date the 12th Aug 1870

Read the following
Letter from the Postmaster
General, Madras.

Replying that it
is necessary to have a formal
order including the Revenue
Survey Dept^{ts} in the list of
Privileged Officers before it is
recognized by the P.O. Dept^{ts}

N.E. 16th June 1870.
P.O. 3281
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But is there not some
misconception here on
Col. Piers' part? These
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2- Postmaster General

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