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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th July 1874.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 1st June 1874, No. 260 :—

In obedience to the orders of the Board, contained in their Proceedings of the 25th August 1873, No. 1,650, I wrote to the Postmaster-General on the 29th January last, pointing out to him that the District Post Lines in this district had been carefully arranged and revised by me in 1871, and that I had no further alterations to suggest; and asking him to suggest some means for improving the means of communication between the outlying villages in taluqs with the Cusbahs.

2. In reply, a report from the Inspector of Post Offices of this division was forwarded to me, suggesting as a remedy for the existing state of affairs, the establishment of eight additional delivery peons throughout the district and the abolition of five runners, and of the Huzur District Post Office, the total additional cost per mensem being 9 Rupees.

3. Subsequently, during the month of April last, I had the advantage of a personal conference with the Postmaster-General himself, and I then learnt for the first time, that the first step towards the transfer of the District Post of a district to the Imperial Post Office, is the appointment of a Sub-Inspector, whose duty it is to control and inspect the various lines of runners on all the postal lines in the district, and Major Bourke finally proposed to relieve me of the charge of eight District Post Offices in the district which paid their expenses, and of the cost of the line of runners between Manargudi and Chedambram, a distance of fifteen miles, and to establish at the cost of the Imperial Post Office a new line of runners from Villapuram to Punrutti *via* Arasur, a distance of about fifteen miles.

4. He declined, however, on the score of expense, to relieve the District Post Funds of the cost of the runners on the other lines between the Post Offices he proposed to take over. Thus

* *Vide* enclosed map.

he was willing to take charge of the District Post Offices* at Merkanam, Gingee, Trinamalay, Trikalore, Trivanellore, Kullakurchi,

Kuningipadi and Manargudi, leaving only three Post Offices, Chengam, Ellavanasoor, and Ulandurpett to be paid and supervised by the Revenue Department who were to continue to pay for the runners on all existing district lines as at present, except on that between Manargudi and Chedambram.

5. The financial result of these proposals will be, that while the District Post Budget will continue to bear the cost of the runners on all the undermentioned lines, viz. :—

	Miles.	Annual cost.
		RS.
From Chunampet <i>via</i> Merkanam to Tindivanam.	27	240
Do. Tindivanam to Gingee	48	420
Do. Gingee to Trinamalay	20	300
Do. Trinamalay to Chengam	20	180
Do. Trinamalay to Trikalore	25	300
Do. Trikalore to Trivanellore	27	300
Do. Trivanellore to Punrutti	15	120
Do. Punrutti to Ellavanasoor	14	120
Do. Ellavanasoor to Kullakurchi	26	360
Do. Ulandurpett to Virdachellam	38	360
Do. Virdachellam to Chedambram	10	120
Do. Kullakurchi to Tallavassai	20	180
Do. Virdachellam to Tittagudi		
Total		3,000

the Imperial Post Office will assume the cost of paying the runners on the two following lines, one of which, however, does not yet exist, viz. :—

	Miles.	Annual cost.
		RS.
From Manargudi to Chedambram	15	180
Do. Villapuram to Punrutti	15	180

and will relieve the District Post Office of the cost of the following establishments :—

		Rs.
At seven District Post Offices...	{ One Gumasta on ...	7
	{ One Delivery Peon on ...	5
		12 × 7 = 84
At one District Post Office ...	One Delivery Peon on ...	5 × 1 = 5
		89
At the Huzur Post Office ...	One Dist. Post Gumasta on ...	20 = 20
	Two Delivery Peons on ...	5 = 10
		30
		119
		12
		1,428

to which if the cost of the runners between Manargudi and Chedambram, viz., Rupees 180 be added, the total relief afforded to District Postal Funds by the transfer as proposed by the Postmaster-General will be Rupees 1,608 per annum, and in addition, the entire supervision of all the Tappal runners throughout the district will be transferred to the new Sub-Inspector of Post Offices, while the Revenue Department will simply retain the privilege of budgetting for their cost as at present, less Rupees 180, and transferring the money to the Sub-Inspector. Under these circumstances, I think it is a pity that the District Post Offices at Chengam, Ellavanasoor and Ulandurpett are not transferred also to the Imperial Department, as the Revenue Department would then have nothing more to do with the existing lines of post except paying for the runners, and the District Post Fund would be relieved to the further extent of Rupees 432, and as correspondence increased, as the Postmaster-General expects it will, the cost of these runners also might be borne by the Imperial Department.

6. The funds liberated by the transfers above indicated, I propose to expend on the employment of twenty-six additional Delivery Peons on 5 Rupees a-month in the eight taluqs of the district for distributing Gazettes and letters in outlying villages. If the three remaining District Post Offices be taken over by the Imperial Department as suggested by me, the number of additional Delivery Peons might be increased to thirty-four.

7. Before the transfer of the District Post is made to the Imperial Post Office, there is one condition which I trust will be most distinctly agreed to, and that is that none of the existing Post Offices shall be closed if it be found that they do not pay as well as was expected or re-transferred to the District authorities on that account.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch Map.

COMMUNICATED to the Postmaster-General for his remarks, with reference to his letter recorded in G. O., dated 11th May 1874, No. 578.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

C. C. Chetty
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General, with one sketch map, to be returned.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

.. to the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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report on proposed transfer of — to Imperial
Post, communicated to Postmaster-General, for
his remarks.

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