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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 18. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 12th January 1860, No. 9116.

With reference to the order of Government as per margin, and in continuation of my previous* letter on the subject of sending public messages by the Electric Telegraph, I have now the honor to forward another communication from Lieutenant Beckley, District Engineer, Karnul, from which it appears that *all messages* for despatch are entered in two litss one called "public" and the other "private" and that the former always take precedence of the latter, but that a message connected with the Department Public Works although a "service message" will not be admitted to a place in the list headed "public," unless countersigned by the chief civil authority. It is an alteration in this respect that was sought by my formet application, viz. that the Assistant or other officers in charge of Telegraph offices should be required to acknowledge as a public message all communications relating to the Government service when sent by an officer in the Department of Public Works.

8th December 1859, No. 2855.
* 30th November 1859, No. 7787.
Dated 20th December 1859, No. 1151.
† Letter from District Engineer, Karnul, dated 20th December 1859, No. 1151.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1860, No. 164.

Resolved that this letter and the previous communication be sent to the Deputy Superintendent of Telegraph at Madras for report as to whether any countersignature is necessary and if it cannot be dispensed with.

From Chief Engineer 30th November 1859, No. 7787.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of T.P.
Pietermaritzburg
12th January 1880.

No 1/96

From,
The Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary
to Government N.H.D.

Sir,

With reference to the order of Government as per Telegram and in continuation of my previous letter on the subject of Messages for the Electric Telegraph, I have now the honor to forward another communication from Lieutenant Bickley District Engineer Harrismith from which it will be seen that all Messages for despatch are entered in two books one called "Public" and the other "Private" and that the former always take precedence of the latter, but that a Message connected with the P.T.D. altho a "Service Message" will not be admitted to a place in the book headed "Public" unless countersigned by the Chief Local Authority. It is an alteration in this respect that was sought by my former application viz that the Assistant or other Officers in charge of Telegraph Offices should be required to acknowledge as a Public

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P.W.O. 1860 Department
Res of Post Office Circular
No 126

From
Chief Engineer

To
Circular
to Superintendents No 119

Dated 12th January 1860.
Rec'd 16th

Incls Letter from Chief Engr
dated 9th Inst
Report of Supt Electric
Telegraph Irish Civil Service
Returns Tenders on the subject of dispensing with the countersignature of the Collector to Telegraph Messages sent by Postal Engineer

Will an order

Chief Secretary

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Jermyn Chambers
10th Dec 1859
No 1737

Dublin 9th Dec 1859

Reported that the letter and the previous correspondence noted in the Deputy Supt of Telegraphs at Headford for report as to whether any considerable saving would effect if it cannot be dispensed with

From Mr George
2nd Pay 160

Pay to the Deputy Electric Telegraph with former papers Dec 29th