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No. 2,340.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st August 1874.

Read again G. O., dated 23rd July 1873, No. 770, recorded with Board's Proceedings, dated 25th August 1873, No. 1,650.

G. O., dated 11th May 1874, No. 578.

Board's Proceedings, dated 13th July 1874, No. 1,793.

Read also the following letters:—

From Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General of Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1874, No. 4,859-775.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 1,793, dated 13th July 1874, I have the honor to state that it would be impossible for me to give the guarantee suggested by the Collector of South Arcot in the concluding paragraph of his letter; all I can say is that if the offices pay, they will not be closed, and I see no reason to suppose their average receipts, which I believe have shown a profit for some considerable time, should deteriorate.

2. The Collector is in error in supposing that if the three remaining Post Offices of Changama, Ellavanassoor and Oolundoorpett were transferred to the Imperial Department, the Revenue Department would have nothing more to do with the existing lines of post except paying for the runners and "transferring the money to the Sub-Inspector."

3. It does not follow that if these District Post Offices were taken over by the Imperial Post, that the Collector should not utilize the funds thus set free by the establishment of other new District Post Offices, Lines or Delivery peons. As long as there is a District Post Grant to be apportioned, it rests solely with the Collector to determine the purpose to which he wishes it applied and the pay of all the District Post Establishments will still be disbursed by the Revenue Department.

4. With respect to the remaining portion of the scheme proposed by the Collector, it being almost identical to that determined upon between the Collector and myself in April last, when I visited Cuddalore, I believe it to be the best and most economical that can be proposed.

From the Postmaster-General, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th August 1874, No. 5406-775.

ABSTRACT.—Returns as requested sketch map of the South Arcot District.

In the first order quoted above the Board were authorized by Government to transfer the management of the District Post to the Postmaster-General after communication with the Collector and when the best distribution of the grant had been determined upon. The Collector was called upon to report, and his letter embodied in the Board's Proceedings quoted above, furnishes the required information with proposals for utilizing the funds liberated by the transfer.

2. The Postmaster-General now expresses approval of the scheme proposed by the Collector, but states that it would be impossible to give the guarantee as not closing or re-transferring existing Post Offices. The stipulation does not appear to be necessary or advisable, and the Collector should at once make arrangements for transferring to the Postmaster-General the lines and offices which the latter has agreed to take over.

3. It appears that the proposed method of utilizing the funds set free approved by the Postmaster-General, and under G. O., dated 8th May 1874, No. 51 communicated with Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 3,635, of 2nd June, the Collector is competent to carry out the re-arrangement so long as the expenditure sanctioned for the district is not exceeded. The saving effected, however, appears to amount to Rupees 119 per mensem which will not admit of the entertainment of twenty-six additional peons at Rupees 5 each per mensem.

( A true Copy and Extract.)

*[Signature]*  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

„ the Postmaster-General.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd: G. A. Terton.

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District Post of South Arcot.—Transfer of certain postal lines and offices of— which Postmaster-General has consented to take over directed.—Collector competent to carry out re-arrangement of establishment so long as expenditure sanctioned for district is not exceeded.