

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th April 1872.*

No. 296. Read the following letter from the Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 16th April 1872, No. 33 :—

At request of the Revenue Board, I have the honour to submit, for orders on paragraph 6, its Proceedings No. 533, dated 5th instant. As the Post Office has certainly power to claim full rates of postage on a letter posted at Madras, merely to be called for, and as the majority of service letters are for delivery to officers at stations where an Imperial Post Office exists, any exemption can only be sanctioned by the Financial Department of Government of India on recommendation of the Director-General of Post Offices. I believe, however, that in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, and, I think, elsewhere too, the department has undertaken the free delivery of service covers which have been conveyed solely by the district tappal, so that the agency of the Imperial Post Office has extended only to delivering them. A similar concession would no doubt be made to this Presidency on application.

2. A parity of reasoning would give a local Government the whole postage paid on private letters posted within the district, if conveyed solely along local post lines, and only passing through an Imperial Post Office for delivery. There would be considerable practical difficulty in levy of postage on such letters, or in calculating the claim of the local against the Imperial department, if the adjustment were made by account entries. I doubt if such a claim would practically be conceded.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1872, No. 533.

Read the following papers :—

From Collector of Ganjam,	dated 2nd February 1872,	No. 109.
„ „ of Vizagapatam,	„ 10th „ „	90.
„ „ of Godavery,	„ 26th January „ „	10.
„ „ of Nellore,	„ 9th February „ „	291.
„ „ of Kurnool,	„ 6th „ „	36.
„ „ of South Arcot,	„ 27th January „ „	36.
„ „ of Tanjore,	„ 6th March „ „	93.
„ „ of Madura,	„ 15th February „ „	47.
„ „ of Tinnevely,	„ 20th „ „	56.
„ Commr. of Nilgiris,	„ 12th „ „	19.
„ Collector of Malabar,	„ 16th March „ „	72.

The foregoing are replies received from eleven out of twenty-one districts with reference to paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th December 1871, No. 5,060, on the subject of additions to the Permanent Advance Funds of officers, rendered necessary to meet the enhanced postal charges under the recent rules. The districts from which replies are still due are noted in the margin.

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| 1. Kistna. | 6. North Arcot. |
| 2. Cuddapah. | 7. Trichinopoly. |
| 3. Bellary. | 8. Coimbatore. |
| 4. Madras. | 9. Salem. |
| 5. Chingleput. | 10. South Canara. |

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2. The amount at present allowed to each officer and the increase proposed in each case is distinctly specified in Statements submitted by nine* out of the

* Ganjam.	Madura.
Godavery.	Tinnevelly.
Nellore.	Neilghiris.
South Arcot.	Malabar.
Tanjore.	

eleven Collectors whose replies are recorded above. A general statement embodying these particulars and prepared from the Collectors' returns is appended to these Proceedings. The

Collectors of Vizagapatam and Kurnool without furnishing similar details, recommend the former, that a gross increase of Rupees 500, should be allowed for the entire district, and the latter that "the Permanent Advance Fund" now allowed to each Division Officer and Sub-Magistrate should be doubled.

3. The proposals of the Collectors noted in the margin involve additions in the case of Officers in charge of Treasuries.

Ganjam.	Madura.
Vizagapatam.	Tinnevelly.
Godavery.	Neilghiris.
South Arcot.	Malabar.
Tanjore.	

As it is not desirable to allow large sums to be held as Permanent Advance Funds, and as under the procedure prescribed in paragraph 19 of Board's Proceedings,

dated 16th May 1866, No. 3,417, Treasury Officers can draw money from the Treasury whenever necessary on their own vouchers for the purchase of Postage Stamps, it becomes unnecessary to increase their Permanent Advance Funds.

4. The Board will not however modify the amounts proposed by the Collectors as stated in paragraph 2 above, and Collectors will determine after three months, whether the additions recommended by them in the case of officers in charge of Treasuries are really required for the future. A statement of the results in the accompanying form should be submitted for the Board's orders on the 1st of July next.

5. The Collector of Vizagapatam is informed that the total increase of 500 Rupees sanctioned for his district includes the 200 Rupees already sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, dated 8th January 1872, Miscellaneous No. 238.

6. The Collector of Kurnool enquires whether covers sent by the District Tappal should be stamped with Service labels. The Board agree with the Collector in thinking that as the charge on account of District Tappal Establishment is not debited to the Imperial Post, it may not be correct to credit that account with value of service rendered by the District Post, which will be the case if District Tappal covers are stamped with service labels. The subject will be referred for the orders of Government through the Accountant-General.

7. Collectors who have not yet replied to the Board's Circular Proceedings, are requested to submit their replies at an early date.

No. 297.

ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1872, No. 687.

Miscellaneous.

THE GOVERNMENT are of opinion that in the case stated by the Board, namely, where covers are sent through

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the district tappal, and the Imperial Post appears to have nothing to do with receipt, despatch, or delivery of the packets, there the use of service labels is unnecessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Revenue 1872-73.

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Office 1872-73 DEPARTMENT
FROM THE ACCTT. GENERAL
TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 16th April 1872
Received 17th April 1872

No.

ENCLOSURES.

Submitting for orders:-
= motion para 6 of Revenue Board
Proceedings No 533 of 5th April
related to District of ...

No 296-297
1872-73 R. 25th April

With Order
No 687-29 April

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6. Dec. 1872
14. Board of Rev.

29 April 1872.