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Revenue (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 820

Dated 6th December 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

System of Selling Revenue Stamps at the Agency of Post Offices.

Considering it sufficient, for the present, to Extend the —— to the Chief Clerk of Saidapet & the towns in the district that are Head Suburbs of Madras, & respectfully the Postmaster General to Submit for the approval of Govt the draft notification, Extending the System to the district referred to.

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Revenue (1899) Department.

Current No. 7328.

From

The Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

No. M.S. 18-45, 31076

Dated 10th November } 1899.
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SUBJECT.

Enquiries whether the Government are still of opinion that the Travancore and Cochin Depts should still be excluded from the Sale of Quinine by the Postmasters.

WD 16/11/11

Form No. 12-2-97—500.

Vide No 79 dy 15-2-96
11-11A dy 11-1-96
4552 dy 4-11-95
4148 dy 21-10-95
673-673A dy 7-10-95
1774 dy 3-5-95
4058 dy 7-11-92
1252 dy 13-12-92
995-995A&B dy 22-9-92
& the Cinchona Indent file

Post Office Department.

UNDER SECY. TO GOVT. 14.NOV.1899 REVENUE DEPT.

From

G. S. CURTIS, Esq, I.C.S,

POSTMASTER GENERAL,

MADRAS,

To

THE.....SECRETARY

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Revenue

.....DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

No. M.S.18-45 dated Madras, the 10 November /99

31076

SIR,

Referring to G.O. No: 79 Revenue dated 15th February 1896 on the subject of the sale of quinine by the Agency of Post Offices, I have the honor to enquire whether Government are still of opinion that the Districts of Madras and ---- Chingleput should still be excluded from the operation of the Scheme.

2. The reasons for the passing of the order excluding them are not clear from the G.O. but were presumably the advanced condition of the inhabitants and

the number of hospitals, dispensaries and drugshops which exists in the areas in question, I would submit however that as regards Chingleput at any rate there is no particular reason why ~~on~~ the distribution of quinine through the Post Office should not be as much appreciated as it is in other Districts. Several parts of that district are distant several miles from the nearest dispensary communication in the monsoon and feverish season ~~are~~ often----

interrupted, and it would seem therefore that the sale of quinine at villages should prove a real boon to many of the inhabitants.

3. As regards Madras of course the case is different : but even here I should think that at offices situated in the poorer parts of the town there ought to be a demand for the drug. I would not suggest that it should be sold at the larger offices, such as Mount Road, Nungumbaukam etc:, for one reason that the sale means additional work for the Postmasters who have already enough to do, but in parts like Perambur, Choolai, Royapuram, Pudupet, Chintadripet, Washermanpet etc: where the lower classes live, the

distribution of the drug through postal agency might bring it within reach of many who from various well-known reasons refuse to resort to hospitals and dispensaries. I beg that you will kindly obtain the orders of Government on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J S Curtis

Postmaster General.

Revenue Depte

Read letter from the Post Master General No MS 18-45 / 3107 dy 10-11-99 - (CN: 7328/99)

To Undersecretary

In his letter read above the Post master General proposes that the sale of quinine by the agency of Post offices should be extended to the Chingleput District and [x] Certain offices in Madras "where the lower classes live".

The system of selling quinine through the agency of Post masters was first introduced as an experiment in the selected districts of Kurnool, Cuddapah, Vizagapatam, Ganjam and Malabar in Go No 347 dy 28-4-93 - Please see a precis of the Correspondence on the subject in the notes under Go No 1774 dy 3-5-95.

When it was found that this system resulted in an increased sale of quinine powders it was ordered to be extended to all the remaining districts in the Presy except Madras and Chingleput in Go No 11-HA dy 11-1-96. No special reasons are given for

x Perambur, Choolai, Royapuram, Pudupet, Chintadripet, Washermanpet

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for excluding Madras and Chingleput.
Attention is however solicited to the
Note underlined quoted. (No 11- IIA dy 11-1-96). Slippes No A
Apparently these districts were excluded
with reference to the view expressed by the
Govt of India in their letter to the Govt of
Bengal printed at pages 2 & 3 of Go. No 8
No 347 dy 28-4-93. The passage referred A
to runs as follows:- "
"As it is understood, however, that
"the principal object of the proposal is
"to place quinine within easy reach of the
"rural population, I am to say that the
"Governor General in Council apprehends
"that it will not be necessary to have
"recourse to Post offices in the larger
"towns where other suitable agencies
"are likely to be found." - vide Govt. 673-A D
dy 19-10-95 and notes thereunder.
For orders whether the P. M.'s
proposal may be approved. The
Director Genl may perhaps be
consulted as to whether he can
supply quinine to the Madras and
Chingleput districts also.

Less
22.11.97. Objection to the proposal is apparently that
if the market price of Quinine
is much higher than 2 pice
(the price at which we propose to
sell 5grs powders) for 5 grs

or about 14 Rs a lb.
Government will
undersell the chemist
or, what is more
likely, enterprising
persons will buy up
large quantities of
Govt powders and
sell them again as
the Europe made
article at the
market rate to
the better class of
customers. To double
the pink colour could
be got rid of: but
the quinine could not
be made "flaky"
like Howards. Per-
haps this last
fact may be a
sufficient answer
to the objection. Caveat
Emptor! And as regards
the underselling, perhaps
there need not be
much fear of this
in practice. The better
class of consumer

perved by the chemists will always think there is something inferior in the pink, powdery Govt. stuff & will still demand his "Howards."

There can be no doubt as to Mr Saunders ~~[illegible]~~ being able to supply the Chingleput & Madras Districts, but it may be well to have his views on this proposal & also those of the Collector of Chingleput & (as regards Madras) the Madras Traders Association.?

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24/11/89

H.W. I certainly would extend to the Madras district so as to give occasion to the cry of competition with legitimate trade. But the scheme may be applied to Chingleput except Saidapet & the towns in Ch.pt. dist. that are really suburbs of Madras

I concur H.W. 29-11-89

27-11-9

25/11
R 30/11

To Undersecretary

Please redraft order submitted below

Secretary
30/11/89

Revenue Dept.

Read letter from the Postmaster General
No. M.S. 18-45 / 3107 dy 10-11-99. (CN. 7328/99)

8P 6/12/99

Order-Issue Non No. 820 dated 6-12-99

The Government considers it sufficient for the present to extend the system of selling quinine through the agency of Post offices to the Chingleput Dt. except Saidapet and the towns in the Dt. that are really suburbs of Madras. The Director H.P. will make the necessary arrangements for the supply of quinine in communication with the Postmaster General for the supply of requisites to the Postmasters concerned.

2. × The Postmaster General will be requested to submit for the approval of Govt. the necessary draft notification extending the system to the district referred to.

5/12/99

To
The Postmaster General
The Director H.P.
Copy to the Bd. (A.R.) } Dft. 20.12.99. 50/5

Ans 30/6/00

× This is based on para 2 of Govt. No. 11-A C 11-1-96

Government {1899} of Madras.

REVENUE.

Recd. } 1899. *Enclosures*

Regd. } *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 820, 6th December 1899.

DECEMBER.

System of selling Quinine through the Agency of Post Offices

Considering it sufficient, for the present, to extend the — to the Chingleput district, except Saidapet and the towns in the district that are really suburbs of Madras, and requesting the Postmaster-General to submit, for the approval of Government, the draft notification extending the system to the district referred to.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from G. S. CURTIS, Esq., I.C.S., Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, the 10th November 1899, No. M.S.-18-45—31076 :—

Referring to G.O., No. 79, Revenue, dated 15th February 1896, on the subject of the sale of quinine by the Agency of the Post Offices, I have the honour to enquire whether Government are still of opinion that the districts of Madras and Chingleput should still be excluded from the operation of the scheme.

2. The reasons for the passing of the order excluding them are not clear from the Government Order, but were presumably the advanced condition of the inhabitants and the number of hospitals, dispensaries and drug shops which exists in the areas in question. I would submit, however, that as regards Chingleput at any rate there is no particular reason why the distribution of quinine through the post office should not be as much appreciated as it is in other districts. Several parts of that district are distant several miles from the nearest dispensary, communication in the monsoon and feverish season is often interrupted, and it would seem therefore that the sale of quinine at villages should prove a real boon to many of the inhabitants.

3. As regards Madras, of course, the case is different; but even here I should think that at offices situated in the poorer parts of the town there ought to be a demand for the drug. I would not suggest that it should be sold at the larger offices, such as Mount Road, Nungumbaukam, &c., for one reason that the sale means additional work for the postmasters who have already enough to do, but in parts like Perambur, Choolai, Rayapuram, Pudupet, Chintadripet, Washermanpet, &c., where the lower classes live, the distribution of the drug through postal agency might bring it within reach of many who from various well known reasons refuse to resort to hospitals and dispensaries. I beg that you will kindly obtain the orders of Government on the subject.

ORDER—No. 820, Revenue, dated 6th December 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Government considers it sufficient for the present to extend the system of selling quinine through the agency of post offices to the Chingleput district except Saidapet and the towns in the district that are really suburbs of Madras. The Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, will, in communication with the Postmaster-General, make the required arrangements for the supply of quinine.

2. The Postmaster-General will be requested to submit, for the approval of Government, the appropriate draft notification extending the system to the district referred to.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster-General.
,, the Director of Government Cinchona Plantations.
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