

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 262. From Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th January 1871, No. 5,586-1,495:—

With reference to Government Order, dated 10th instant, No. 60, paragraph 2 (enclosure returned), I have the honour to state that all bearing letters (whether service or private), addressed to a Branch Post Office, are sent first to the Head Office to which the Branch Office is subordinate.

2. This is in accordance with rule, and is quite unavoidable as Branch Offices keep no accounts.

3. Only the smallest offices are made Branch Offices. There are 126 in the whole Presidency, and as bearing covers only are liable to be thus sent, the inconvenience resulting from it is very inconsiderable.

No. 263. From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Anamallay, 20th March 1871, No. 2,680:

With reference to the Government Order, No. 60, of the 10th of January last, I have the honour to submit the following statement showing the amount of postage incurred monthly, the number of covers addressed to, and received from, non-privileged officers in most of our ranges. I have received no returns from South Canara, Cuddapah, or Goomsur, but will not detain the statement any longer:—

	Amount of postage incurred monthly.	Number of covers addressed to non-privileged officers annually.	Number of covers received from non-privileged officers annually.
	RS. A. P.		
Mudumallay ...	4 0 0	359	363
Wynaad ...	1 4 0	91	65
South Arcot ...	Not known.	441	520
Anamallay ...	6 9 0	552	420
Salem ...	1 3 0	Not known.	47
North Arcot ...	Not known.	904	656
Madura and Tinnevely ...	36 0 0	992	1,052
Kurnool ...	Not known.	135	179

2. I only request that our officers may be privileged within their districts, and that the Post Office may be allowed to keep an account with each Forest Office for all letters received and despatched within the range; this will obviate the necessity of supplying Overseers, Gumastas, and lower subordinates, with letter-weights, stamps, etc., etc., and save very much time and trouble in our accounts, etc.

Govt. of 1871 30th April 1871

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 24th April 1871, No. 731.

APRIL.

Nos. 260-261.

Madras Akbarry Lease.—Application of the
renter for its extension for one year, and claiming
compensation for alleged losses, with orders thereon.

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No. 264.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1871, No. 732.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that the foregoing papers establish the desirability of extending the facilities at present possessed by officers of the Forest Department in charge of ranges, with reference to correspondence under the new Postal Rules. These officers are in communication with a number of subordinates, who, in consequence of the large size of the ranges, are able to make little or no use of the Local Taluq Posts. An extensive use of "Service Labels" is therefore necessitated. This the Government consider undesirable on several grounds. To issue the labels without requiring the subordinates, to whom they are issued, to keep a strict account of them would be to deprive the check as regards the Postal Department of all its value; while the attempt to have accurate postage accounts, kept by men in the position of Forest Peons, must, in the opinion of Government, result in failure, unless an amount of labour is expended in the Range Office out of proportion to the extent of the interests involved. The Conservator of Forests remarks, "our officers themselves have often great difficulty in procuring labels; so it is easy to imagine what difficulty our subordinates must experience, and, if the latter were entrusted with a large stock at any time, much loss would probably result from the great exposure which our department have always to suffer." As Government have remarked on a previous occasion (Proceedings, No. 1,235, dated 12th August 1870), Service Labels are among officials a commodity having a certain amount of saleable value; and they consider they should not be entrusted to the minor class of forest officials, if this plan can be avoided. Major Beddome has also remarked that "if the present system remains in force, it will be necessary to provide every subordinate with proper letter-weighing machines."

2. The subordinate officials of the Forest Department, such as Overseers, Sub-Overseers, Duffadars, and Peons, correspond with the forest range officers in much the same way that village officers correspond with the Tahsildar. If village officers had not a Taluq Post, the Government consider that it would be clearly necessary to give Tahsildars the power of receiving letters without pre-payment. As the Taluq Post practically does not exist for the Forest Department, they are of opinion that this power should be given, without further delay, to forest officers in charge of ranges.

3. The subordinates of the forest range officers can have little correspondence, except with their official superiors, and if the latter are privileged under Rule I. of the Postal Rules, it will be plainly sufficient. The Government agree with Colonel Pears that there is no necessity for giving range officers further powers under paragraph 16 of the Rules. The Government of India will be addressed accordingly.

4. The Government gather that it is only "service bearing" letters, under paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Rules, which are liable to be sent by circuitous routes for the purpose of passing through a Head Office, and that ordinary letters under paragraph 8 are not so treated. If this is so, the instances in which inconvenience

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is found to arise cannot be considerable. Major Beddome's remarks on this point, therefore, do not call for comment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 5586
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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 20 January 1831.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Pears.
Postmaster General,
To W. Huddleston Esq.
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George.

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Your most Obedt. Servant.

[Signature]
Postmaster General

Revenue Department.

N^o 732.

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Under date the 24th April 1871.

Per 10 Jan'y 71 No 125-22

Recd 1871 D^{ist}

From S^g 204.

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department,

Fort Saint George,

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Dated

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Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 21st April 1871.

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Post Master General, Madras.

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Office, are first sent to the
Head Office to which it is sub-
-ordinate.

N. E. 20th January 1871 N^o 5586
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Letter from the Conservator
of Forests.

Answering to the G. O. N^o 60
of the 10th January 1871, with reference
to postal statement.

N. E. 20th March 1871 N^o 2680.

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Note- In letter to Govt of India dated 12th August 1870, No 1236 (unanswered) a similar application was made in favour of Dy Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Revenue Survey. It is submitted that too much was asked

then. The request contained in the last sentence of that letter involved, not making the Officers "privileged" under para 8 of the Rules, (as indicated in the first sentence, & as requested by the Superintendent) but giving them the separate powers described in para 16 of the Rules.

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Rule 1 of the Postal Rules it will be plainly sufficient. The Government agreed with Colonel Pears that there is no necessity for giving range Officers further powers under para 16 of the Rules. The Govt of India will be addressed accordingly.

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*Relative to Fresh
Range Expenses
Subscribed to
Grant Letter*

15 April 1871

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24th April 1871.

Read "Statement of Fresh Charges and alterations on account of Salaries, Establishment, and Contingencies, sanctioned by the Madras Government in the Revenue Department within the amount of the Budget grants during the month of February 1871," signed by the Acting Accountant-General, and dated 14th 1871.

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1871, No. 733.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.

Stamps.

ORDERED that the foregoing Statement be lodged, as the Establishment for the Stamp Paper Department, sanctioned in Government Orders, dated 3rd and 18th February 1871, Nos. 233 and 301, the only item included in it, need not be reported to the Government of India, with reference to the subsequent G. O. of 20th March 1871, No. 497.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.