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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
2nd March 1875.*

**Post Offices.**

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1875, No. 359 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 16th December 1874, No. 679 :—

IN their Order in the Financial Department, dated 9th October last, No. 1,709, the Government consider the objections raised by the Postmaster-General to the occupation of the room provided in the new Taluq Cutcherry at Namcul in the Salem District for a Post Office to be valid, and direct that in future where a Post Office already exists a room need not be added to the Taluq Cutcherry for the purpose.

2. With reference to these orders, I have the honor to request specific instructions on the subject, as new Taluq and Deputy Tahsildars' Cutcheries are now Arcot, Venkatagherrikota, Coopam, and in course of construction in this district Kalastri. in the places marginally noted, and one Taluq Cutcherry, viz., that at Gudiattam, has been already completed, and has just been handed over to the Revenue Department. In this new building a room has been provided for a Post Office, but it has not yet been occupied.

3. There are Post Offices existing in all the head-quarter stations of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars (with one exception, viz., Puttur,) in this district.

At the stations noted in the margin the Post Offices are located in Government buildings, while at all other stations buildings are rented for the purpose.

4. The District Engineer now asks me whether, under the orders in question, I still consider it necessary that provision should be made in the new Cutcheries for Post Offices.

5. A reference having been made to the Inspecting Postmaster on the subject, that officer has forwarded to me a plan, as laid down by the Director-General, of two classes of buildings, showing the amount of accommodation which the majority of the offices alluded to require. He is of opinion that Palmanair, Gudiattam, and Wallajah should each have a building of "Class VI.," and all the others of "Class VII." He does not, however, include Chittoor, Vellore, and Arnee in this category, and says that the first-named would require a larger building than "Class VI.," and thinks the accommodation afforded at Vellore and Arnee to be sufficient.

6. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain definite instructions from Government as to whether provision should be made for Post Offices in the new Cutcheries in course of construction in this district.

7. I would respectfully invite attention to the fact that, when the Post Office is located in the same building where the Postmaster resides, the opportunities for tampering with letters or packets, or for committing any similar irregularities, will be always far greater than when the office is in the Taluq Cutcherry and the Postmaster resides at a little distance. If it is absolutely necessary that house-

accommodation should be provided for Postmasters by Government, I would beg to suggest that a suitable house or hut should be erected in convenient proximity to each Cutcherry, and that the postal duties should invariably be performed in a room provided for the purpose in the Cutcherry. I believe that, if this were done, postal frauds and irregularities would be greatly reduced in number. I attach great importance to the Post Office being closed for the night, and no access permitted except in regular office-hours. Of course, when the office is in his private house, a fraudulent Postmaster has every night the amplest opportunity for tampering with the mails.

In this letter the Collector requests directions as to whether (in view of the Order of Government, dated 9th October 1874, No. 1,709,) accommodation for the Post Office should be provided in the new Cutcheries now being erected in his district.

2. The Collector reports that Post Offices exist in all the head-quarter stations of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in the district (with one exception), and in these cases the wording of the Government Order leaves no room for doubt, as it is ruled that "where a Post Office already exists, a room need not be added to the Taluq Cutcherry for the purpose."

3. When, however, new Cutcheries are erected in places where no Post Office exists, the case is different, and the Board, therefore, resolve to submit the Collector's letter for the orders of Government.

4. It will be seen from paragraph 7 of his letter that Mr. Whiteside is strongly of opinion that the Post Office should form part of the Cutcherry building, and that the Postmaster should not reside in the building where his office is.

5. The Board, however, agree with the view taken by Government in their Order above referred to.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
*Acting Secretary.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1875, No. 470.

The Board of Revenue having upheld the view taken by Government in their Order, dated the 9th October 1874, No. 1709, all that is necessary now is to intimate that provision need not be made in future in Taluq Cutcheries for a Post Office.

2. It will be considered by the Board of Revenue how the space allotted for the purpose can be best utilized.

(True Extract.)

To the Board of Revenue.

.. Revenue Department.

.. Public Works Department.

.. Postmaster-General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

*Chief Secretary.*

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G.O. 2nd March 1875, No. 470.

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Post Office.—The Board of Revenue informed that provision need not be made in future in Tally Outchamps for a Post Office, and requested to state how the space allotted for the purpose can be best utilized.

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