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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th September 1875.*

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Mangalageri	7
Datchepalli	7
Narsarowpet	7
Gudiyada	7
Pamaru	7
Krooor	7
Nandigama	7
Jaggiapett	7
Bezwada	10
Vinukonda	7
Total ...	97

4. Comparing the cost of sanctioned establishment with that actually employed, it will be seen that there is a saving of Rupees 97 a-month in the pay of the Gumastahs that were allotted to the marginally noted places, where regular Post Offices have been opened.

5. Again, if the management is transferred to the Postmaster-General, the Huzur establishment of a clerk on Rupees 20 and a runner on Rupees 5 can be dispensed with.

6. The savings that I have to re-allot amount then to Rupees 20 + 97 + 25 = 142, and I would distribute them as follows:—

(a.) A new line between Vinukonda and Karempudi. This is very necessary as the communication between Datchepalli and Vinukonda stops at Karempudi, and the Deputy-Collector is obliged to use taluq peons to carry his letters. The six runners necessary will cost Rupees 30 a-month.

(b.) I propose an extra runner on the Bezwada and Tirvoor line, cost Rs. 5. The distance is forty-eight miles, and there are nine runners, but the road is jungly and difficult, and I want to shorten the stages.

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7. These changes will absorb Rupees 82 out of the savings, leaving 60 Rupees to be allowed to distributing peons and rural messengers. Of these now called peons, I have thirty-one costing Rupees 155 a-month. Adding the two together, I have Rupees 215 a-month, which could be redistributed as follows: I can entertain forty-three men at 5 Rupees a-month each. Allowing a rural messenger to each Post Office will absorb thirty. Guntoor being a large taluq will require one extra man; also Gudivada one, Narsarowpetta two, Palnad one, Sattenapalli two, Nandigama one, Bezwada one, Vinukonda one, Nuzvid two, Vissannapett one.

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21. It is proposed to set these rural messengers to work in the following manner: Each of these will have his group of villages separately marked out for him, and he required to visit them punctually once a week. He will be provided with a box, the key of the lock being with the Deputy Postmaster for receiving the covers which the people may entrust to him, and a bag to convey all letters received for distribution. Those letters which it may not be possible for him to distribute, owing to the absence of the parties from the villages and such other causes, will be handed over to the Curnams. The fixed week days on which they may post and receive their letters being thus definitely known to the people, I expect the arrangement to prove convenient both to them and the rural messengers. No doubt the number of these messengers will have to be greatly multiplied as the village correspondence develops itself, but I think this scheme will suffice for the present.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1875, No. 1,327.

Miscellaneous.

THE transfer of the District Post to the Postmaster-General is authorized as recommended.

2. The proposals for the distribution of the grant, as detailed by the Collector and the Board, are approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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2nd.—The addition of a runner to each of the following lines:—

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Dated September, 4th.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 53-54.

Kistna District Post.—Authorizing the transfer of the — to the Postmaster-General, and sanctioning the proposals for the distribution of the grant as detailed by the Collector and the Board.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

with four enclosures, to be returned.

the Collector of the Kistna District.

Copy to the Postmaster-General.

Exd, W. J. Lewis.

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4 Sept/75

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1875.

PROCEEDINGS, 23RD JULY 1875, No. 2,051.

Copy to Collector

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Received

16th July 75

JULY.

No. 2,051.

Postal.—Letter from Collector of Kistna submitting proposals for utilizing savings which will be available by transfer of certain District Post Offices to Imperial Department, submitted to Government with remarks.—Collector to report further regarding provision of letter boxes, bags, &c., in existing District Post Offices.

Cholera 4th Sept 1875