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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

27th June 1877, No. 2,125.

Read the following papers:—

No. 600. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1877,
No. 1,344.

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of
Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Melagaram, 27th February 1877, No. 186.

In submitting, herewith, copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector, dated 24th
instant, No. 48, suggesting the advisability of making all Civilians in charge of
divisions *ex-officio* visitors of Post Offices within their ranges, I have the honor to
state that I quite agree with him, and bring the matter to the notice and favorable
consideration of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract of a letter from J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. J. STUART, Esq.,
of all Civilians of Tinnevely, dated 24th February 1877, No. 48.

2. There is nothing new or extravagant in such a proposal. It is the case with the Regis-
tration Department. We are exhorted to visit dispensaries and hospitals, yet the details connected
therewith are of a much more technical description than the affairs of Local Post Offices.

As to schools a visit from one of us seems to give pleasure alike to patrons, masters,
and pupils.

The Sessions Judge, the Magistrate, and the Joint Magistrate are *ex-officio* visitors of jails.

The jails are invariably superintended by Europeans; in Central Jails the Superintendents,
who have the direct management of them, are usually gentlemen of great experience, and chosen
from the honorable professions of Medicine and the Military Art.

3. If jails, hospitals, schools, and registration offices require visitors, I argue *a fortiori* as to
Local Post Offices, which are infinitely more numerous and scattered over a far larger area.

It is obligatory to examine taluk treasuries half-yearly, yet the Tahsildars in charge of them
are men of a far higher stamp than Postmasters.

4. For years I have held the opinion that, if we are made visitors of Post Offices, we could
render the greatest assistance to the Postmaster-General in overlooking the remoter portions of
his vast department.

I do not propose to give any orders or to interfere in the management of business, but to have
the power to visit Post Offices at pleasure, to have questions answered, to be able to leave a record
of the visit, and to make suggestions to the head of the department, which he will, of course, be
free to adopt or reject at pleasure.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

The Postmaster-General is requested to favor the Board with his remarks on
this subject.

2. The Postal Department is one in which all have an interest, and the Board consider that some such arrangement as that proposed would be of utility both to the Post Offices and to the public.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for Additional Sub-Secretary.

No. 600-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1877,
No. 2,211.

Read the following letter from H. G. TURNER, Esq., Acting Postmaster General, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 21st April 1877, No. 530-331.

I have the honor, in reply to your No. 1,344, dated 26th March 1877, to state that I am obliged for the suggestion, but deem it inadvisable to act on it. My reason is that it is necessary to guard against even a suspicion that Government exercises a scrutiny over the correspondence of the public.

The Board resolve to submit these papers for the consideration of Government.

2. They are disposed themselves to support the suggestion made by the Acting Sub-Collector and Acting Collector of Tinnevely. It seems probable that an occasional visit from a District Officer as official visitor would have to be

record of their opinions in a visitors book; could not be otherwise than beneficial. They do not share the apprehension of the Postmaster-General that this procedure would have a tendency to produce distrust on the part of the public.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 601. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1877, No. 2,125.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated the plan suggested cannot be carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

No. 1,344.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th March 1877.
Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Melagaram, 27th February 1877, No. 136:—

In submitting, herewith, copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector, dated 24th instant, No. 48, suggesting the advisability of making all Civilians in charge of divisions *ex-officio* visitors of Post Offices within their ranges, I have the honor to state that I quite agree with him, and bring the matter to the notice and favorable consideration of the Board.

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Extract of a letter from J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Shermadevi, 24th February 1877, No. 48.

I HAVE the honor to suggest, for the consideration of the proper authorities, the advisability of making all Civilians in charge of divisions *ex-officio* visitors of Post Offices within their ranges.

2. There is nothing new or extravagant in such a proposal. It is the case with the Registration Department. We are exhorted to visit dispensaries and hospitals, yet the details connected therewith are of a much more technical description than the affairs of Local Post Offices.

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I do not propose to give any orders or to interfere in the management of business, but to have the power to visit Post Offices at pleasure, to have questions answered, to be able to leave a record of the visit, and to make suggestions to the head of the department, which he will, of course, be free to adopt or reject at pleasure.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General, with extract from Sub-Collector's letter.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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Post Offices.—Requesting Postmaster-General to favor Board of Revenue with his remarks on letter from Acting Sub-Collector of Tinnevely suggesting advisability of making all Civilian in charge of divisions ex-officio visitors of—within their ranges.

No. 2,211.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th May 1877.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 26th March 1877, No. 1,344.

Read also the following letter from H. G. TURNER, Esq., Acting Postmaster-General, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 21st April 1877, No. 580-331.

I HAVE the honor, in reply to your No. 1,344, dated, 26th March 1877, to state that I am obliged for the suggestion, but deem it inadvisable to act on it. My reason is that it is necessary to guard against even a suspicion that Government exercises a scrutiny over the correspondence of the public.

The Board resolve to submit these papers for the consideration of Government.

2. They are disposed themselves to support the suggestion made by the Acting Sub-Collector and Acting Collector of Tinnevely. It seems probable that an occasional visit from a district officer as official visitor would serve to keep subordinate postal authorities in outlying stations up to the mark and prevent negligence. The division officers, moreover, would be in the way of hearing of abuses or irregularities which might not come under the notice of the Inspecting Postmaster. The Board are of opinion that the visits of such officers, and the record of their addresses in a visitors' book, could not but be of great service.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Wm. Stokes
Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 26th
March 1877, No. 1,344.

Copy to the Postmaster-General.
" to the Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Post Offices.—Submitting to Government, with Board's views, letters from Collector of Tinnevely and Postmaster-General regarding advisability of making all civilians in charge of divisions ex-officio visitors of — within their divisions.

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