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June 1875, No. 1,673:—
Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of
Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, dated Rumbah, 14th May 1875, No. 341-S:—

Cost of the existing District Post establishment as reorganised and sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, 10th October 1872, No. 1,994, exclusive of the rural messengers already employed at Chetterspore and Chicacole, and who have been included in the new scheme	121 per mensem.
Pay of twenty-five rural messengers (exclusive of the one now maintained by the Regular Postal Department) at Rupees 6 each, according to the scheme submitted with my letter of the 5th May 1874, No. 1,189, recorded in Board's Proceedings of the 11th July 1874, No. 1,773	150 do.
	274 do.
	or 3,288 per annum.

Add Saderward and Contingencies, House-rent, &c., (vide Board's Proceedings of the 16th July 1873, No. 1,293) ...	22	do.
Total...	3,310	do.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

3. Provision has been made in the current year's budget to meet the increased expenditure, and the sanction of Government is accordingly requested for the additional establishment proposed.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1875.*

No. 150.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1875, No. 1,057.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Postmaster-General.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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No. 1,673.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th June 1875.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rumbah, 14th May 1875, No. 341-B. :-

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings of the 9th ultimo, No. 876, I have the honor to invite their attention to my letter of the 8th August 1874, No. 577, in reply to their Proceedings of the 11th July 1874, No. 1,773, and to request that the Board will be pleased to make the following allotment of funds for this district to enable me to give effect to the scheme for the employment of rural messengers :-

Cost of the existing District Post establishment as reorganized and sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, 10th October 1872, No. 1,994, exclusive of the rural messengers already employed at Chatterpore and Chicacole, and who have been included in the new scheme	Rs. 124 per mensem.
Pay of twenty-five rural messengers (exclusive of the one now maintained by the Regular Postal Department) at Rupees 6 each, according to the scheme submitted with my letter of the 5th May 1874, No. 1,189, recorded in Board's Proceedings of the 11th July 1874, No. 1,773	150 do.
	274 do.
	or 3,288 per annum.
Add Saderward and Contingencies, House-rent, &c. (vide Board's Proceedings of the 10th July 1873, No. 1,298)	22 do.
Total	3,310 do.

2. The provision, viz., Rupees 1,608, made in the budget, which has not yet been sanctioned, was merely for the existing establishment; but I request that the Board will be pleased to increase it to Rupees 3,310, as shown above.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. The present cost of the District Postal establishment is Rupees 134 per mensem, or Rupees 1,608 per annum. The Collector proposes to entertain twenty-three additional delivery peons and has provided Rupees 22 for Contingencies, thereby raising the cost to Rupees 3,310 per annum.

3. Provision has been made in the current year's budget to meet the increased expenditure, and the sanction of Government is accordingly requested for the additional establishment proposed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Calcutta
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copies of Board's Proceedings, dated 11th July 1874, No. 1,773,
and 14th September 1874, No. 2,594.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.
.. to the Postmaster-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

26 July 1875 No. 1545
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.	
Dated July, 1874.	
Recd.	
G. O. 13th July 1875, No. 1,567.	
JULY.	
Nos. 149-150.	
Ganjam District Postal Establishment. - Sanctioning increase of the present cost of the - from Rs. 1,608 per annum to Rs. 3,310.	

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No. 1,773.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th July 1874.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 5th May 1874, No. 1,189:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit, for the approval of the Board, a scheme for the employment of rural messengers in this district.

No. 1,394, dated 10th October 1872.
" 1,232, " 9th July, 1873.
" 1,299, " 16th July "

2. My suggestion is, as the Board will observe, to employ twenty-six rural messengers including the three already employed, viz:—

One on Rupees 5 at Chatterpore maintained by the Revenue Department.

One on Rupees 5 at Chicacole do. do.

One on Rupees 10 at do. maintained by the Postal Department.

3. The Postmaster-General to whom the accompanying scheme was forwarded through the Inspector of Post Offices of the district, for his consideration and remarks, expresses it as his opinion that the entertainment of more rural messengers is probably the best mode possible of utilizing the district post grant; and I quite agree with him, but he has entered into no details.

4. According to the rules relating to rural messengers contained in the Post Office Manual, and which will of course be made applicable to those proposed, the beat of each rural messenger should be fixed, and the details arranged by the Inspector of Post Offices of the Division. To facilitate matters, however, the proposed circle of each rural messenger's beat was sketched in the accompanying scheme in my office: the Postmaster-General was asked to suggest any modifications which he might think necessary; and, as he has made no suggestion or alteration, I presume that the scheme has met with his approval.

5. The Postmaster-General, however, prefers to call these men "delivery peons" instead of "rural messengers" as suggested by the Board; but by whatever designation they may be known, their duty will consist of carrying and delivering letters, etc., from, and collecting and bringing letters, etc., to the Post Office.

6. It was originally proposed to fix the pay of each messenger at Rupees 7 per mensem. The Postmaster-General, however, considers this rate to be too high, and thinks Rupees 5 per mensem is quite sufficient; but, considering the nature of the service that will be required of them, and that they ought to possess some rudimentary knowledge of letters, I think that their pay ought not to be less than Rupees 6 per mensem; and I have accordingly put down Rupees 6 as each man's pay.

7. The present scheme will, I think, do well as a commencement. If after some experience it is found necessary to make any modifications and additions, it will then be time enough to do so. There is also some money of the district post grant still unapplied as shown below, and it will be available either for the entertainment of additional messengers, when it may be necessary to employ them, or for any other purpose.

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5. The Financial Secy
6. The Postmaster General
2. The Board of Revenue

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 18th June 1875, No. 1,673.

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Received 30. June

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JUNE
No. 1,673.

District Postal Establishment—of Ganjam
—Letter from Collector requesting that the present cost, viz., Rupees 1,608 per annum, of may be increased to Rupees 3,310 with a view to entertain certain additional delivery peons and to provide for contingencies, submitted to Government, and sanction requested for the proposed additional establishment.

Approved by the Board of Revenue

24th June 1875

26 July 1875

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	Per month. Rs.
Amount available for the employment of rural messengers ...	246
Cost of District Post Establishment before the reorganization sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, 10th October 1872, No. 1,994 ...	380
Do. of the existing District Post Establishment as reorganized, vide Board's Proceedings above quoted ...	134
Expenditure to be newly incurred on account of the employment of rural messengers as now proposed ...	136
Pay of twenty-six rural messengers proposed at Rupees 6 per month ...	156
Deduct the pay of the two rural messengers of the Revenue Department already employed at Chetterpore and Chicacole on Rupees 5 each, and of the Post Department Messenger at Chicacole on Rupees 10 ...	20

Amount still left unutilized... 110

8. The scheme will, of course, have to be worked out in its detail by the Postal Department.

9. I enclose copy of the Postmaster-General's letter on the subject (No. 212, dated 7th instant).

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated Madras, 7th April 1874, No. 212.

REFERRING to your No. 539, of 12th February, received on 23rd March. It appears to me that the entertainment of more rural messengers is probably the best mode possible of utilizing the district post grant. I should, however, be inclined to call those men delivery peons, and not rural messengers, and unless you find that you cannot get men intelligent enough to do the work for 5 Rupees a month, their present pay, I see no reason for raising it; 5 Rupees being the pay of delivery peon employed in most districts throughout the Presidency.

2. It is true that rural messengers on the Imperial Establishment received higher pay, but I am of opinion that the rate is unnecessarily high, and, unless in any exceptionable localities, pure waste of money, as I have found that the work can be done equally well at lower rates.

(True Copy)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Collector.

With the above letter the Collector submits a scheme for the employment of twenty-six rural messengers at an additional cost of Rupees 136 per mensem. The existing establishment costs Rupees 134 per mensem, or Rupees 1,608 per annum; the budget allotment for the current year for Ganjam being only Rupees 1,623, including Rupees 15 for Saderward, there is no margin from which provision can be made for an increase of establishment; and schemes for extensions of postal communication having already been submitted from several other districts, there is no probability of the amount required being met from General Savings.

2. At the time that the Board remarked, at paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 16th July 1873, No. 1,298, on the non-utilization of the whole of the grant,

the budget allotment for Ganjam stood at Rupees 4,115; for the current year, it has been reduced to Rupees 1,623. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings above quoted, the Collector has not furnished the statement required with a view to the transfer of funds from Establishment to Saderward; the allotment therefore remains unaltered.

3. It appears from paragraph 8 of the Collector's letter, that the scheme submitted has not been matured, and that the Collector is under the impression that it must be worked out in detail by the Postal Department. The district post, however, is under the Collector, and it is for him to arrange the details in communication with the postal authorities. When a scheme has been matured, it should be submitted for the Board's approval, when funds will be provided in the Budget for 1875-76.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Copy to the Postmaster-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 2,594.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th September 1874.
Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam,
to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp
Chikati, 8th August 1874, No. 577:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 11th ultimo, No. 1,773, I
have the honor to request that the scheme for the employment of rural Messen-
gers in this district, submitted with my letter of the 5th May last, No. 1,189,
recorded in the Board's Proceedings under reply, may be considered as matured
for the present, and that I may be permitted to give effect to it; in which case
the requisite provision of funds will have to be made in the next Budget.

2. As I said in paragraph 7 of my letter above quoted, any modifications
which experience may suggest can be made hereafter.

3. Referring to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings under reply, I beg to
observe that though the details for the working of the scheme can be arranged by
me, yet the actual working of most of the rural messengers will have to be super-
vised by the Postal Department, inasmuch as they will be attached to regular
Post Offices with which the Revenue Department has no connection.

The Collector has already been informed that no funds are available to meet
the extra expenditure entailed by the proposed scheme, and he cannot be permitted
to carry it into effect in anticipation of a provision of funds, which he apparently
proposes to do.

2. The requisite provision of funds should be made in next year's Budget,
when the sanction of Government for the increase of establishment will be
requested.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Ganjam.
Copy to the Postmaster General.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 11th July 1874, No. 1,773.

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JULY.
No. 1,773.

Rural Messengers, Additional—in Ganjam
District.—Remarks passed on Collector's scheme
for employment of—at an additional cost of
Rupees 135 per mensem. As soon as a scheme
has been matured, Collector to submit it for
approval, when funds will be provided in
Budget of 1875-76.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,594

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,594.

Rural Messengers, Additional—in Ganjam District.—Collector not permitted to carry out proposed scheme for employment of — at an additional cost of Rupees 136 per mensem, in anticipation of a provision of funds. Required provision of funds should be made in next year's Budget, when sanction of Government for the increase of establishment will be requested.