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To

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

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Dated March 1st.

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G. O., 1st March 1871, No. 369.

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Nos. 16-17.

Trichinopoly District Post.—Report of the Postmaster-General relating to its working, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

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1st March 1871.*

No. 16. Read the following letter from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th February 1871, No. 6,436-832 :—

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 2,062, dated 19th December 1870, I have the honour to submit the following observations relating to the working of the District Post in Trichinopoly.

2. The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings to which the above order refers submit a letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, in which it is stated that, since the District Post has been under the supervision of the Postal Department, there has been an increase of expenditure from Rs. 320 to 626 per month; and the Board recommended that the Postmaster at each Tahsildar's or Deputy-Tahsildar's station should hand over all covers for distribution in outlying villages to the Tahsildar to be delivered by the Village Establishments.

3. Upon this I observe, first, that the increased expenditure (which is in the Imperial and not the District Postal Department) is nearly, if not fully, covered by the great increase which has taken place in the correspondence of the district—an increase which has far exceeded that which has appeared in other districts in the same period, and which is certainly due to the increased facilities for correspondence which have thus been given.

4. But I observe, secondly, and to this I beg especially to draw the attention of Government, that I have, from the very first, urged the expediency of employing the Village Establishments in the manner now proposed by the Board, and it was only in consequence of Mr. Banbury's refusal to allow them to be so employed that so large an increase of expenditure became necessary. Mr. Banbury's words are as follow :— (I quote from his letter, No. 83, dated 7th June 1869) "you suggest that we should still take part in the delivery of covers. It is, however, certainly incongruous that we should first be deprived of the management of our own Tappal, and then be told to continue delivering as heretofore."

5. I think it right, however, to ask the attention of Government to a letter, of which I annex a copy, from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, W. M. Cadell, Esq., No. 57, dated 11th July last, from which it would appear that the Taluq and Village Establishments are not now (whatever may have been the case formerly) in a condition to give much help in delivering letters; and I have no doubt that, under any circumstances, this work will be performed much more regularly and quickly by a regular establishment of Peons maintained for that purpose alone.

6. The arrangement referred to in paragraph 2 of the order was objected to by the Collector of Trichinopoly (Mr. Cadell), and was consequently never carried into effect. I have no doubt that Mr. Cadell's objections (which were explained in his letter to the Board, No. 157, dated 11th July 1870) were well grounded.

7. The defects in the rural delivery round Manaparray spoken of in paragraph 3 of Mr. Cadell's letter have been, I trust, fully remedied. They arose partly from the inefficiency of the District Post Gumastah at that place, and partly from the office having too many villages allotted to it. I have ordered the removal of the Gumastah, and I have transferred to Koolitallay some of the villages which were formerly attached to Manaparray. The Inspecting Postmaster

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now reports that deliveries are made in all the outlying villages attached to Manaparray once in five days.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 11th July 1870, No. 57.

ADVERTISING to your letter, No. 1,486, dated 21st May 1870, I have the honour to state that, while I am quite willing to aid you in every way that I can in the improvement of the newly organized District Post System, I do not exactly see how, with the very limited Revenue Establishments we now have, any part of them can be employed either in the receipt or delivery of letters, etc.

2. The area of the taluqs as now constituted is very considerable, and yet for each taluq the number of Peons allotted is only 20; it is impossible, therefore, any of that number can be spared for postal duties, and as regards the Village Establishments, their numerical strength, according to the scheme now before Government, will be reduced to one-third of the existing numbers; further, it must be remembered that their duties are confined to their respective villages, and their continued absence and employment on duties foreign to those for which they are entered, and under a different controlling authority would, in my opinion, lead to difficulties and embarrassments.

3. I have directed my subordinates to report at once to this department any irregularities that may be brought to their notice in connection with the working of the District Post.

4. With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter under acknowledgment, I beg to furnish you with the accompanying copy of my opinion expressed to the Board on the subject of opening Village Post Offices in this district.

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1871, NO. 309.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are much obliged to the Postmaster-General for this report, which will be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster-General,
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 15th Feb 1871

From

Erutt Col. Mc Kears,
Postmaster General,
Madras,

To

W. Hudleston Esqr
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,

Fort. Saint George.

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in outlying villages to the Tahildar to be delivered by the Village establishments.

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4 But I observe secondly, and to this I beg especially, to draw the attention of Government that I have, from the very first, urged the expediency of employing the village establishments in the manner now proposed by the Board, and it was only in consequence of Mr Baubury's refusal to allow them to be so employed that so large an increase of expenditure became necessary. Mr Baubury's words

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. Pears

Postmaster General

As per Mr. Cadell

No 37 Trichinopoly Collectors Office
11 July 1870

From Mr. M. Cadell Esq.
Ag Collector of Trichinopoly,

To Colonel A. B. Pears
Postmaster General Madras.

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Signed W. W. Mifadell
Ag. Collector

(True Copy)

A. B. S.

Postmaster General

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From

The Postmaster General,

To

Madras.

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department,

Fort Saint George,

No. 4135

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Dated

15th February 1871

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