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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 149. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) dated Fort William, 17th March 1871, No. 152-T:—

Read the following papers:—

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, dated 24th February 1871, No. 107-T.

With reference to the recent increase of tariff for messages sent out of India, I am directed to inquire whether you consider it desirable that it should be suggested to the several Departments of the Government of India that the Turkish route should be used, in view to the same being communicated to all the officials who are privileged to telegraph out of India on the public service, or whether it would not be better to lay down, as a general rule, that the route is to be left to the discretion of the Telegraph Department. A difficulty would appear to exist in adopting the last-named course in consequence of the necessity for stamping the messages before they leave the Office of the Department which sends them.

2. I am to invite any suggestions you may have to make on the subject with the view of ensuring the use of the most suitable route (I.) for those messages on which a few hours' delay is not of very great importance, and which should consequently be sent by the cheaper route if in fair working order; and (II.) for messages which it is desired to send by the quickest route, irrespective of cost.

From the Officiating Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 11th March 1871, No. 619.

Replying to your letter of the 24th February, No. 107-T, I have the honour to point out that, at small stations, the state of the lines to Europe is not always known, and, should any of the officials who are privileged to send telegrams to Europe require to despatch one from a small Mofussil Station, it would be better that the higher rate of charge should be prepaid:

2. At the Presidencies and at large stations the higher rates should also be prepaid in all cases in which the greatest possible speed in transmission is desired, and looking to the uncertainty that attaches to the Turkish route, it would be advisable to ascertain in every case how that route is working, before addressing a telegram by it.

3. Messages prepaid at the higher rate should be addressed *via* Russia, but instructions will be given to the Offices to substitute the Red Sea for the Russian route whenever the state of the latter line is ascertained to be defective.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing papers be forwarded to the Financial, Foreign, Home, and Military Departments, for communication to the officials under the several Departments who have the power of telegraphing to England on the public service.

2. Ordered, also, that a copy be sent to the Governments of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras for information.

(Signed) R. B. PEMBERTON, Captain, R.E.,
Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th April 1871.*

No. 150.

ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1871, No. 1,040.

TELEGRAPH, No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public, etc., Departments.

Revenue Department.

Military

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
TELEGRAPH.

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Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
in the Public Works Department.

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The Public Works Dept.

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