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*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
4th May 1877.*

No. 82. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1877, No. 1,270:—

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2. In passing orders on this correspondence the alternative lay between directing the Press offices to send the bundles of Gazettes thenceforward by "Packet Post," which would entail a heavier cost than heretofore to Government, or directing them to send the Gazettes separately to subscribers; in this case at the cost of subscribers, inasmuch as G.O., dated 22nd November 1870, No. 1,830, prohibited the exemption of subscribers from paying postage on single copies. The Board took the latter course. See Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1876, No. 613, and Proceedings, dated 11th April 1876, No. 984.

3. The returns received in the replies from Collectors now recorded are not sufficiently uniform to admit of comparative tabulation of results, but the Collectors are almost unanimous in reporting that the result of sending copies singly to subscribers and charging them with postage has been an enormous reduction in the number of subscriptions. It is added that a still larger reduction is likely to ensue hereafter as

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4. In some of the replies contained in this correspondence it is mentioned that the present reduction in the number of subscribers is due in part to the gratuitous issue to village officers, under G.O., dated 2nd September 1875, No. 1,315, of special village supplements. This does not affect the question now at issue, for the Board presume that the object in view is not so much to check a falling off in revenue, as to check a diminution in the means of disseminating information. If the village supplements have acted to diminish the number of paying subscribers, they have not diminished the number of persons receiving the Gazette or the part of it with which they are concerned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,  
Additional Sub-Secretary.

No. 83.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1877, No. 1,631.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
*Offg. Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Accountant-General.

Ed. W. H. French and A. F. Goodall.

No. 2,142.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st August 1876.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 29th July 1876, No. 193:—

ADVERTISING to the Board's Proceedings, Nos. 613 and 984, dated, respectively, the 3rd of March and 11th of April 1876, I have the honor to request that I may be informed if the village-officers who subscribe to the whole Gazette at the reduced rate should be required to pay the postage. The Gazette in question has hitherto been supplied to them free of postage.

The postage is paid by Government upon those Gazettes only which the addressee receives officially gratis. Village-officers are officially entitled to the Supplement only gratis; if they want the whole Gazette, they must pay postage.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

E. GIBSON,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

M. JORDAN,  
First Assistant.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Copy to all other Collectors.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Cost. of (1877) Mysore.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

cc., cc., cc.

Dated May, 4th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 4th May 1877, No. 1,631.

MAY.

Nos. 82-83.

District Gazette. — Sanctioning the transmission of — to private subscribers free of postage on single copies.



No 1262

163/4

Official Memorandum

The undersigned is directed to request that all Collectors will report without delay upon the effect of recent orders regarding postage upon the circulation of the District Gazette.

By Order/  
Revenue Board }  
Office, Madras } Sd/ E. Gibson  
11. August/76 } Adl. Sub-Secretary

To all Collectors.

True Copy/  
Charles Mankens  
Adl. Sub-Secretary.

1876.  
Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST AUGUST 1876, No. 2,142.

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AUGUST.  
No. 2,142.

District Gazette.—Informing Collector of Trichinopoly that village-officers who are officially entitled only to the supplement to—grants must pay postage if they want the whole Gazette.



REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2184.

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From *Board of Revenue.*

Dated *21<sup>st</sup> March* 187*7.*

FOR ORDERS.

*For sanction*

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*Yes/1/15*

*By 30/4*

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*Rev. 5/2184/77*

*104/1270.*

*Proceedings to the  
Secretary to Govt. A. &  
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FOR ORDERS.

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(A true Extract.)

*Ant. Smith*

Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with 20 original replies to be returned, and copies of Board's  
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17th June 1876, No. 1,583; 12th July 1876, No. 1,775; 21st August 1876,  
No. 2,142; and of Board's Official Memorandum, dated 11th August 1876, No. 1,262.

Copy to all Collectors.

„ to the Postmaster-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

*Revenue Department*  
No 2184

1877.  
Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21st MARCH 1877, No. 1,270.

*Order 1704/77*

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Received.

18<sup>th</sup> April 77

*1845-77 in 1631.*

MARCH.

No. 1,270.

*District Gazettes*—sent to private subscribers.  
—Submitting to Government papers regarding  
postal charges on copies of—, and requesting  
that permission may be granted for prepayment  
by Government of postage on single copies.

*for order*

*19.4.77*

*20/4/77 R. Murthy*