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Letter
Service from
the District Collector
in Bellary

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
22nd April 1871.

No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1871, No. 1,382 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dhurmavaram, 9th March 1871, No. 47.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th ultimo, to state that Mr. Sullivan's proposition was to improve the communication of all the District Post Gumastas, and I would deprecate making any change amongst them. The man ought to be a trustworthy person, and certainly a great deal of responsibility rests with him. A competent man in these days could be obtained for 7 Rs. in any part of the district.

2. With regard to the Gumasta on 15 Rs. at Bellary, I would beg to state that the whole of the despatched district correspondence passes through him, and, although there is a Regular Post Office, the existence of the latter does not lighten his work in the least. The Clerk in the Collector's Office has no hand to do with the actual transmission of the mails.

3. It is impossible to give exactly the number of letters despatched from Pamdi, as they are posted in the Regular Post Office. The total of letters despatched from the Post Office by the Tahsildar of Ghooty for delivery at Pamdi during the year 1870 was 1,347.

4. The line from Kudlighi to Raidrug was proposed by Mr. Sullivan to connect the western taluqs with those in the south of the district. I have no special reference to a line between Kudlighi and Anantapur.

5. If, however, the Board do not think the establishment of this line necessary, it can be foregone. It will make a difference of Rs. 36 per mensem.

6. The railway having been opened to Adony, the Runners between that place will not be necessary. Three men will have to be deducted from their pay Rs. 18 per mensem.

7. I beg to forward a revised statement showing the enhanced cost to Rs. 87, instead of Rs. 141.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government together with copies of the Proceedings, No. 53 of 6th January 1871, and No. 7,609 of 12th October 1870.

2. The Board have already expressed an opinion in favour of raising the pay of the Runners and Peons in the Proceedings, No. 53, dated 6th January 1871. I have no objection to No. 6, but, on further consideration, we are not prepared to recommend any increase to the pay of the Gumastas.

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3. Sanction is, therefore, requested for an extra expenditure of 396 Rs. per annum on account of increase to Runners' and Peons' pay alone.

4. If, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, the Sub-Magistrate should be removed from Yemmaganooor to Madhaveram, a transfer of the line, with additional Runners, will probably be necessary, and some provision will have to be made for this hereafter.

No. 245.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1871, No. 723.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the additional charge of Rs. 396 yearly, proposed by the Board, in order to allow of the pay of the Taluq Tappal Runners and Peons in Bellary being raised from Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 monthly, on the understanding that the necessary provision to meet the increased cost has been made in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Govt. of 1871 Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 22nd April 1871, No. 723.

APRIL.
Nos. 244-245.

Tappal Runners and Delivery Peons in Bellary District.—Additional yearly charge of Rs. 306 for increasing their salary, sanctioned.

Vide No 1403 of 1871
from H. E. Sullivan

No. 7,609.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th October 1869.

Reading of a letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq. Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1869, No. 209:—

ADVISING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd June last, No. 4,436, I have the honour to submit a Statement showing the rates of pay which I propose for the District Post Establishment in Bellary. I also enclose a skeleton map showing at a glance (1) the existing Postal lines (2) those which might in my opinion be advantageously abandoned, and (3) new lines which I propose to open.

2. The main features of the proposed scheme are:—

(1) Raising the pay of the Runners from Rupees 5 to Rupees 6 per mensem.

(2) Equalising the stages, so that each runner has over five and less than six miles to perform twice a day.

(3) Raising the pay of the Tappal Goomastahs from Rupees 7 to Rupees 10 per mensem, except at Anantapur, where it is proposed to raise it to Rupees 15. The pay of the Huzoor Goomastah is to remain as at present.

(4) Raising the pay of the Delivery Peons from 5 to 6 Rupees and allowing two peons instead of one to the town of Adony.

These changes and the proposed extension of the postal lines will involve an enhanced expenditure of Rupees 125 per mensem, over Mr. Pelly's estimate.

3. The necessity for raising the present rates of pay of the runners arises from the fact that it is most difficult to get men to take service, and still more difficult to control them and keep them up to the mark. The pay being insufficient, they throw up their places on the slightest pretext, and it is almost impossible to get efficient substitutes. On three out of the five Imperial

lines in this district, as will be seen from the enclosed letter* from the Inspecting Postmaster, the runners get Rupees 7 a month and Rupees 6 on the two other lines.

* Dated 5th ultimo, No. 413.

4. No special arguments are, I think, necessary to prove, that in these days the Tappal Goomastahs are not sufficiently remunerated by a stipend of Rupees 7 a month. The post is only accepted as a stepping stone to something more lucrative, and the consequence is that the work is carelessly performed. I propose to raise the pay of these men to Rupees 10 a month, and at Anantapur where the Office is in direct correspondence with six other District Offices, I am of opinion that the Goomastah should get Rupees 15.

5. The increase by one Rupee per mensem of the pay of the Delivery Peons does not call for any particular remark. The Talook Peons get Rupees 6 per mensem and batta when they accompany the Tahsildar on Circuit. In the Statement to which this letter gives cover, I have provided for two peons at Adony instead of one. The town numbers some 28,000 inhabitants, and the work is beyond the powers of one man.

6. I would now ask the Board's attention to the map showing the postal lines. It will be observed that I propose to abandon the line between Gooty and Ooravacondah, substituting a line connecting the latter place with the Huzoor Station, whence by rail the communication with Gooty will be easy. This will obviate the necessity of any District Post Establishment at Gooty. My next proposal is to abolish the line between Cullandroog and Dhurmavaram, substituting postal communications via Anantapur, the Head-quarters of the division. By this change a saving of runners is effected, and they are brought directly under the control of the Head-quarter Post Office of the division.

7. The line south from Anantapur to the Mysore frontier at Goribathanoor, at present goes direct via Dhurmavaram to Pennacondah, through which there is a cross line connecting Bookapatnam with Madaksirah. The map will show the communications between Dhurmavaram and the Sub-station Bookapatnam have to go all the way round by Pennacondah and communications between the adjoining Cusbahs of Madaksirah and Hindupoor have to take a similar circuitous route. To remedy this, it is proposed to abandon the direct line between Dhurmavaram and Pennacondah and to connect the former place with Bookapatnam. The existing line between Bookapatnam and Pennacondah will be maintained, but its continuation to Madaksirah will be abandoned, and in lieu, communication will be opened between Hindupoor and Madaksirah via Purgahy.

8. The next proposal is to open a new line connecting the Cusbahs of Kudlighi and ... the western talooks which are at present very isolated in direct postal communication with Anantapur and the southern talooks of the Sub-division.

9. The Sub-Magistrate who used to hold his office at Yadaki has been Rayachervoo where there is a Railway Station. I propose that the Post Master General to sanction a packet being made up for this place at Tadpatry, Gooty, and Bellary when the train stops at Rayachervoo to a runner who will be in waiting to convey it to the Sub-Magistrate's Office. I have made provision for this in my estimate taking the runner who previous to the opening of the Railway to Gooty used to convey the packet for Yadaki, which he received from the Imperial runners at Vaimalpaud. Letters from Rayachervoo can be posted on the arrival of the trains in the box attached to the travelling Post Office.

10. I trust that the foregoing proposals will meet with the approval of the Board and have their support. I have carefully considered the whole matter, and am convinced that in no other way can the District Post be rendered an efficient mode of communication. Of course as the railway extends, these arrangements will have to be modified so far as the north of the district is concerned, and what are now District lines will then be handed over to the Imperial Postal Department. It is I suppose, vain to hope that the Post Master General will take over the whole district at once, though I think that the State would be a gainer thereby.

11. Assuming that the proposed increased rates of pay are not unreasonable, I beg to point out to the Board that I have been as economical in my arrangements as possible. Had Mr. Polly's scheme been adhered to, the enhancement of the postal salaries would have involved an additional expenditure of Rupees 144 per mensem. According to my proposals, Rupees 125 will cover the extra cost, whilst a greater degree of efficiency will be secured. Comparatively useless lines have been done away with, and on those which are maintained the stages have been reduced to a practicable distance. As brought to the notice of Government, in the Board's Proceedings of the 10th ultimo, No. 4,953, in one case (Bellary and Siruguppah line) the runners are expected to travel over twenty miles per diem under existing arrangements.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. CHINKASAMY MOODELLY, Inspecting Post Master, 4th Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 5th July 1869, No. 413.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the following rates of pay are given to the runners employed by this department in this district.

Bellary and Singatoogoor line, 7 Rupees each.

Do. and Tadpatry line, 7 Rupees each.

Do. and Ramandroog line, 6 Rupees each.

Gooty and Kurnool line, 7 Rupees each.

Tadpatry and Anantapur line, 6 Rupees each.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Map.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Statement.

THE Board are satisfied that the proposals of the Collector are well considered and that the re-arrangement recommended is really required, but as an additional outlay of Rupees 1,500 *per annum* is involved, they regret that on financial grounds they are unable to lay the matter before Government at present.

2. The Collector will be good enough to re-introduce the subject to the Board's notice in time for its insertion in Budget of 1871-72, if then desirable.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary, with two enclosures.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*Enclosure in the Pro
of the B² of Rev. to the
Secy to the Board of
29 March 1869, No. 1382
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.*

Rev. No 1126 of 1871

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH OCTOBER 1869, No. 7,609.

Encl.

Received

OCTOBER
No. 7,609.

*District Post Establishment.—Revised scheme
of, submitted by Collector of Bellary, declined to
be laid before Government at present, and that
officer requested to re-introduce subject to Board's
notice in time for its insertion in Budget of
1871-72, if then desirable.*

*No 22 April 71. Secy B.
No 2411.*

No. 53.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th January 1871.

Read the following letter from U. H. MASTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1870 No. 383:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 7,609, dated 12th October 1869, I have the honour again to represent the requirements for the District Post Establishment, in order that provision may be made in the Budget for 1871-72.

2. The main features of the scheme are those of Mr. Sullivan.

That is to say—

The pay of the Runners is raised from five to six Rupees.

The stages are more equalized.

The pay of the Tappal Gumastahs is raised from seven to ten Rupees.

The Gumastah at Anantapur to receive fifteen.

The Delivery Peons to receive six Rupees instead of five.

These changes involve an increase of Rupees 141 over the present expenditure.

3. Various changes have taken place since the date of Mr. Sullivan's letter. The Head Quarters of the Sub-Collector have been moved from Anantapur to Ghooty, and Pennakondah has been made the Head Quarters of the Head Assistant Collector. The necessity of the direct proposed line from Culliandrug to Anantapur does not now therefore exist; in fact Culliandrug is in the Talook of Dhurmavaram, so that it is better not to disturb the existing arrangements.

4. I have consulted with the Head Assistant Collector on Mr. Sullivan's proposal, (vide paragraph 7 of his letter) to make one circuitous line through the Southern Talooks, in lieu of the direct one with branches which already exists. Mr. Gibson is opposed to any change, and I think myself that it is more essential to secure direct rapid communication between Anantapur and Pennakondah, than to connect Dhurmavaram with Bookapatam, to which talook the latter does not belong.

5. I would not propose to continue the line from Ooruvakondah to Ghooty, or to substitute for it one to Bellary. I would propose a short line to Guntakal to catch the Railway Travelling Post Office.

6. The Imperial line now goes direct from Ghooty to Anantapur. When it did so formerly a Gumastah and a Delivery Peon were entertained at Pamdy, an important place of trade; I therefore propose to re-establish them. The inhabitants are very desirous of it. The proposed line from Kudlighi to Raidrug, I have provided for.

7. I beg to forward again Mr. Sullivan's Map, as also one showing the arrangements as proposed in this letter.

Statement showing the proposed rates of pay for Runners, Gumastahs, and Delivery Peons of the Bellary District.

ROUTE.				STATIONS.										GRAND TOTAL INCLUSIVE RUNNERS.	
No.	Lines.	Mile.	Stages.	RUNNERS.		Names.	Whether Talook Cusbah Sub-Magis- trates or other sta- tions.	GUMASTAHS.		DELIVERY PEONS.		Number.	Cost.		
				Number.	Cost.			Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.				
1	Bellary to Sirguppah	34	5	5	30	Collector's Office, Bellary	Huzur.	1	20	...	...				
2	Bellary to Dharmavaram, via Raidrug and Cullandrug.	91	16	16	96	Bellary Raidrug Dharmavaram Adoni	T. C. T. C. T. C. T. C.	1 1 1 1	15 10 10 10	2 1 1 1	12 6 6 6				
3	Bellary to Yemmiganoor, via Alur and Adoni.	62	13	13	78	Alur Yemmiganoor Ramandrug	T. C. S. M. S. M.	1 1 1	10 10 10	1 1 1	6 6 6				
4	Ramandrug to Hospett... ..	12	2	2	12	Ramandrug	S. M.	1	10	1	6				
5	Hospett to Kumply	20	2	2	13	Hospett	T. C.	1	10	1	6				
6	Do. to N-rainduverry	8	1	1	6	Kudlighi	T. C.	1	10	1	6				
7	Ramandrug to Havinhudgali, via Kud- lighi and Harpanhully.	66	13	13	78	Harpanhully Havinhudgali	T. C. T. C.	1 1	10 10	1 1	6 6				
8	Ooravakondah to Guntakall	18	3	3	18	Tadpatry	T. C.	...	...	...	...				
9				...		Pandi		1	10	1	6				
10	Anantapur to Goribidanoor in the My- sore Territory, via Dharmavaram, Pennakondah and Hindupur.	85	15	15	90	Anantapur Pennakondah Hindupur	T. C. T. C. T. C.	1 1 1	15 10 10	1 1 1	6 6 6				
11	Hindupur to Purghi	4	1	1	6	Ryvelcheruvu	S. M.	...	...	1	6				
12	Pennakondah to Boopakatham.	18	3	3	18	Midakserah	T. C.	1	10	1	6				
13	Do. to Madakserah	26	4	4	24										
14	Kudlighi to Raidrug	35	6	6	36										
				84	504			17	190	20	120				

Pay of Gumastahs 17 190
 " of Delivery Peons 20 120
 " of Runners 84 504
 Total 121 814

Cost as per Mr. Pelly's Estimate 673
 Enhanced cost 141

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
 Acting Collector.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 22^d April 1871

Read the following Pro.
of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting sanction for an extra
Expenditure of Rs. 396 per annum on
account of increase to Tappal Rm.
= mess & delivery fees in Bellary Dist. } (H.E. 29th March 1871 No. 1382)

The Gov^t sanction

the additional charge of Rs. 396
yearly proposed by the Board to
allow of the value of tappal rrm.
= mess and fees in Bellary
being raised from Rs. 5 to Rs. 6
monthly on the understanding that
the necessary provision to meet the
increased cost has been made in the
Budget.

14 Letter of the Govt with an Encl. Dated 24th
6th April 1871

Enclosure in the Pro.
of the Bd^y of Rev. to the
Secy to Govt. RD of 29
March 1871. 91:1382
Board of Revenue,
No. 1126 of 1871
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 6TH JANUARY 1871, No 53.

Encl.

Received

JANUARY.
No. 53.

Salaries of Tappal Gumastahs—in Bellary Dis-
trict.—Collector requested to re-consider his pro-
posal to increase, from 7 to 10 Rupees per men-
sem, and to report as to need for a Gumastah on
15 Rupees at Bellary in addition to Hazur
Gumastah, and regular Post Office; and also as
to number of letters received at and despatched
from Pami.—Necessity for a Postal line from
Kudlighi to Raidrug, directed to be explained.

22nd April 1871 Secy.
No 244 -

Encl.
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Letter of 17th April
to the Subak Supt.
Revenue & Police in
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd April 1871.*

No. 246. Read the following letter from the Acting Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th March 1871, No. 376:—

I HAVE the honour to request that His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council will be pleased to submit, for the confirmation of the Government of India, the Order of this Government in the Revenue Department, dated 11th instant, No. 435.

2. I make this request, because I nowhere find in the Civil Service Leave Code—the latest compilation of rules regarding leave and allowances—that any exemption from loss of allowances for over-staying privilege leave can be granted by a local Government; in fact, under paragraph 7 of the Notification, communicating the Code, the following sentence occurs:—"Section 21, Rule I. The power of exemption extends only to the penalty of loss of appointment."

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1871, No. 724.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED accordingly that the following letter be despatched:—

(Here enter 22nd April 1871, No. 725.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Ms. 244-244