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No. 205. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1874, No. 1,807 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1874, No. 584, and 11th June 1874, No. 1,422.

Read also the following letters :—

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 8th June 1874, No. 303.

I HAVE the honor to submit the information called for in paragraphs 11 and 13 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 24th February last, No. 405.

2. All the buildings occupied for Government Offices being public buildings, no provision has been made in the Budget of the current official year under "Office Rent," Major head "10 Office Rent and Municipal Rates and Taxes."

3. The sum of Rs. 4,860 provided for the maintenance of the District Postal Establishment in the Budget of the current official year, was calculated with reference to the monthly cost of Establishment that existed in the month of August 1873, when the abovementioned Budget was framed. This provision is quite insufficient to meet the charges of the Postal Establishment as at present constituted. The circumstances which led to the extension of the operation of the District Post are detailed in my letter of the 23rd February last, No. 98, in which I requested sanction for the payment of the additional Establishment entertained in connection with the new experimental District Post Offices. In reply to that letter, the Board, in their Proceedings of the 14th March last, No. 584, requested me to report, when furnishing the information called for in the Proceedings quoted at the opening of this letter, how far this increased cost of the District Postal Establishment was provided for in the Budget of 1874-75. From what I have said above, the Board will observe that no provision whatever was made in the Budget for this increased charge, which was not anticipated by the Treasury Officer at the time the Budget was prepared. I beg, therefore, to reiterate my request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the early sanction of Government for the entertainment of the Establishment attached to the experimental District Post Offices. The cost of this additional Establishment amounts to Rupees 3,180 per annum, as stated in my letter above referred to. This amount and the provision already made in the Budget, added together, make a total of Rupees 8,040, which is the amount required for the maintenance of the District Post Offices in this district during the current year.

From the same Officer, dated Vellore, 27th June 1874, No. 346.

THE Accountant-General having retrenched the salaries paid to the establishment entertained on account of the Experimental District Post Offices opened in January last, and referred to in my letter to the Board of the 23rd February last, No. 98, and having peremptorily directed the recovery of the sums paid to the establishment, I have the honor to request, with reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 303, that as the matter is now under the consideration of the Board of Revenue, and as some time is likely to elapse before the sanction of Government can be obtained, the Board will be pleased to communicate with the Accountant-General in view to his withholding his retrenchment till such sanction is granted.

THE Collector of North Arcot having been directed in Board's Proceedings of the 23rd August 1873, No. 1,636, to utilize the District Postal grant, submitted certain proposals in his letter of the 23rd February 1874, No. 98, recorded in the first of the Board's Proceedings, quoted above, involving an increase of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 265 per mensem or Rupees 3,180 per annum.

2. The Collector was requested to report how far this increase was provided for in the Budget, the Board remarking that the provision for 1874-75 was Rupees 4,860, not Rupees

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7,000, a reduction having been made since the Board pointed out that the latter sum was the allotment for the North Arcot District.

3. In his letter of the 8th June, the Collector stated that the additional establishment was not contemplated at the time of the preparation of the Budget for 1874-75, and, therefore, no provision was made; that the cost of the establishment before revision was Rupees 4,860 and of the additional establishment Rupees 3,180, making a total of Rupees 8,040; and in his letter of the 27th June, he addressed the Board again, stating that the Accountant-General had retrenched the salaries of the establishment newly entertained and urging the Board to get the retrenchment removed.

4. The Board observe that these complications have arisen from the disregard of the plain orders of Government that no extra establishment shall be entertained without their sanction. As regards the District Postal Establishment in North Arcot, it appears that additions have recently been made without sanction on more than one occasion. In the Statement furnished by the Postmaster-General on 21st July 1873, recorded in G. O. dated 6th October 1873, No. 1,971, the cost of the North Arcot District Postal Establishment is entered as Rupees 3,300; whereas, in his letter of the 8th June, quoted above, the Collector states that the cost in the month of August 1873 was Rupees 4,860, so that there must have been an increase of establishment without sanction about this time. The Board noticed this variation at paragraph 13 of their Proceedings dated 24th February 1874, No. 405, when reviewing the Budget estimates for the current year. It now appears that the cost of the establishment has again been increased to Rupees 8,040 without sanction.

5. From the scheme furnished by the Postmaster-General, with his letter of the 17th May, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th June last, No. 1,422, it would appear that a further re-organization is contemplated, as the total cost of the establishment proposed for North Arcot is given at Rupees 7,500. The Board in disposing of the Postmaster-General's communication, declined to submit schemes for the sanction of Government until they were furnished with information as to the existing scale of establishment and the nature of the changes proposed, and the Collectors concerned were instructed to furnish Tabular Statements showing the existing and proposed establishments with a brief summary of the extensions recommended. As regards North Arcot, the only information the Board have before them is contained in the Collector's letter of

the 23rd February 1874, from which it appears that it has been arranged in communication with the Postmaster-General to open new experimental District Post Offices at ten stations, the establishment for each being specified in an enclosure to that letter. Details of the establishment as it existed before the revision have not yet been furnished. The Collector will expedite the transmission of the statement called for.

6. Meanwhile, as the Board have no objections to advance against the additions already carried into effect, and as the Accountant-General has retrenched the salaries of the extra establishment, the Board resolve to request Government to accord their sanction to the increased cost involved in the re-arrangement, viz. Rupees 8,040, with retrospective effect from the date of its being brought into operation. The Board have already pointed out in their Proceedings, disposed of by G. O. of the 18th June 1874, No. 725, that the cost of these revised schemes cannot be met from the Budget allotment for the current year, and that a special provision of funds must be made.

No. 405

Ordered in Council, 24th July 1874, No. 924

Miscellaneous

8th July 1874, No. 1,135, if the aggregate cost of the revisions of the District Post Establish-

The Board of Revenue will be requested to report with reference to paragraph 2 of the G. O. in the Financial Department dated

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ments, inclusive of the recommendations made in these Proceedings is within the assignment transferred from Imperial to Provincial Services.

(True Extract)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Ed. G. A. Thorton

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras -

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras -

Financial Dept. Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 14 dated 2nd April 1874. I am directed to enquire whether the Government of Madras considers the Laccadive Islands and the British Indian as the same as mentioned in section III, Act No. 1863, & whether the status of the Maldive Islands is the same as that of the Maldive Group.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Fort William
The 4th July 1874

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Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1874, No. 684, and 11th June 1874, No. 1,422.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palamunair, 8th June 1874, No. 303.

2. All the buildings occupied for Government Offices being public buildings, no provision has been made in the Budget of the current official year under "Office Rent," Major head "10 Office Rent and Municipal Rates and Taxes."

3. The sum of Rs. 4,860 provided for the maintenance of the District Postal Establishment in the Budget of the current official year, was calculated with reference to the monthly cost of Establishment that existed in the month of August 1873, when the abovementioned Budget was framed. This provision is quite insufficient to meet the charges of the Postal Establishment as at present constituted. The circumstances which led to the extension of the operation of the District Post are detailed in my letter of the 23rd February last, No. 98, in which I requested sanction for the payment of the additional Establishment entertained in connection with the new experimental District Post Office. In reply to that letter the Board, in their Proceedings of the 14th March last, No. 584, requested me to report, when furnishing the information called for in the Proceedings quoted at the opening of this letter, how far this increased cost of the District Postal Establishment was provided for in the Budget of 1874-75. From what I have said above, the Board will observe that no provision whatever was made in the Budget for this increased charge, which was not anticipated by the Treasury Officer at the time the Budget was prepared. I beg, therefore, to reiterate my request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the early sanction of Government for the entertainment of the Establishment attached to the experimental District Post Office. The cost of this additional Establishment amounts to Rupees 3,180 per annum, as stated in my letter above referred to. This amount and the provision already made in the Budget, added together, make a total of Rupees 8,040, which is the amount required for the maintenance of the District Post Office in this district during the current year.

From the same Officer, dated Vellore, 27th June 1874. No. 346

The Accountant-General having retrenched the salaries paid to the establishment entertained on account of the Experimental District Post Offices opened in January last, and referred to in my letter to the Board of the 23rd February last, No. 58, and having peremptorily directed the recovery of the sums paid to the establishment, I have the honor to request, with reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 303, that as the matter is now under the consideration of the Board

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of Revenue, and as some time is likely to elapse before the sanction of Government can be obtained, the Board will be pleased to communicate with the Accountant-General, in view to his withholding his retrenchment till such sanction is granted.

Tax Collector of North Arcot having been directed in Board's Proceedings of the 23rd August 1873, No. 1,656, to utilize the District Postal grant, submitted certain proposals in his letter of the 23rd February 1874, No. 98, recorded in the first of the Board's Proceedings, quoted above, involving an increase of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 265 per mensem or Rupees 3,180 per annum.

2. The Collector was requested to report how far this increase was provided for in the Budget, the Board remarking that the provision for 1874-75 was Rupees 4,860, not Rupees 7,000, a reduction having been made since the Board pointed out that the latter sum was the allotment for the North Arcot District.

3. In the letter of the 3rd June, the Collector stated that the additional establishment was not contemplated at the time of the preparation of the Budget for 1874-75, and, therefore, no provision was made; that the cost of the establishment before revision was Rupees 4,860 and of the additional establishment Rupees 3,180, making a total of Rupees 8,040; and in his letter of the 27th June, he addressed the Board again, stating that the Accountant-General had retrenched the salaries of the establishment newly entertained and urging the Board to get the retrenchment removed.

4. The Board observe that these complications have arisen from the disregard of the plain orders of Government that no extra establishment shall be entertained without their sanction. As regards the District Postal Establishment in North Arcot, it appears that additions have recently been made without sanction on more than one occasion. In the Statements furnished by the Postmaster-General on 21st July 1873, recorded in G. O. dated 15th October 1873, No. 1,471, the cost of the North Arcot District Postal Establishment is entered as Rupees 2,800; whereas, in his letter of the 8th June, quoted above, the Collector states that the cost in the month of August 1873 was Rupees 4,860, so that there must have been an increase of establishment without sanction at this time. The Board noticed this violation of paragraph 13 of their Proceedings, dated 21st February 1874, No. 105, when reviewing the Budget estimates for the current year. It now appears that the cost of the establishment has again been increased to Rupees 4,860 without sanction.

5. From the scheme furnished by the Postmaster-General with his letter of the 17th May, referred to in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th June last, No. 1,422, it would appear that a further increase was contemplated, so the total cost of the establishment proposed for North Arcot is now Rupees 7,320. The Board in response of the Postmaster-General's communication, retained to submit schemes for the sanction of Government until they were furnished with information as to the existing state of establishment and the nature of the changes proposed, and the Collector concerned were directed to furnish similar Statements showing the existing and proposed establishments with a summary of the extensions recommended. As regards North Arcot, the only information the Board have before them is contained in the Collector's letter of the 23rd February 1874, from which it appears

that it has been arranged in communication with the Postmaster-General to open new experimental District Post Offices at ten stations; the establishment for each being specified in an enclosure to that letter. Details of the establishment required for the proposed experiment have not yet been furnished. The Collector will expedite the transmission of the statement called for.

6. Meanwhile, as the Board have no objection to advance against the additions already entertained, and as the Accountant-General has retrenched the salaries of the extra establishment, the Board cannot but request Government to accord their sanction to the increased expenditure in these arrangements, viz., Rupees 4,860, with retrospective effect from the 1st

of its being brought into operation. The Board have already pointed out in their Proceedings, disposed of by G. O. of the 18th June 1874, No. 748, that the cost of these revised schemes cannot be met from the Budget allotment for the current year, and that a special provision of funds must be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Chatterjee
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

