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No. 236. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th May 1874, No. 605 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1874, No. 1,001 :—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1874, No. 81:—

I HAVE the honour to submit my proposals for the utilization of the Postal grant of this district, which has been prepared in consultation with the Postal authorities and divisional officers.

Board's Proceedings, dated 25th August 1873, No. 1,650.

2. I would not advocate the opening of any fresh lines for the present, excepting one from Oossoor to Shulagherry, and that only as a tentative measure. No other has been suggested by the officers concerned.

3. The chief want of the district is the means of distributing letters from existing centres, and, though my scheme provides to a very great extent for this, it is the result of considerable paring of the proposals upon which it is based.

4. I enclose a list showing the additional Peons required, as well as those stations where there are none, and men must be employed for the first time. At Harur two Letter Peons are necessary. There is no main village at which a Post Office or letter-box can be opened, and all the work of distribution must be done from the cusbah.

5. The Acting Sub-Collector proposes a Runner to carry a bag-mail between Shulagherry and Oossoor on Rupees 6-8-0 a-month. The distance is 14 miles, and the man would go out one day and come back the next. I think that the experiment might be tried, and that, in consideration of the work to be done, the Runner should be paid a salary higher than usual.

6. The Inspecting Postmaster suggests an extra Runner on the line from Salem to Razipur. This line is 16 miles in length, and there are but two Runners at present. As the mail is a daily one, each man has to travel 16 miles a-day, which is a great deal too much. I have accordingly provided for the extra Runner.

7. I consider another Runner advisable on the Uttengherry and Harur line. At present, though Harur is only 8 miles from the rail and Uttengherry only 5, it takes some two days for a letter from Salem to reach the former place. I have laid before the Postmaster-General a scheme for remedying this defect, which involves an addition of one man to the existing number of Runners; but even if my plan is found to be impracticable there must be another Runner employed upon the line between Uttengherry and Harur which is 15 miles long, and has at present only two men.

8. The proposal now made will absorb Rupees 1,338 out of the balance of Rupees 1,414, leaving Rupees 76 unexpended.

9. With regard to this balance, the Inspecting Postmaster of the 9th Division has written to me stating that the Postmaster-General wishes that provision should be made for providing District Post Offices with "suitable tables, banghy chests, letter-boxes, and sign-boards, 'Post Office,'" and it can, therefore, as far as it will go, be devoted to that purpose.

10. I observe from the statement appended to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings under reply that the annual cost of the Postal arrangements of the district is stated to be Rupees 2,556. From the Postal Pay Bill for the month of January 1874, it would appear to be Rupees 2,916, which would leave only Rupees 1,054 to be utilized. I have reduced everything as much as I can, and if the sum now mentioned is all that I am to calculate for, I would suggest that a transfer of any Surplus Funds that may exist in other districts should be made to this :—

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement shewing the additional Letter Peons and Runners required in Salem District.

Names of the Stations.	Number required in addition to the existing.		Number required for the first time.		Number of additional Runners required.			Total Cost of the proposed Establishment per Month.	Total Cost of the proposed Establishment per Annum.
	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Name of the Line.	Number of Runners.	Monthly Pay.		
		Rs.		Rs.			Rs.		
1. Salem	1	5	...	...	1. Razepur to Salem ...	1	5		
2. Razepur	1	5	...	...	2. Utengherry to Harur	1	5		
3. Yerkad	1	5	...	...	3. Oossoor to Shulagherry	1	6¼		
4. Abiur	1	5	...	...	.....				
5. Namkul	1	5	...	...	.....				
6. Paramuthi	...	...	1	5	.....				
7. Trichengode ...	1	5	...	...	.....				
8. Senkerrydrog ...	1	5	...	...	.....				
9. Harur	...	...	2	10	.....				
10. Vaniambadi ...	1	5	...	...	.....				
11. Motur	...	...	1	5	.....				
12. Kristnagherry...	1	5	...	...	.....				
13. Palkode	1	5	...	...	.....				
14. Oossoor	1	5	...	...	.....				
15. Kaverypatnum.	...	...	1	5	.....				
16. Denketicottah...	1	5	...	...	.....				
17. Pennagaram ...	1	5	...	...	.....				
18. Karemungalum..	...	...	1	5	.....				
Total...	13	65	6	30	.....	3	16¼	111¼	1,338

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

SALEM,
12th March 1874.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th May 1874.

THE above letter contains the Collector's proposals for the utilization of the Postal grant of the district submitted with reference to G. O., dated 23rd July 1873, No. 770, and Board's Proceedings, dated 25th August 1873, No. 1,650.

2. The scheme is framed with a view to improving the means of distribution from existing centres, and mainly consists in the entertainment of nineteen additional Letter Peons at a cost of Rupees 95 monthly, five new stations being added to the list.

3. The only new line which it is proposed to establish is from Oossoor to Shulagherry, a distance of 14 miles. An additional Runner is also provided for the lines from Salem to Razipore and Uttengherry to Harur.

4. These proposals involve an increased expenditure, amounting to Rupees 1,338, but the Collector is in error in supposing that he has a balance of Rupees 1,414 to utilize. The present annual cost of the Salem District Postal Establishment is Rupees 2,916, whilst the budget grant for 1874-75 is but Rupees 3,000, leaving a balance of Rupees 84 available to meet the increased expenditure, and not Rupees 1,054 which was calculated with reference to the budget grant for 1873-74.

5. The Board resolve, however, to submit the Collector's recommendations to Government for sanction should funds be available for the purpose.

THE Collector's proposals are approved and sanctioned.

2. Orders regarding the provision of funds will be issued in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary,
for *Acting Secretary to Government.*

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1874, No. 902.

The additional grant required for the extra postal establishment sanctioned for the Salem District is Rupees 1,338. Deducting Rupees 84, available from the current year's budget allotment, the balance, Rupees 1,254, will be met from Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

By the dak Chaprassy
for Acting Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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