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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1877

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Proceedings of the Board, dated 31st March 1876, No 892

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(A true Copy and Extract)
(Signed) C A GALTON,
Acting Sub Secretary

No. 298 Order thereon, 15th January 1877, No 134

Miscellaneous

The utilisation of the full district grant is sanctioned as proposed by the Board in paragraph 2

(True Extract)
(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
„ the Financial Department
„ the Accountant General

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No 892

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st March 1876

Read the following papers —

From H G TURNER, Esq, Acting Postmaster General to C A GALTON, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 18th March 1876, No 12,843 4,557

In reply to the Proceedings of the Revenue Board, dated 10th March 1876, I have the honor to state that I am not just now in a position to furnish an accurate statement of the articles of plant required for fully carrying out the scheme for extending postal communication to the rural parts of the taluqs of the Madras Presidency

2 Arrangements are in progress for the scheme being set on foot in its entirety, as a tentative measure, in one taluq in each district under Imperial management In a few districts arrangements have already been made to provide the necessary articles of plant, and, from reports received from the Inspectors, it appears that about Rupees 4,500 has been or is about to be drawn from the estimated lapsing balance now understood to be not Rupees 12,000 but about Rupees 10,000 The present applications to the Board from the Collectors of Coimbatore, Tanjore, and other districts appear to refer to the expenditure of this sum of Rupees 4,500 I enclose a Statement A showing districts in which steps are in progress to spend this amount, and requ[illegible] Board will intimate their sanction for this amount direct to the several Collectors

3 As regards the remaining balance of about Rupees 5,000, it is proposed to lay out Rupees 4,261 8 0 of this sum also in articles of plant as shown in the accompanying Statement B The prices at which the articles are rated are probable prices I have not been able to get the exact rates from the Public Works Workshop, Madras

4 The work will be more conveniently done by that agency, and, if the Board agree to this, I beg that they will enter into the necessary arrangements for making over the above sum, through the Accountant General, for adjustment with the Superintendent of the Workshops If it be found that any hindrance is likely to arise to this measure, I would propose that the Board commit the execution of this work to me, and I will give it out to a respectable firm

5 In the latter case, I request that the Board will send me a cheque for the money

6 With respect to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings under reply I beg to state that, under a misapprehension, Inspectors were instructed to obtain the lapsing balance for defraying the cost of extra establishment proposed during the current month and for plant for giving immediate effect to the proposed scheme, but they have since been informed that the lapsing balance, although available up to 31st instant for contingencies, is not available for payment of establishment employed after 29th February 1876

7 I request the favor of early orders being passed on this letter

ENCLOSURE No 1

A

Statement showing the probable Amounts actually drawn or proposed to be drawn in March 1876 to be specially expended upon Articles required by the District Post, such as Letter Boxes, District Post Peons' Bags, Huts, &c in the following Districts —

District	Amount			District	Amount		
	Rs	A	P		Rs	A	P
Godavery	116	0	0	Madura*	250	0	0
Kistna	173	0	0	Tinnevelly	33	0	0
Nellore	237	8	0	Coimbatore	711	14	0
Bellary*	250	0	0	Salem	865	10	6
Chingleput	220	0	0	South Canara*	250	0	0
North Arcot	483	8	0	Malabar*	250	0	0
South Arcot	282	8	3				
Tanjore	285	7	2	Total	4,496	7	11
Trichinopoly	388	0	0				

* No information received of applications, but these amounts are assumed as likely to be required and applied for hereafter

ENCLOSURE No 2

B

Statement showing Articles of Plant estimated to be necessary for the proposed District Post Scheme and their probable cost if made in the Public Works Workshops, Madras

	For District Post Peons.									
	Portable Letter Boxes			Badges			Belts.			Total
	No.	Cost at Rs. 3 each.		No	Cost at Re 1 each		No.	Cost at As. 8 each		
		Rs	A P		Rs	A P		Rs.	A P	Rs A P
Ganjam	57	171	0 0	57	57	0 0	57	28	8 0	256 8 0
Vizagapatam	153	459	0 0	153	153	0 0	153	76	8 0	688 8 0
Godavery	15	45	0 0	15	15	0 0	15	7	8 0	67 8 0
Kistna	49	147	0 0	49	49	0 0	49	24	8 0	220 8 0
Nellore	33	99	0 0	33	33	0 0	33	16	8 0	148 8 0
Cuddapah	76	228	0 0	76	76	0 0	76	38	0 0	342 0 0
Bellary	74	222	0 0	74	74	0 0	74	37	0 0	333 0 0
Kurnool	20	60	0 0	20	20	0 0	20	10	0 0	90 0 0
Chingleput	17	51	0 0	17	17	0 0	17	8	8 0	76 8 0
North Arcot	65	195	0 0	65	65	0 0	65	32	8 0	292 8 0
South Arcot	18	54	0 0	18	18	0 0	18	9	0 0	81 0 0
Tanjore	25	75	0 0	25	25	0 0	25	12	8 0	112 8 0
Trichinopoly	43	129	0 0	43	43	0 0	43	21	8 0	193 8 0
Madura	126	378	0 0	126	126	0 0	126	63	0 0	567 0 0
Tinnevelly	68	204	0 0	68	68	0 0	68	34	0 0	306 0 0
Coimbatore	32	96	0 0	32	32	0 0	32	16	0 0	144 0 0
Salem	38	114	0 0	38	38	0 0	38	19	0 0	171 0 0
South Canara	14	42	0 0	14	14	0 0	14	7	0 0	63 0 0
Malabar	24	72	0 0	24	24	0 0	24	12	0 0	108 0 0
Total	947	2 841	0 0	947	947	0 0	947	473	8 0	4,261 8 0

From J A MARJORIBANKS, Esq , Deputy Collector, in charge of the Treasury, North Arcot, to E GIBSON, Esq , Acting Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th March 1876, No 385

WITH reference to your telegram of the 24th instant, Miscellaneous No 2,611, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of my telegram in reply, which was despatched to you direct under orders from the Collector (I am now on circuit), from which it will be seen that there will probably be a saving of Rupees 542 at the end of the current official year 1875 76 out of the allotments made in the budget on account of District Postal Establishment and Contingencies

2 A sum of Rupees 6,71[illegible] 1 3 was paid from April 1875 up to date on account of *sanctioned* establishment, and Rupees 114 0 10 on account of ordinary contingencies Besides these sums, Rs 778-12 0 and 94 8 0 were paid in March and February 1876, respectively, under the Collector's instructions for the purposes noted in the margin out of the sum provided for in the budget on account of Establishment and Contingencies, in view to utilizing the balance of the budget grants as proposed by the Postmaster General Deducting the above sum, as well as the probable contingent charges, Rupees 1 7 2, to be incurred in the current month in the taluqs from the budget grants, there will be a balance of Rupees 542 2 9 or Rs 542 in round sum as mentioned above

Paid in March 1876 out of Grant for Establishment	Rs	A	P
Cost of 100 letter boxes for District Post use, at Rupees 3 each	300	0	0
Do of 30 huts for District Post lines, at Rupees 10 each	300	0	0
Do of 55 portable letter boxes for District Post use at Rupees 2 8 0 each	137	8	0
Do of 55 badges and belts for District Post use, at 12 Annas each	41	4	0
Total	778	12	0

Paid in February 1876 out of the Grant for Contingencies	Rs	A	P
Cost of 27 portable letter boxes, 45 belts, and 45 badges required for the district letter peons recently entertained at Rs 2½ a letter box and Annas 12 a belt and badge	94	8	0

3 I may mention here that the Inspecting Postmaster, Mount Division, in his letter, dated 21st instant, No 7,412, desired me to pay at once Rupees 183 8 0 out of the above sum on account of increase to salaries of certain postal establishments for March 1876 but I declined to do so not only for want of proper authority, but also [illegible] of establishment Moreover, from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th instant, No —, I find that the Board have requested the Postmaster-General to furnish them with full information regarding the increased expenditure proposed to be incurred from the balance of the budget allotment of the current year on account of District Postal Establishment, and have deferred passing their orders till the receipt of this information from him Under these circumstances, I am precluded from making any further payments out of the grant in question unless instructed by the Board to do so

ENCLOSURE No 1

Telegram from J A MARJORIBANKS, Esq , Treasury Deputy Collector, to E GIBSON, Esq , Acting Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th March 1876.

YOUR telegram twenty fourth March Probable savings under District Post in 1875-76 Rupees five hundred and forty two

(True Copy)

(Signed) J A MARJORIBANKS,
Deputy Collector

Read also Board's Proceedings, dated 10th March 1876, No. 688, and papers referred to therein.

In his letter recorded above, the Postmaster General, in reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 10th instant, states his inability to furnish an accurate detail the information called for regarding the proposals made by him for the utilization of the available balance of the District Postal Grant for the current year He however sends in two lists A and B, the former showing the amount which he expects to be drawn by Collectors for the purchase of Letter Boxes, &c, the total being about Rupees 4,500, and the latter being a statement of furniture required in addition for carrying out a scheme for the extension of rural delivery of letters, the total of which is in round numbers Rupees 4,260

2 The Board have ascertained by inquiry of the Superintendent of the Public Works Department Workshops that the Postmaster General's estimate of the cost of letter boxes and belts is too low, they have accordingly revised it by reducing the numbers of the articles to be supplied from 947 to 534 of each description The cost of the smaller number will be about Rupees 5,085, which sum is accordingly allotted for the purpose The Board leave it to the Postmaster-General, in communication with Collectors, to arrange the distribution among the several districts

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Madura	250	0	0
Tinnevelly	33	0	0
Coimbatore	711	14	0
Salem	665	10	6
Malabar	250	0	0
Total	3,858	7	11

3 As regards Statement A, the Board have instructed the Collectors of South Canara and Trichinopoly that the furniture required for their districts will be supplied from Madras, the Postmaster-General will meet their indents from the stock placed at his disposal in paragraph 2 Assuming that the Collectors of the other districts named concur with Mr Turner's proposals, the outlay of the balance of Rupees 3,859 (in round numbers) as detailed in the margin for contingencies is approved

4 Turning to Collectors' letters recorded with Board's Proceedings read above, it is observed that the Collector of Madura in his letter, dated 19th February 1876, No 79, reports the employment of six additional delivery peons to be paid from savings consequent upon certain District Post offices having been taken over to the Imperial Post As these men have been employed upon the authority of G O, dated 8th May 1874, No 570, the Board will not withhold their confirmation of the arrangement so far as the current year is concerned, but sanction cannot be accorded for the continuance of the arrangement during 1876 77, inasmuch as the Board are pledged to effect savings in order to meet a deficiency in the grant as compared with the Budget Estimates—Board's Proceedings, dated 18th January 1876, No 138, paragraph 19

5 It is presumed that the indent for twenty one letter boxes, value Rupees 149, for the Coimbatore District, which was forwarded by the Postmaster General with his letter, dated 22nd February 1876, No 11,722 4 [illegible]uded in the amount sanctioned for that district in paragraph 3

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6 In his letter of the 7th Febru[illegible]th idem, from the Postmaster General,
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* Actual Establishment Rupees 574 7 8 Addition proposed by Postmaster General, Rs 390
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continued beyond the current official year, nevertheless it is important that the general principle which requires that the sanction of Government be sought and obtained before establishments are augmented should never be lost sight of or infringed For these reasons the Board must disallow, for the present at any rate, the increased expenditure under this head, but the Collector is at liberty, should he deem it necessary, to apply for the special sanction of Government to any such expenditure which may actually have been incurred or to which he may consider himself pledged

7 The Treasury Deputy Collector in his letter recorded above, reports in detail the additional charges made on account of Contingencies After paying ordinary contingencies up to date and allowing a small sum for estimated charges during March, there remains a balance of Rupees 94-8 0, against which is a charge of Rupees 873 4 0 on account of letter boxes, &c, recently purchased It is not known whether this includes the amount entered against the district in the Postmaster General's Statement A, but the amount disbursed by the Collector is sanctioned, and, if necessary, the furniture now supplied to Mr Turner on account of North Arcot can be sent to another district

8 The perusal of this and of other recent correspondence upon this subject [illegible]led the Board to think it necessary to impress upon Collectors that however such means of communication is after all not the primary object for which the District Postal Grant exists, but that it is above all things necessary that the regular and rapid delivery of official correspondence be secured So far then the standpoint of the Collector of a district is different from that of the Postmaster General, and the Collector of Tanjore was quite right in claiming to be fully consulted before the introduction of certain innovations

9 In conclusion, the Board must point out the inconvenience caused by leaving till so near to the close of the year the discussion of the mode of utilizing balances which might without difficulty have been approximately estimated before the end of 1875.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) E GIBSON,
Acting Sub Secretary

(True Copy)

(Signed) M. JORDAN,
First Assistant

To the Acting Postmaster General
,, the Collector of North Arcot
Copy to all other Collectors, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th March 1876, No 38
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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 31st March 1876 No 892

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District Postal Grant—for current year—

Passing orders with reference to proposals of Postmaster General for utilizing certain available balances of —, and report of Treasury Deputy Collector North Arcot on the additional charges made on account of Contingencies

MARCH

No 892

No 2,998.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1876, No 892

Copy to the Postmaster General
" to the Acting Collector of Madura

Exd. A Ratt

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 29th Nov. 1876, No 2,998

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No 2,998

District Postal Grant—for Madura District.—Requesting sanction of Government for utilization of full amount of— and desiring Postmaster General to state whether excess allotment for whole Presidency over assignment to Provincial Services for District Post has been made good from savings elsewhere

No 1354 15 January 1877

with order

No. 1354 in connection with the full Dept papers

Rev 1876 Dept

14 Feb 1877 Board of Revenue Madras

5 The Secretary to Govt Public Works Dept

6 The Accountant General

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