

4. *Village or Prial Schools.*—These are to be found in almost every village of any size, but are attended only by boys of the higher castes, who learn to cipher and to read and write in the vernacular. Some of them receive Grants-in-aid.

The whole system will be changed when the Local Funds Bill (Act IV of 1871, Madras) is enforced. The statistics given in the Appendix should be consulted.

CHAPTER V. MUNICIPALITIES.

THE Towns Improvement Act (X of 1865, Madras) has been in force in Bellary and Adoni for the last five years. In 1869 it was extended to Gooty and Anantapúr.

With the funds raised under this Act, great improvements have been made especially in Bellary and Adoni, where two broad streets have been laid out in the most crowded parts of the town, and where the improvement in the public health has been most marked.

The new Act (III of 1871, Madras) has been applied to Bellary, Adoni, Gooty and Anantapúr, and it has been proposed to add to these Hospett and Pennakonda. Statements of the receipts and expenditure under the different heads in each Municipality are given in the appendix.

CHAPTER VI. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE Postal Department is partly imperial and partly local. The latter (Mulki) is under the control of the Collector.

There are Imperial Post Offices at Bellary, Gooty, Tádpatri, Adoni, Anantapúr and Hospett. Where the mails are not conveyed by rail, the runners receive Rupees 6 per month and are expected to travel at least 5 miles per hour. For the Mulki post, an establishment costing Rupees 718 per mensem including runners was sanctioned in G. O., 22nd April 1871, No. 723, and 29th May 1871, No. 940.

At the stations shown in the margin, a gomasta on Rupees 7 and a peon on Rupees 6 is sanctioned. Similar establishments are sanctioned for

Hospett.
Kudlighi.
Hadagalli.
Harpanhalli.
Alúr.
Madaksira.

Raidrúg.
Anantapúr.
Dharmaveram.
Pennakonda.
Emmiganúr.

Adoni, Hindipúr and Ramandrúg, but at these places the pay of the tappal gomasta is Rupees 10 instead of 7.

At Pamadi there is a gomasta on Rupees 7, and at Rayelchervu a peon on Rupees 6. At Bellary cusbah there is a gomasta on Rupees 15 and two peons on Rupees 6 each. The total cost is therefore

75 Runners at Rupees 6 = 450

17 Gomastas..... = 149

19 Peons, at Rupees 6... = 114

Rupees... 713

The routes of the district posts are shown in the following table:

Number.	LINES.	No. of Miles.		Cost.	REMARKS.
		No. of Miles.	No. of Runners.		
				RS.	
1	From Bellary to Siragúpa.....	32	5	30	
2	Do. do. to Dharmaveran viá Rai- drúg and Kaliandrúg)	94	16	96	
3	From Hospett to Ramandrúg.....	12	2	12	} There is no continuation of tappal to Drúg, since the experimental PostOffice has been established at Hospett
4	Do. do. to Kampli.....	20	2	12	
5	Do. do. to Narayanadeverkerra....	9	1	6	
6	From Ramandrúg to Kudlighi, viá Kud- lighi and Harpanhalli)	66	13	78	
7	From Anantapúr to Goribidanúr in Mysore viá Penuakonda and Hindipúr.....)	86	15	90	
8	From Madaksira to Bukkapatnam viá Pennakonda.....)	44	7	42	
9	From Hindipúr to Purgí.....	5	1	6	
10	From Adoni to Emmiganúr.....	18	4	24	3 are employed. One not, but sanctioned.
11	From Bellary to Alúr.....	*6	36	36	* The tappal to Alúr is stopped. But 3 runners are employed to bring and carry tappal from Alúr to Asperi and vice versá. The rest are unem- ployed.
12	From Urvakonda & Asperi to Guntakul....	3	3	18	
		75	450		