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Government of Madras.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th January 1871.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 121. From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Codoor, 9th December 1870, No. 2,456 :—

In reply to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, No. 1,818, of the 21st ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I should wish all officers in charge of ranges, whether Deputy-Conservators, Assistant Conservators, or Sub-Assistants, to be allowed the privilege of franking within their ranges, and also that of receiving franked letters from their subordinates; an account only being kept by the Post Office authorities.

No. 122. From Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 16th December 1870, No. 4,778-1,495.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 21st ultimo, and to return the six papers which accompanied them.

2. Under the orders now in force, the Conservator of Forests is the only officer of the Forest Department who is privileged, that is to say, with whom the Post Office keeps a postage account.

3. The rules provide that a "district officer" (that is, an officer under whatever title, who is in general administrative charge of a district, and who as such is a privileged officer) shall have power to obtain from the Post Office at his headquarters local postage tickets for the use of his Assistants or Deputies. These tickets being deposited at the Post Office at the place at which the Assistant or Deputy is stationed enables him to receive or despatch his local official correspondence as if he were a privileged officer, his postage being debited to the account of the district officer.

4. This additional privilege is extended by the rules to District Superintendents of Police, but not, as Major Beddome thinks, to officers of the Department of Public Works.

5. To comply with Major Beddome's wish, it would be necessary, first, that his Deputy-Conservators should be made privileged officers; and, secondly, that the power should be given them of granting local postage tickets to their Overseers and other subordinate officers.

6. It is very possible that the Government of India may permit the first part of the arrangement, if the amount of correspondence is shown to be sufficient to make it expedient; and I would suggest that, if the Madras Government should think proper to forward Major Beddome's application to the Government of India, he should be called upon for a statement showing the amount of postage incurred monthly on official covers by the officers in question, and the number of such covers addressed to or received from non-privileged offices.

7. The second part of the arrangement desired by Major Beddome I think neither necessary nor desirable, and I think it very improbable that the Govern-

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ment of India would sanction it; for if the Deputy-Conservator were made a privileged officer, the returns and letters addressed to him by his Overseers would be charged to his account, and as I conclude that these form by far the greatest part of the Overseer's correspondence, the inconvenience complained of would no longer exist.

8. I regret that my absence from Madras has caused some delay in submitting this report.

No. 123.

ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1871, No. 60.

Miscellaneous.

THE Conservator of Forests will obtain and submit the information adverted to in paragraph 6 of Colonel Pears's letter.

2. The attention of the Postmaster-General is requested to paragraph 4 of the Deputy-Conservator's letter, dated 27th September 1870, No. 261. The Government wished to be informed whether "service bearing" letters are ever sent by more circuitous route than other letters, and if so, for what reason.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests,
,, the Postmaster-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

Conservator's office
Camp Coddor.
4th December 1870.

Mr. Major R. H. Puddome
Conservator of Forests.

To. Mr. Puddleston Esquire
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R. H. Puddleston Esquire
Conservator of Forests.

Cont. of 118713 Madras.

To REVENUE.

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Ac., Ac., &c.

Dated January 10th.

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G.O., 10th January 1871, No. 60.

From the Postmaster
Genl. of 20th January 1871
Under No. 955 of 1871
Honble Comr. Forests.

JANUARY.
Nos. 121-123.

Franking of letters by Forest Officers.
Conservator of Forests requested to submit the
information required by the Postmaster-General
in connection with it.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 16th December 1870.

From *Lieut Colonel A. C. Raw*
Postmaster General,

To *W. Hindleston Esq^r*
Secretary to Government,
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21st November 1870 No 288/9.

Revenue Department.

From W. 3838.

Major A. H. P. P. P.

Conservator of Forests.

W. H. Hindleston Esq^r

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department.

Fort Saint George.

Madras 16th Dec 1870.

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Sir

Your most obedient servant
R. Ross
Postmaster-General

Rev. Sept.
H. 60.
Pros of the Madras Govt
Under date the 10th Day 1871

Read the following

From the Conservator of Forests. Letters:—

Requesting sanction that all
Range Officers their subordinates
should have the privilege of
franking within their ranges.

From the Postmaster General
Reporting on the above subject.

H.E. 9: Decr 1870 No. 2456

H.E. 16: " No. 4498
1495

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the information adverted to
in para 6 of Colonel Pears'
letter.

2. The attention of
the Postmaster General is

called

27 November 1870
A. 288-289

Revenue 1871 Old No.

Department
From
The Postmaster General,
Madras.
No. 3902.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Co. 6. O. 20. 10. 10.
No. 4498
1495

Dated 16th Decr 1870
Received 16th Decr 1870
Answered

Encl.

Report on the subject
of Range Officers the Conservator
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15 Decr 1871

No. 122.

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Yours

L.R.

13. To the Conserv. Forests Dec 1891
2. — Post Master with 6 Enclaves

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Spec. Royal
for the Grand letter

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Chas. Son