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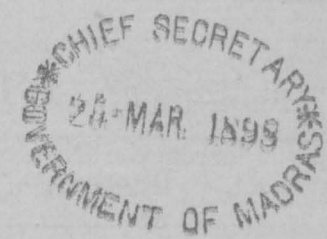
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Telegraph Line

Regretting that, as the inhabitants of Sholingur will not guarantee the amount required by the Telegraph Department, a permanent — to that station, to replace the temporary line which must now be dismantled, cannot be asked for.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th September 1897, No. 1343.

With reference to your letter, No. 7/W., dated the 9th of January 1893, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Government of Madras, that an experimental telegraph office was opened at Sholingur on the 15th of July 1893 without guarantee, involving the erection of a temporary telegraph line of ten miles in length. This line now requires to be reconstructed with permanent material, involving a considerable expenditure, and as the telegraph office has proved very disappointing, the receipts having been only as shown in the margin, barely covering the working expenses, and leaving very little for line maintenance and interest charges, it will not be practicable to incur the expenditure involved in making the line permanent, unless a guarantee of Rs. 600 a year, on the usual conditions, is forthcoming for a period of five years, subject to renewal, if necessary. The guarantee would be on the usual terms, the accounts being settled annually, and the difference between the value of the messages in each year booked at Sholingur, and Rs. 600 being paid to the Telegraph department, any excess receipts over Rs. 600 accruing to Government.

2. I shall be glad of very early intimation, if this guarantee can be arranged for by the Madras Government, as otherwise it is necessary to close the office without delay, the state of the temporary line rendering it a danger to through communication.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department), dated Chittoor, 2nd November 1897, Dis. No. 2239-Eng.

In reply to endorsement, R. No. 1941, dated 26th October 1897, I have the honour to refer to my predecessor's letter, No. 634, dated 2nd May 1891. Since then the Sub-Registrar's office referred to has been opened. I think the abolition of the Sholingur Telegraph office would be a matter for regret. The Director-General's letter shows that business is on the increase (the slight decline in 1896-97 being no doubt due to bad season) and working expenses are more than covered.

2. I may add that, early in this year, the Superintendent, Madras Division, wrote to me asking me for a guarantee of Rs. 40 a month from the inhabitants, and stating that the Director-General had informed him "that unless a monthly revenue from telegrams despatched from Sholingur, amounting to Rs. 40, can be attained, the costly reconstruction of the line will not be justified." I do not understand why, when the guarantee is asked for from Government, the amount is raised to Rs. 50. I was unable to get the inhabitants to consent.

Mis. No. 5857, Revenue.

Transferred to the Department of Public Works, with reference to endorsement, No. 1671 D., dated the 14th October 1897.

Fort St. George, (Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
13th November 1897. Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, dated 19th November 1897, No. 9406.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 13th December 1897, No. 10157.

With reference to your letter, No. 5178 C., dated the 1st of December 1897, I have the honour to state that the guarantee required for the Sholingur office amounts to Rs. 600 per annum, the figure stated in my letter, No. 1343, dated 28th of September. The guarantee of Rs. 480, quoted about one year ago, referred to in the letter of the Collector of North Arcot was, I find, only roughly calculated and was not complete.

ORDER—No. 614 W., dated 9th March 1898.

As the inhabitants of Sholingur, who are chiefly concerned, will not guarantee the amount required by the Telegraph Department, there seems no special reason for Government to do so. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore regrets that a permanent line of telegraph, to replace the temporary line which must now be dismantled, cannot be asked for, and the Director-General of Telegraphs will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Ch. W. H. Wynne

Under Secretary to Government.

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

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