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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th January 1871.*

No. 67. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) dated Fort William, 19th November 1870, No. 126-T:—

Copy of the following extract forwarded to heads of all Local Governments and Administrations, with the remark that the necessity for brevity in all service messages should be carefully impressed on all officers under their orders.

(By order,)

(Signed) W. A. CROMMELIN, Colonel, R. E.,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

Extract from a letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, No. 125, dated 19th November 1870.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 405, dated 23rd September last, forwarding a statement of the number and value of service and private messages despatched by the Government Telegraph Department from each of the Indian Offices during the year ending 31st March 1870, and to communicate the following remarks on various points which call for notice in connection therewith.

2. It is satisfactory to find that, as compared with 1867-68, the number and value of service messages have decreased in seven out of the thirteen Provinces, and that, excluding Ceylon which till 1869-70 was not under the Indian Telegraph Department, the total value of such messages throughout India has considerably decreased, and that a reduction, though not so large, is apparent in their total numbers. The following are the figures:—

	Number of messages.	Value of messages. RS.
1867-68	40,569	1,75,462
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3. This reduction shows that the scrutiny which is made of service messages has been attended with good results so far as the number of messages is concerned, but it seems to the Governor-General in Council that more might still be done in the way of increased brevity and conciseness. Under the present reduced tariff the average value of service messages is Rupees 3½, whereas, excluding Ceylon, the average value of private messages in 1869-70 was Rupees 2-36 only. The attention of all Local Governments will be drawn again to this point, which should be looked to carefully in the examination of messages in your Check Office.

No. 68.

ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1871, No. 36.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED for the information
and guidance of the under-mentioned
Officers:—

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Superintending Engineers.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th January 1871.*

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Do. do. for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Major R. B. Kennedy.

General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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To Superintending Engineers.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Ed. E. C. Shanker.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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*The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
in the Public Works Dept.*

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Engineer for
Irrigation

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G. O. 7th Aug. 1870. 36.

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Memorandum. No. 111. The Govt. of India
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