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No. 63. Read the following letter from Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 1st November 1874, No. 1,573-775 :—

I BEG to enclose copies of correspondence that has passed between the Collector of South Arcot, the Inspector of Post-offices, Cuddalore Division, and myself, on the subject of the control of certain district post employés, viz., delivery peons who, by the orders of the Collector, have recently been removed from the Imperial post-offices named in the margin, on the control of the South Arcot district post being transferred to the Imperial Postal Department on 1st October last.

1. Chedambaram.
2. Virdachellam.
3. Villoopuram.
4. Tindevanam.
5. Merkanam.
6. Gingee.
7. Trivanellore.
8. Trinomallay.
9. Kullakoorchy.
10. Trikalore.
11. Kurinjipadi.
12. Manargudi.

2. It will be seen that the action of the Collector in contemplating establishing a separate agency, to be controlled by himself, for the delivery and collection of correspondence in the district over which the officers of the Imperial post-office are to have nothing to do with, is entirely opposed to the orders of Government and to the system that is being carried out in every other district that has been transferred.

3. The object, I understand, Government has in view in sanctioning the transfer is to relieve Collectors of all executive control over the district post employés, and to entrust the whole of the management and supervising authority to the Imperial post-office executive ; the Collector retaining the power of appropriating and disbursing the district post grant in any manner he sees fit.

4. If the Collector is still, after the transfer has been made, to have a separate and distinct staff of delivery peons who are not to be subordinate to the Imperial post-office authorities, it appears to me that the transfer had better not be made, nor a Sub-Inspector of Post-offices entertained ; for he will have hardly anything to do, and his pay will be, to a great extent, wasted. As a matter of principle, the course proposed by the Collector is a retrograde step, as the transfer is meant to relieve the local subordinate Revenue-officials of duties they have not sufficient time or departmental knowledge to attend to or control, and, if sanctioned, will place the postal service in the South Arcot District in a very unfavorable position ; the scheme proposed does not, as far as I can see, provide for any supervision, and, in practice, I am bound to inform Government that I am confident it cannot be successful. Delay to correspondence, losses, and irregularities of every description must, of necessity, go unchecked and undetected, as is the case in every district which has not been transferred ; for the simple reason that there is no departmental supervision by experienced post-office officers who understand post-office work and its various details, and know where to detect faults and how to rectify mistakes.

5. The Collector states that the correspondence for the district is to be sent to the taluq cutcherries ; that these delivery peons will sign for registered letters and render their bearing-postage accounts to the post-office. Supposing they do not, and the accounts are wrong, incorrect, falsified, the return of the peon unpunctual, his delivery delayed, or not made at all, who is to punish, suspend, prosecute, or dismiss him ? Hence, a serious clash in control arises which would materially affect efficiency. If there is no supervision, how is it to be ascertained that paid covers are all delivered ?

From the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 3rd October 1874, No. 1,418/775.

ADVERTING to paragraphs 4 and 5 of your letter, No. 37, of 23rd September 1874, addressed to the Inspector of Post-offices, Cuddalore Division, I would beg to remind you that the proposals you there make are entirely opposed to the system under which the district post is worked when the control is transferred from the Collector to the Postmaster-General.

2. You propose to remove the delivery peons at present paid from District Post Funds, which are now attached to twelve different Imperial post-offices for the purpose of making the rural delivery, and to attach them to the different Tahsildars or Deputy-Tahsildar's cutcherries.

3. You say "will cease to be delivery peons under your orders," and "will be under my orders," and that they will be utilised for "the work of distributing letters in the villages of the taluq,—a task which I shall proceed to elaborate as soon as I am freed from your department of the charge of all existing post-offices."

4. The great object in transferring the control from the Collector to Postmaster-General is to remove the former of all executive control of every description, to place all the district post employés without exception, under the sole and immediate orders of the executive officers of the Imperial Postal Department. It is to get rid of divided authority which has impeded the development of postal communication that Government have determined on the transfer of all the district posts to the Postmaster-General.

5. It would be impossible for me to undertake the management of any district post if district post delivery peons are to be removed from Imperial post-offices without my orders. These have been specially entertained for the purpose of effecting the delivery of articles for the district, the station delivery being made by the Imperial delivery peon. If they are to be removed, no means is left for effecting the delivery, the whole work of delivery and collection of articles sent by post, together with the executive control of all district post employés, will, in future, be conducted by, and under the orders of, the officers of the Imperial Postal Department, the authority of the Collector being limited to the disbursement of the district post grant, keeping the district post accounts and the entertainment of new district post establishments or abolishing them wherever he may deem it necessary. He is solely responsible respecting all matters connected with the District Post Fund and its appropriation. Whatever changes he may at any time wish to make respecting the distribution of the grant or establishment, he has merely to intimate the same to the Inspector, who will entertain new delivery peons, open new district post-offices or lines just as the Collector may desire, the Inspector informing the Collector of the cost of such.

6. Regarding your instruction in the 5th paragraph of your letter under notice, I beg to say that to carry out your wishes "all letters for outlying villages should be sent to the cutcherries of the Tahsildar and Deputy-Tahsildar for delivery," would be a most retrograde step; this was the old mode of delivery, which the transfer of control is calculated to improve, viz., by having the delivery made direct from the post-office through the district post delivery peon attached to the post-offices and placing them under the immediate orders of the Imperial postal officials, thus removing all district post employés from the authority and control of the Revenue-officials.

7. If the correspondence for outlying villages was sent as proposed to the cutcherries of the Tahsildars and Deputy-Tahsildars, how could the bearing-postage account be kept? Who would sign for the receipt of registered articles?

8. I fear such a round-about mode of effecting delivery would be a most unsafe and tedious process, and one not calculated to develop the district post, and bring the rural delivery to the door of every ryot. The system that has worked remarkably well in other districts and the one that I believe best suited to the country is the Imperial system of delivery and collection of correspondence, which is the one about to be introduced into Cuddalore, with which all post-office officials are perfectly conversant.

9. I trust you will, under the circumstance as explained, cancel the 4th and 5th paragraphs of your letter to Inspector of Post-offices.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 9th October 1874, No. 47.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1,418/775, of the 3rd instant, and, in reply, to refer you to your own letter printed in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 13th May 1872, in which you ask that orders may be issued to Collectors to defray the cost of district post establishments until your department is prepared to do so; and this course was followed here until the 1st instant, when the transfer of the whole district post system as then existing was handed over to your department, which had undertaken to pay the cost of eight post-office establishments and two short lines of runners from that date, and to manage all the other postal lines and post-offices (the latter three in number), but not to pay for them.

2. In accordance with this arrangement all the establishments at the eight post-offices taken over by your department and the four district post delivery peons, who had been temporarily attached to the only four Imperial post-offices in the district, were dismissed, and it then rested with your department to renominate the old men or appoint new ones, if required. What I do with the District Post Funds thus set free is not a matter on which I am bound to consult your department. The method of expending these funds has been fully explained to the Revenue Board who have approved my suggestions, and my object is to secure the delivery of letters among villages far away from post-offices by the only method the funds at my disposal will admit of.

3. Hereafter, I find that I want a dozen new post-offices and lines of runners, I will write to the Inspector to ask him to let me know what these will cost, and he shall open and work the offices and lines, and I will pay for them from District Post Funds, till they pay well enough to induce your department to relieve those funds of the charge and reap the profits from the said offices.

4. At present every post-office has a circle of about three miles around it, within which an Imperial delivery peon has to deliver letters; with the country outside that circle the post-office has hitherto had little or nothing to do, and I propose to attach men to the post-office stations who shall go into those portions of the district and deliver and gather letters until correspondence becomes sufficiently developed to require the establishment of fresh post-offices, when I will apply to your department to establish and work them.

5. I have recently transferred to the control of your department the whole of an existing system; but I do not consider that on that account I am to be debarred from attempting to elaborate a Rural Messenger Service from funds at my disposal. With all deference to you, I think that such elaboration can be better carried out by the Revenue Department than by the Postal. When it is so established to my satisfaction as to meet at regular intervals all the wants of rural portions of the district, I shall have no objection to hand it over in its entirety to your control or to abolish it by degrees by substituting post-offices and runners to be managed by you.

6. I enclose two specimens of the books to be kept by these messengers who will keep regular accounts of bearing postage and sign for the receipt of registered letters, and be responsible for money collected, which will be paid into the post-offices to which they are attached.

7. In conclusion, I would draw your attention to that portion of your letter under reply in which you say the Collector "is solely responsible respecting all matters connected with the District Post Fund and its appropriation," and ask how you reconcile this admission with your request to me to cancel paragraphs 4 and 5 of my letter of the 23rd September last, which I must decline to do.

How is the collection of covers to be made? The two books to be kept by the delivery peons, as proposed by the Collector, which form enclosure to his No. 47, dated 9th October 1874, are herewith forwarded, together with the two forms in use by this department by rural messengers. It will be seen that the departmental forms are much more complete.

6. There are also numerous other checks in the Imperial system of supervision by which the district is calculated to benefit much, which cannot be introduced under the Collector's proposals.

7. A specimen map showing the beats of the delivery peons in the Toryore Taluq is forwarded for information (to be *returned*). Every preparation has been made and is now ready to carry out the system. I have most successfully introduced into other districts of a rural delivery and collection, but which I cannot at present introduce into South Arcot, as the Collector has withdrawn the delivery peons who are paid for from District Post Funds, and through whom the rural delivery should be made; and I am precluded from employing Imperial delivery peons for this service.

8. In conclusion, I would explain that the reference made by the Collector in his No. 47, dated 9th October 1874, to my predecessor's No. 940/239 of 4th May 1872, has no reference whatever to the question at issue, as the transfer of the District Post Funds has never been applied for by me or sanctioned by Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Inspector of Post-offices, Cuddalore Division, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 4th August 1874, No. 3,891.

I BEG to bring to your notice that, since the opening of the eight experimental post-offices in the South Arcot District, the services of the district post peons attached to the district post-offices, whose places they have taken, have been withdrawn, notwithstanding that I pointed out to the Collector the necessity for retaining them in connection with the new offices; and the consequence is that covers for the numerous villages, which the station delivery peons cannot be expected to visit, lying as they are at from five to twenty miles and more distant from the nearest post-office, are undelivered and are accumulating.

2. I beg, therefore, that the Collector may be moved to appoint at least one district peon to such of the offices concerned, in order to obviate the evil pointed out, and which is daily increasing.

No. 890/775.

TRUE copy forwarded to the Collector, South Arcot, with a request that the Inspector's recommendation may be attended to, if possible.

BELLARY, 11*th August* 1874.

(Signed) E. R. BOURKE, Major,
Postmaster-General.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 26th September 1874, No. 40.

IN reply to your endorsement, No. 890/775, dated Bellary, 11th August 1874, on Mr. Kinsley's letter of the 4th idem, No. 3,891, I have the honor to inform you that, although the district post delivery Peons hitherto attached to the Imperial post-offices and the eight district post-offices recently transferred to your department have been withdrawn from them, the withdrawal is only nominal. I have issued orders that all these men, together with sixteen

additional ones, making thirty for the whole district, are to be formed into the nucleus of a Rural Messenger Service under the orders of the Revenue authorities, but attached to all post-office stations, and by means of these men I propose to distribute letters and papers through the villages of the taluqs. The scheme I have in view has been only roughly elaborated as yet; but when it is in good working order, and I have been able to bring the whole of every taluq within the influence of a regular village postal service, I shall consider the propriety of handing the whole over to your department. The rapidity of the development of my scheme will, of course, depend on my having more funds at my disposal by your department undertaking the cost of the payment of the existing postal lines of runners.

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Inspector of Post-offices, Cuddalore Division, dated 23rd September 1874, No. 37.

IN reply to your letter, No. 5,208, dated 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I shall be prepared, although I have not yet received the Government order to which you allude, to make the transfer of the district post to your department on the 1st proximo.

2. I enclose two lists, one showing the three remaining district post-offices and their cost, the other the existing district post-lines, their respective lengths, the number of stages into which divided, the number of runners on each line, the monthly pay of the runners and the total annual cost of each line.

3. Your department have already taken over the post-offices at Merkanam, Gingee, Trinomallay, Trikalore, Trivanellore, Kullakoorchy, Kurinjipadi, and Manargudi, and assumed the charge of the lines of bearers from Punrutti *via* Arasur to Villoopuram and from Chedambaram to Manargudi, so that the transfer of the remaining offices and lines will put the whole district now transferred only continuing to be a charge on District Post Funds to the extent of Rs. 3,[illegible] for runners and Rs. 36 for post-offices, as detailed below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cost of lines of runners as detailed in my letter to the Revenue Board, dated 1st June 1874, No. 260...	3,000	0	0
Less cost of bearers from Punrutti to Arasur	120	0	0
	2,880	0	0
Post-office establishment at district post-offices at Ellavanasur, Ulandurpett, and Chengum...	432	0	0
	3,312	0	0

4. From the 1st proximo the delivery peons that have been hitherto attached to the Imperial post-offices at the twelve following places, viz., 1, Chedambaram, 2, Virdachellam, 3, Villoopuram, 4, Tindevanam, 5, Merkanam, 6, Gingee, 7, Trivanellore, 8, Trinomallay, 9, Kullakoorchy, 10, Trikalore, 11, Kurinjipadi, and, 12, Manargudi, will cease to be delivery peons under your orders, but will be entertained as rural messengers along with the two Huzur delivery peons, and will be under my orders as part of the village postal establishment, and will be attached to the different Tahsildars or Deputy-Tahsildar's cutcherries for the work of distributing letters in the villages of the taluq,—a task which I shall proceed to elaborate as soon as I am freed by your department of the charge of all existing post-offices.

5. From the date of the transfer, all letters for outlying villages should be sent to the cutcherries of the Tahsildars or Deputy-Tahsildars for distribution. At Trivanellore and Kurinjipadi, a rural messenger will be detailed to call at the post-offices either daily or [illegible] three times a-week as experience may prove to be practicable for letters.

FORM V-11.

MEMORANDUM BOOK.

Of Rural Messenger No. attached to the Post-office.

Name of Village in which Letter-boxes are placed.	Date on which each Letter-box was opened.	Detail of Covers found in each Letter-box.				Detail of Covers returned undelivered.						Remarks stating Cause of nondelivery of each Cover.
		Paid Letters.	Paid Newspapers.	Unpaid Letters.	Unpaid Newspapers.	Address in full on each Cover.	Paid Letters.	Paid Newspapers.	Unpaid Letters.	Unpaid Newspapers.	Postage due.	
											Rs. A P.	

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th November 1874.

FORM V-10.

Visit Book of the Rural Messenger, named No. attached to the Post-office.

Date on which the Rural Messenger leaves the Post-office.	Name of Villages to be visited.	Detail of Covers made over for delivery in each Village.			Address in full on registered Letters and Parcels.	Date on which each Village was visited.	Signature of Lumbardar or some respectable Resident.	Date on which the Rural Messenger returned to Post-office.	Remarks by, and Signature of, the Postmaster or Deputy-Postmaster.
		Paid.	Unpaid.	Postage due.					

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th November 1874.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th November 1874.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1874, No. 1,414.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for their early remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Dated 12th Nov 1874

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated November 9th

Read.

Ditto.

G. O., 9th November 1874, No. 1,414.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 63-64.

District Post Offices, South Arcot.—Referring to Revenue Board's letter, dated 5th ultimo, forwarding copies of correspondence between the Collector and the Postal Authorities regarding the control of certain—removed by the Collector from certain postoffices on their transfer to the Imperial Post Department.

Post Master General's Office
Dated Ootacamund 13th November 74

No. 1573
775.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George

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Postal Department on 1st October last.

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In conclusion I would
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Post-Fund has never been
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by Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient Servant,

J. Bourke
Post Master General

No
From
Chief Clerk
To
Madras
Secretary To Govt
Revenue Department

dated 1-11-74

Recd

Subject
Reports in the Collectorate
of the Out Post Stations

Copy of a letter from Inspector of Post offices, Cuddalore Division No. 3891 dated 4th August 1874 to the Postmaster General Madras.

Sir,

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I beg therefore that the Collector may be moved to appoint at least one District Peon to such of the offices concerned

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in order to obviate the Evil pointed out and which is daily increasing.

Sam Sr.
Sd/ Jn. Kinsley
Insp. of Post Offices
Cuttalore Division

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No 9775

True copy forwarded to the Collector Tanjore with a request that the Inspectors recommendation may be attended to if possible.

Bellary
11th August 1875.

Sd/ E. R. Bourke
Postmaster General

Copy of a letter from Collector of Tanjore to the Postmaster General Madras No. 40- dated 26th Septr 74.

Sir,

In reply to your Endorsement No. 890/1775 dated Bellary 11th August 74 on Mr. Kinsley's letter of the 4th Idem, No. 3891 I have the honor to inform you that all the District Post delivery Peons hitherto attached to the Imperial Post offices and the 8 District Post Offices recently transferred

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decision as to any scheme will of course depend on any saving in our funds at my disposal by your department undertaking the cost of the payment of the Existing Postal Lines of runners.

Jaffna 18.

Sdy J. H. Garstin
Collector

Jaffna Arrivals
Ex 37.

Collector's Office
Cuddalore,
23 September/74

From. J. H. Garstin Esqre
Collector of Jaffna Prov.

To, The Inspector of Post Offices
Cuddalore Division.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 5208 dated 16 Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I shall be prepared, although I have not yet received the G.O. to which you allude, to make the transfer of

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of the District Post to your Department on the 1st Proximo.

2. I enclose 2 lists, one showing the three remaining District Post offices and their Costs, the other the existing District Post Lines, their respective lengths. the number of Stages into which divided, the number of Runners on Each Line, the monthly pay of the runners and the total annual Cost of Each Line.

3. Your Department have already taken over the Post Offices at Merkanum, Ginjee, Trincomalay, Trikalore, Trinavelly, Kallakoorchy, Kurinjipatti and Manargudy; and assumed the charge of the Lines of bearers from Purrutti via Arasur to Villupuram and from Velistambrum to Manargudi so that the transfer of the remaining offices and Lines will
just

part the whole District Post Office System
under the management of your De-
partment. the Cost of the Offices and
Lines now transferred only continuing
to be a charge on District Post Funds
to the Extent of Rs 2880 for Runners
and Rs 36/- for Post offices as detailed
below.

Cost of lines of Runners as
detailed in Every letter to the
Govt. Board Dated 18th
Jan. 1874 No 260 ——— 3000—"—"
Less Cost of bearers from
Pamban to Aranur ——— 120—"—"
2880—"—"

Post Office Establishment
at District Post offices at
Elaramanur, Mandur-
bett and Chengam. ——— 432—"—"
3312—"—"

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Talooks Kutcherries for the work
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of the Taluq. a task which Should
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letters for outlying Villages Should be
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At Trivandrum and Quilon, a Rural Messenger will be detailed to call at the Post-offices Either daily, or 2 or 3 times a week as Experience may prove to be practicable for letters.

I have &c.
Sd/ J. H. Garstin
Collector.

Copy of a letter from the Postmaster General Madras to the Collector of Malabar & Anjengo No. 1418/775 dated 3rd October 1874.

Sir,

Adverting to paras 4 & 6 of your letter No. 87 of 23rd September /74 addressed to the Inspector of Post-offices Cuddalore Division, I would beg to remind you that the proposals you there make are entirely opposed to the system under which the District Post is worked when the Central

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The great object in transferring the Control from the Collectors to

Post

Post-Master General is to relieve the former of all Executive control of Every description, to place all the District Post-Employes without Exception under the sole and immediate orders of the Executive officers of the Imperial Postal Department. It is to get rid of divided authority which has impeded the development of Postal Communication, that Government have determined on the transfer of all the District Posts to the Postmaster General.

It would be impossible for me to undertake the management of any District Post if District Post Delivery Peons are to be removed from Imperial Post Offices without any orders. These have been specially sanctioned for the purpose of effecting the delivery of articles for the District, the

the Station delivery being made by the Imperial Delivery Peons. If they are to be removed no means is left for effecting the delivery, the whole work of delivery and collection of articles sent by Post together with the Executive control of all District Posts will in future be conducted by, and under the orders of the officers of the Imperial Postal Department, the authority of the Collector being limited to the disbursement of the District Post Grant, keeping the District Post accounts and the appointment of new District Post Establishments or abolishing them wherever he may deem it necessary. He is solely responsible for rendering all matters connected with the District Post

Post-fund and its appropriation.

Whatever changes he may at any time wish to make respecting the distribution of the grant or Establishment, he has merely to intimate the same to the Inspector who will Entertain new delivery Posts, open new District Post-Offices or Lines post as the Collector may desire, the Inspector informing the Collector of the Cost of Such.

Regarding your instruction in the 5th para of your letter under Index Reg[ister] Log Book to carry out your wishes "all letters for outlying Villages should be sent to the Kutcherries of the Tahsildars and "Deputy-Tahsildars for delivery" would be a most retrograde Step. this was the old mode of delivery

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which the transfer of Control is Calculated to improve - viz. by giving the delivery mode direct from the Post-Office through the District Post-Delivery Peon attached to the Post-offices and placing them - under the immediate orders of the Postal officials, thus removing all District Post-Employes from the authority and Control of the Revenue officials.

If the correspondence for outlying Villages was sent as proposed to the Kutcherries of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars, how could the keeping [illegible] account be kept? Who would sign for the receipt of Registered articles?

I fear such a [illegible] would

note

Copy of a letter from the Collector of Cuttack & the Postmaster General Madras. No. 47 - dated 9th October 1874.

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1418/175 of the 3rd Instant and in reply to refer you to your own letter printed in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 13th May 72 in which you ask that orders may be issued to collectors to defray the cost of District Establishments until your Department is prepared to do so. and this course was followed here until the 1st Instant when the transfer of the whole District Post System as existing was handed over to your Department which had undertaken to pay the cost of 8 Post-office Establishments and two Short lines of runners from

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Ewode of effecting delivery would be most unsafe and tedious process. and one ill calculated to develop the District Post and bring the Rural delivery to the door of Every Ryot. The System that has worked remarkably well in other Districts and the one that I believe best suited to the Country, is the Imperial System of delivery and Collection of Correspondence which is the one about to be introduced into Cuttalore, with which all Post Office officials are perfectly Conversant.

I trust you will understand Circumstance as explained Canal the 4th and 5th Paras of your letter to Inspector of Cut Offices.

I have &c
Sd/ E. R. Bourke
Postmaster General

from that date and to manage all the other Postal Lines and Post-offices (the latter three in number) but not to pay for them -

2. In accordance with this arrangement all the Establishments at the 8 Post-offices taken over by your Department and the four District Post-delivery Peons who had been temporarily attached to the out & Imperial Post Offices in the District were dismissed and it then rested with your Department to renominate the old men or appoint new ones if required. What I do with the ~~District~~ Post-funds thus set free is not a matter on which I am bound to consult your Department. The method

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of expending these funds has been fully explained to the Revenue Board who have approved my suggestions. and my object is to secure the delivery of letters among Villages far away from Post-offices by the only method the funds at my disposal will admit of.

3. If hereafter I find that I want a dozen new Post-offices and lines of runners I will write to the Inspector to ask him to let me know what these will cost and he shall open and work the offices and lines and I will pay for them from District Post-funds till they pay well enough

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to induce your Department to relieve those Funds of the Charge and reap the profits from the said offices.

4. At present every Post-office has a circle of about 3 miles around it within which an Imperial delivery Peon has to deliver letters with the country outside that circle the Post-office has hitherto had little or nothing to do. and I propose to attach them to the Post-office Stations who shall go into those portions of the District and deliver and gather letters until correspondence becomes sufficiently developed to require the Establishment of fresh Post-offices when I will apply to your Department to Establish and work them

5. I have recently transferred to the Control

Control of your Department, the whole of an Existing System but I do not consider that on that account I am to be debarred from attempting to elaborate a rural Messenger Service from funds at my disposal. With all deference to you, I think that such elaboration can be better carried out by the Revenue Department than by the Postal. When it is so established, to my satisfaction as to meet at regular intervals all the wants of Rural portions of the district, I shall have no objection to hand it over in its entirety to your Control or to abolish it by degrees by substituting Post-offices and runners to be managed by you.

6. I Enclose two Specimens of the

books

Form VII. Memorandum Book

Of ——— Rural Messenger No ——— attached to the ——— Post-office.

Name of Village in which Letter Boxes are placed.	Date on which Each Letter Box was opened.	Detail of Covers found in Each Letter Box: Paid Letters	Paid News-papers	Unpaid Letters	Unpaid News-papers	Detail of Covers: Address in full on Each Cover.	Covers returned unbelivered: Paid Letters	Paid News-papers	Unpaid Letters	Unpaid News-papers	Postage due Rs	a	p.	Remarks stating Cause of Non-delivery of Each Cover.

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Form VII

Visit Book of the Rural Messenger, Denmark ——— No. —, attached to the ———
——— Post Office

Date on which the Rural Messenger leaves the Post Office.	Names of Villages to be Visited.	Detail of Covers made over for delivery in Each Village			Addresses in full on Registered Letters and Parcels	Date on which Each Village was Visited	Signature of Inhabitant or some respectable resident	Date on which the Rural Messenger returned to Post Office.	Remarks (if any) and Signature of the Postmaster or Deputy Postmaster.
		Paid	Unpaid	Postage due.					

Received (18/4) 1864.

No 14414.

Referred to the Board of Revenue

for their early remarks.

E. U.

9th Nov: 64.

From
The Postmaster
General, Dundee

No 1578
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Dated 17 } Sept No 6[illegible]
Recd 2 } November

No 14414. 9th November 1864

Forwards, per
orders, copies of cor-
respondence that
has passed between
the Coll. of S. Arcot,
the Inspector of Post
Offices, Cuddalore
Division, & himself
on the subject of
the contract for
delivery of Mails.

With Order

14 To the Board of Revenue with Papers
2. the Post Master General Dec 8th Nov

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