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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 70. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 20th April 1859,
No. 9730.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying correspondence* received from the District Engineer, Chingleput, having reference to the practice at present adopted in the Telegraph Department of placing the line of Posts for the Wire too near the road, and thereby causing injury to the Avenue trees planted on both sides.

2. The District Engineer reports that the trees are young at present, yet as they grow up, they will have to be cut down if the Telegraph Line be not removed further from the side of the road; and as the Line is at present under repair, the requisite change might now be made without entailing much inconvenience. It is with the view therefore, of the necessary orders being issued to the Telegraph Department, that I now do myself the honor of bringing the matter to the notice of Government.

Letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Chingleput, 14th April 1859, No. 1479.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter sent by me in February last, to the Officiating Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph Department. As no notice appears to have been taken of my request, new posts being now put up at several places to the South of the Palaur River, and would beg that the orders of Government may be obtained to oblige the Line of Telegraph Wire being kept clear of the avenues.

2. I am given to understand, that the orders of Sir William O'Shaughnessy are to keep the Lines quite clear of all trees by the sides of roads, but have not been able to procure a copy of his order to see if my informant is correct; if however no orders to this effect exist, I would beg to suggest that they be issued as early as possible.

Letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to the Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph Department, dated Guindy, 22nd February 1859, No. 1280.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that injury is being done in consequence of your Department placing the Line of Posts for the Wire too near the road, and request that you will have the line of Posts kept at a distance of at least 20 yards outside of the Line of trees; in some cases, especially on Trunk Road No. 8, to the South of the Palaur River, the Posts are placed between, and the Wire taken over the trees—as the trees are young no injury is done at present, but as they grow they will either have to be cut down, and thus the avenues will be spoilt, or else the Line of Telegraph Wire must be removed.

I would also propose the Posts being removed away, wherever practicable, from the edge of the road, as in case of any of the Posts falling down across the road, the Wire might be cut in two by the Bandies passing along—this argument would also hold good against repeatedly taking the line from one side of the road to the other—between Saint Thomas' Mount and Chingleput it crosses the road three or four times, and as the distance saved cannot be above a few yards, I would suggest that one side of the road be kept the whole distance. I have seen on several occasions the Wire so loose and hanging so low in consequence of a Post having fallen, that persons driving along have had to duck their heads to prevent being struck by the Wire.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, No. 964; dated 21st April 1859.

Ordered to be transferred to the Public Department; with the request that the order passed there may be communicated to this Department.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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From Captain A. Moberly,
District Engineer of Chingleput.
To The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter sent by me in February last to the Off^{ce} of the Superintendent Electric Telegraph Department. As no notice appears to have been taken of my request, new Posts being now put up at several places to the South of the Palur River, and would beg that the orders of Government may be obtained to oblige the line of Telegraph wire being kept clear of the avenues.

2 I am given to understand, that the orders of Sir W^m O'Shaughnessy are to keep the lines quite clear of all trees by the sides of Roads, but not have been able to procure a copy of his order to see if my informant is correct; if however no orders to this effect exist, I would beg to suggest that they be issued as early as possible.

I have &c
A. Moberly Capt
District Engineer of Chingleput

Chingleput District Engineer's Office,
Camp Chingleput H. E. April 1859.

N^o 1280.

To The Deputy Superintendent
Electric Telegraph Department.

Sir,
I have the honor to bring to your notice that injury is being done in consequence of your Department

Department placing the line of Posts for the wire too near the Road and request that you will have the line of Posts kept at a distance of at least 20 yards outside of the line of trees; in some cases, especially on Trunk Road No 8, to the south of the Palour River, the Posts are placed between, and the wire taken over the trees, as the trees are young no injury is done at present, but as they grow they will either have to be cut down, and thus the Avenues will be spoiled, or else the line of Telegraph wire must be removed.

I would also propose the posts being removed away, wherever practicable, from the edge of the Road, as in case of any of the posts falling down perpendicular to the Road, the wire might be cut in two by the Bandies passing along. This argument would also hold good against repeatedly taking the line from one side of the Road to the other between Saint Thomas Mount and Chingleput it crosses the Road three or four times, and as the distance saved cannot be above a few yards I would suggest that one side of the Road be kept the whole distance. I have seen on several occasions the wire so loose and hanging so low in consequence of a post having fallen, that persons driving along have had to duck their heads to prevent being struck by the wire.

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Telegraph

N. 9730

From, The Chief Engineer

To, The Secretary to Government O.W.D.

Sir, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying correspondence received from the District Engineer Behinpleput, having reference to the practice at present adopted in the Telegraph Department of placing the line of posts for the wire too near the Road, and thereby causing injury to the Avenue trees planted on both sides.

The District Engineer reports that the trees are young at present, yet as they grow up, they will have to be cut down if the Telegraph line be not removed further from the side of the Road, and as the line is at present under repair, the requisite change might now be made without entailing much inconvenience. It is with the view therefore of the necessary orders being issued to the Telegraph Department, that I now do myself the honor of bringing the matter to the notice of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
H. Bell
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W. & D.
Fort Saint George, 20 April 1859

Yours V.

Enclosure in a letter from

the Chief Engineer.

I have the honor to forward for submission

To the Secretary to Government
N. 9730
20 April 1859

Letter of correspondence

on the subject of the

Telegraph wire line being

kept up clear of the

Avenue.

Comd. G. M.

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 of the Chief Engineer
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