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READ—the following paper:—

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 28th December 1897, No. 10530.

In continuation of my letter, No. 938, dated the 16th of August 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the result of the inquiries which have been made regarding the proposed extension of the telegraph line to Bhadráchalam shows that the best route to follow would be from Kovur (a Railway station on the south bank of the Gódávari opposite Rajahmundry) *viâ* Pallávaram to Bhadráchalam, crossing the river at the gorge. The length of this line would be about 99 miles, and an office might be opened at Pallávaram. The Collector of the Gódávari district, to whom the alternative route was referred, states that, on reconsideration, he is of opinion that it is the best.

2. As the estimated cost of construction of the line (Rs. 38,000 exclusive of the usual percentages) is beyond my powers of sanction, I would suggest that the Government of Madras address the Government of India on the necessity of this extension, with a view to the scheme being sanctioned and funds being provided.

3. With regard to the terms on which the line could be supplied, I would remark that, as the scheme is not likely to prove remunerative, it would, under ordinary circumstances, be necessary to ask the Government of Madras for a guarantee of about Rs. 3,960 per annum, for a minimum period of five years, renewable, if necessary, for a further period, that is to say, whenever the departmental share of the receipts from messages despatched from the two offices at Bhadráchalam and Pallávaram fails in any year to reach the annual sum of Rs. 3,960, the difference for that year to be paid to the Telegraph department, the account being closed annually. On completion of the work the guarantee would be recalculated on the actual and not on the estimated cost, and any correction reported.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the advantages to be gained by the proposed extension of the telegraph line to Bhadráchalam are not commensurate with the cost, even if the money were available, and regrets, therefore, that the proposal must be abandoned. The Director-General of Telegraphs will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

C. R. Burlton
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

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