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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording proceedings, PWD, stating that on the signing of an agreement on the part of the Committee of the inhabitants of Kollegal to pay into the Treasury annually the difference between the receipts of the proposed Telegraph office at Kollegal and Rs 900 the Govt will accept financial responsibility for the guarantee and the construction of the Telegraph line will be arranged for

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Requesting the Collector of Coimbatore, to obtain from the committee of the inhabitants of Kollegal a stamped agreement to pay into the Treasury annually the difference between the receipts of the proposed telegraph office at Kollegal and Rs. 900, and stating that on receipt of a report that the agreement has been signed, the Government will accept financial responsibility for the guarantee and the construction of the — will be arranged for.

WITH ORDER

No. 607 W., 9TH MARCH 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 2581 W., dated 18th September 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

From HERBERT BRADLEY, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, Dis. No. 2706/Rev., dated 7th August 1897.

I have the honour to enclose a memorial received from the inhabitants of Kollegal regarding the establishment of a telegraph office at Kollegal.

2. More than a year ago the people of Kollegal held several public meetings in connection with this subject, and consulted the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division, as to the cost of a combined post and telegraph office at Kollegal. They were informed that a guarantee of Rs. 45 per mensem would be sufficient. The public guaranteed this sum, but when the Telegraph Department was consulted a guarantee of Rs. 75 per mensem was demanded.

3. I enclose copies of my letter, dated 26th October 1896, Ref. on C. No. 3305-B/Rev., to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, and of his reply, from which it will be seen that the Telegraph Department gives no hope of the establishment of a telegraph line without the full guarantee demanded, but I have not seen the estimates upon which the statistics are based.

4. The distance from Chamarajnagar to Kollegal is 22 miles by road and I imagine that a telegraph line would be less in length. There are no natural difficulties, and I cannot see how it would cost Rs. 750 per annum capitalized. This would leave Rs. 10 per mensem for establishment and Rs. 30 per annum for contingencies. Rs. 10 per mensem for establishment ought to be sufficient, if the office is worked as a combined one.

5. Considering the distance of Kollegal from the district head-quarters and the railway, I submit that the urgency for a telegraph office at that place is obvious.

Endorsement thereon in the Public Department, No. 1769, dated 24th August 1897.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Endorsement thereon in the Public Works Department, No. 1225 D., dated 25th August 1897.

Referred to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, for favour of remarks.

No. 607 W., 9TH MARCH 1898.

From the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 2516, dated 1st September 1897.

1. The amount required as guarantee for a telegraph office at Kollegal, namely, Rs. 900 per annum, was decided upon by the Director-General of Telegraphs after all particulars concerning the expense of constructing the line and opening office were laid before him. The inhabitants have not now brought forward any new reason for reducing the amount.

2. The estimate of the cost of the line mentioned by the petitioners was not correct; it was given to the Deputy Commissioner irregularly by the Superintendent of Post Offices, who had no authority so far as is known for his estimate, and he was departmentally censured for having given it.

3. It must be taken into consideration that the guarantee is meant to cover not only the cost of the maintenance of the office, but also to allow a fair margin for the expenses of construction and maintenance of the line, and in the present state of Government finances no risk of loss will be run by this department.

4. If the inhabitants will give the required guarantee, namely, Rs. 900, undersigned will address the Director-General of Telegraphs regarding the immediate construction of the line.

Order—No. 2581 W., dated 18th September 1897.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with the request that the Collector of Coimbatore may be asked to ascertain and report whether the inhabitants of Kollegal are prepared to give the required guarantee of Rs. 900 per annum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

F. J. WILSON,
Under Secretary.

Read—also the following papers:—

G.O., Mis. No. 6191, Revenue, dated 1st December 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 4422, dated 20th November 1897.

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. V. CHAPPAN MENON Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kollegal, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 10th November 1897, Dis. No. 1609-Rev.

Adverting to your endorsement, dated 22nd October 1897, on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 3863, dated 14th idem, I have the honour to report that at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Kollegal held last evening it was unanimously resolved that the guarantee of Rs. 900 per annum required by the Telegraph Department be furnished at once, and that the Government be requested to arrange for the construction of the line to, and the opening of a telegraph office at, Kollegal as early as practicable.

2. The meeting was a largely attended and influential one and comprised all the leading merchants, ryots and vakils of the place and it was presided over by Mr. E. Lynn, the head of the European mission at Kollegal. Mr. Lynn's letter enclosing a copy of the proceedings of the meeting and offering the required guarantee is herewith submitted.

3. The want of a telegraph office at Kollegal has often been seriously felt by the inhabitants of the taluk, by the European visitors to the Sivasamudram falls and by the officials responsible for the efficient administration of this distant division. When riots are imminent and when the local police are considered to be too weak to suppress them, the anxiety in regard to public peace acts as a bugbear. Hitherto the reluctance of the people to furnish the comparatively large guarantee of Rs. 900 a year stood in the way. Now that the required guarantee is forthcoming, I venture to express a hope that the Telegraph Department would be pleased to take up the matter soon and open speedily a telegraph office at Kollegal for which the people have been so long clamouring.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of public meeting at Kollegal in the Coimbatore district, November 9th, 1897, with regard to the opening of a telegraph office.

Read—Letter from Herbert Bradley, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Government, dated 7th August 1897, and the Government Order thereon, communicated with the Collector's endorsement, dated 22nd October 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 550 B. & G.

Read also the correspondence on the subject.

After discussion the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

I. That this meeting being fully impressed with the necessity for opening a telegraph office at Kollegal as early as possible, resolves to furnish the guarantee required by Government and to take the requisite steps in that direction.

II. That a committee consisting of the following gentlemen (with power to add) be appointed with full power to carry on the necessary correspondence and to do every act which is required towards the furtherance of the object in view:—

Committee:

1. Mr. E. Lynn,	10. Mr. Mallan Seshadri Chettiar.
2. „ Gunnusami Aiyer,	11. „ Pulliah Gouda,
3. „ Ramachandra Rao,	12. „ Chenna Veera Chettiar,
4. „ A. S. Narayana Rao,	13. „ T. Veerabadra Chettiar,
5. „ Ragaviah,	14. „ Ankutaram Subbaraya Chettiar,
6. „ Pullana Chettiar,	15. „ Baboo Sahib,
7. „ Annadhana Subba Chettiar,	16. „ Shroff Basalinga Chetty,
8. „ Ranga Rao,	17. „ Sivappa Chetty,
9. „ Ramier,	

III. That Mr. E. Lynn be appointed chairman, Mr. Ramachandra Rao, vice-chairman, and Messrs. A. S. Narayana Rao and Ragaviah, joint secretaries.

IV. That one-third of the members of the executive committee shall form a quorum and shall have power to transact all business.

V. That the chairman be authorized to forward a copy of these proceedings to the Collector and offer the necessary guarantee of Rs. 75 per mensem on behalf of the meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Dis. No. 3857-Rev.

Submitted with the enclosures in original to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3863, dated 14th ultimo.

2. The original Public Works Government Order received with the Board's Proceedings is returned herewith as required.

3. The opening of a telegraph office at Kollegal is undoubtedly, from the administrative point of view, highly desirable.

COIMBATORE,
13th November 1897.

(Signed) H. G. STOKES,
for Acting Collector.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4422, dated 20th November 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to its order, No. 1853 R., dated 9th October 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 6191, Revenue, dated 1st December 1897.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to its Proceedings, No. 2581 W., dated 18th September 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

No. 5431 C.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, for perusal and favour of return. The Superintendent is requested to address the Director-General as promised in his letter, No. 2516, dated 1st September 1897. If any particular form of guarantee is required, the Collector will be requested to have it executed.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

14th December 1897.

From the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Belgaum, 18th December 1897, No. 4221.

With reference to your docket No. 5431 C., dated the 14th December 1897, and enclosures, herewith returned, I have the honour to forward a copy of the Director-General's letter, No. 3562, dated 22nd June 1896, regarding the required guarantee for the proposed combined office at Kollegal.

2. On hearing from you that the Government of Madras accepts the financial responsibility for the guarantee, I will ask the Director-General of Telegraphs to sanction the construction of the line to, and opening of a combined office at, Kollegal.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, Calcutta, to the Superintendent, Bellary Division, dated Simla, 22nd June 1896, No. 3562.

With reference to your letter, No. 1157, dated the 8th of June 1896, I have the honour to inform you that a guarantee of Rs. 900 per annum for a minimum period of five years, subject to renewal thereafter, if necessary, will be required for the line to, and office at, Kollegal. In other words, the inhabitants of Kollegal should make good to the Telegraph Department annually the difference between the Indian Government share of the receipts on account of messages booked at the Kollegal office and Rs. 900. The accounts are to be settled annually on the 31st March.

2. If the above terms are agreed to, the inhabitants should apply to the Collector of the district to move the Government of Madras to accept, as is usual in such cases, the financial responsibility for the guarantee.

From the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, dated 27th January 1898, No. 4985.

ORDER—No. 607 W., dated 9th March 1898.

The inhabitants of Kollegal having agreed to furnish the guarantee required by the Telegraph Department for an extension of the telegraph line to that place, the Collector of Coimbatore is requested to obtain from the committee a stamped agreement to pay into the treasury annually the difference between the receipts of the telegraph office and Rs. 900. The agreement should make the members of the committee jointly and severally responsible for the sum guaranteed, viz., Rs. 900 per annum.

2. On receipt of a report from the Collector that the agreement has been signed the Government will accept financial responsibility for the guarantee, and request the Superintendent of Telegraphs to arrange for the construction of the line.

(True Extract.)

C. M. Wilson
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Financial Department. ✓
- „ Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
- „ Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division.

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