

(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1878-79	Press
13410138		Mis.
Dated	8 8	1872.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Read the following letters:—

No. 134. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th July 1872, No. 351.

On the 21st March 1871,* two estimates, amounting respectively to Rs. 24,378 and Rupees 2,73,136, were sent to you
* *Vide* Orders of Government, No 1,059, dated 15th April 1871, and No. 1,093, dated 19th April 1871 for submission to the Government of India. The first sum represented the estimated cost of constructing a line of telegraph, with two wires, on iron poles, from Coimbatore to Mettapolliam on the Neilgherry Branch. The second represented the cost of substituting galvanized iron poles for wooden posts on 410 miles of the South-West Line of the Madras Railway.

2. On the 19th August 1871,* when the receipt of these estimates was acknowledged by the Government of India, it was stated that that Government desired "to construct a telegraph on these lines, and to leave to the Railway Company the wires required for its use on terms similar to those arranged with the Oudh and Rohilcund Railway Company," and it was requested that the consent of the Madras Railway Company might be obtained to this arrangement. The further proceedings on this subject are recorded in the Orders of Government noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the Railway Authorities in India and in England were then

3rd November 1871, No. 2,782.	
23rd " " " 2,968.	
2nd December " " 3,052.	

strongly opposed to the proposed transfer.

3. I have now the honour to lay before Government a letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway, in which he states that "the works on the Neilgherry Branch are now so far advanced that no time should be lost in making arrangements to proceed with the construction of the telegraph." Mr. Elwin further states that by the last mail he heard from his Directors "that they would be prepared to give their consent to any well-considered arrangement for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India, but as the negotiations will of necessity take a considerable time, and as if the girders arrive in time he hopes to be able to open the branch to Mettapolliam by the end of the year," he submits for consideration the expediency of authorizing the Railway Company to construct the telegraph on the branch, and to include it after completion in any transfer of the telegraphs on the whole line which may hereafter be agreed to by the Board.

4. With reference to the substitution of iron for wooden poles upon the South-West Line, the Agent explains that having respect to the urgency of the case he authorized the Chief Engineer to execute such renewals as were absolutely necessary, and that accordingly such of the wooden posts as were totally unfit to be left in the line have been from time to time replaced by Siemens' post. Mr. Elwin also points to the fact that the safe working of the line depends on the

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th August 1872.*

efficiency of the telegraph; that all the necessary materials are in stock; and that the work can be carried out by the Railway Company at any rate as economically as by the Government Telegraph Department; and requests authority to complete the renewals at once.

5. Under the circumstances I beg to second his proposals, so far as the early erection of the telegraph along the Neilgherry Branch is concerned, and I recommend that the Government of India may be moved to sanction the immediate carrying out of this work at the estimated cost of Rupees 24,378, without prejudice to any arrangements which may be hereafter made for the transfer of the telegraphs upon the whole line.

6. With regard to the other estimate alluded to by the Agent, the substitution of iron for wooden posts on the South-West Line at an estimated cost of Rupees 2,73,136, the necessity for its early sanction does not seem to be so clear, and I think that the existing arrangements, under which such renewals as are absolutely required are carried out, may continue in force for the present.

7. In the Budget Estimate for 1872-73 provision was made by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company for the construction of the telegraph on the Neilgherry Branch; but the item was* struck out in this office; and its omission was confirmed by the Government of India, when in paragraph 5 of their Resolution No. 499-A R, dated 6th April 1872, the estimated outlay for unsanctioned works in the Engineering Department was reduced to Rupees 5,00,000. I understand however from the Agent that he will be able to provide for the cost of the telegraph on the Neilgherry Branch from that reduced amount.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 26th June 1872, No 445.

I HAVE the honour to request that you will be so good as to represent to the Government that the works on the Neilgherry Branch are so far advanced that no time should be lost in making arrangements to proceed with the construction of the telegraph, the estimate for which was forwarded to your office with my letter No 119, dated the 25th February 1871

2. The Acting Consulting Engineer, in his letter to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated the 5th January 1872, No 3, remarked that the "Electric Telegraph, Neilgherry Branch, should be struck* out altogether if the proposal of the Government of India is acted upon, that the lines of telegraph are to be in the hands of the Government"

3. Upon the subject of the proposed transfer of the telegraphs to the Government, I heard by the last mail from my Directors that they would be prepared to give their consent to any well-considered arrangement for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India, but as the negotiations will of necessity take a considerable time, and as if the girders arrive in time we hope to be able to open the branch to Mettapolliam by the end of the year, I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Government, that it will be expedient that the Railway Company shall be authorized to construct the telegraph on the branch, and include it after completion in any transfer of the telegraphs on the whole line which may be hereafter agreed to by my Board.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th August 1872.*

4. I have also to direct attention to the estimate for "renewal of telegraph poles on the South-West Line," which was forwarded to your office with my letter No. 106 of the 15th February 1871. In the 4th paragraph of that letter, I stated that having regard to the urgency of the case I had authorized the Chief Engineer to execute such renewals as were absolutely necessary for the efficient maintenance of telegraphic communication

5. Such of the wooden posts as were totally unfit to be left in the line have accordingly from time to time been replaced by Siemens' posts, and each further portion of the work as would be met from Revenue funds have also been executed, but the completion of the work is delayed pending Government sanction, which is, I conclude, withheld in consequence of the contemplated transfer of the telegraphs to Government.

6. Under the circumstances explained above however, and looking at the fact that the safe working of the line depends upon the efficiency of the telegraph, I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will authorize me to complete the renewals at once.

7. We have in stock all the materials which will be required for the construction of a telegraph line on the Neilgherry Branch, and also for the renewals on the South-West Line, and as the work could be carried out by the Railway Company at any rate as economically as by the Government Telegraph Department, there does not appear to me to be any reason why the authority of the Government should be withheld

No. 135. From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department (Railway), dated Simla, 1st July 1872, No. 968 G. R.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,183, dated the 8th May 1872, submitting copies of letters from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway deprecating the assumption by the Government of India of the control of the wires and technical supervision and maintenance of the system of telegraph to be erected on their Southern Extension, and, for the reasons given, urging the importance of early orders being issued for the prompt completion of the telegraph.

2. In reply I am directed to request that the Agent may be informed that the construction by State agency of this line of telegraph has been settled, and that further reference on the subject is undesirable. The delay and inconvenience complained of by the Agent as arising from the absence of this telegraph would, in a great measure, have been obviated, if the Director-General of Telegraphs had been placed in possession of the material when asked for in September 1871.

3. The Telegraph Department has been requested to construct the telegraph without unnecessary delay.

No. 136. From J. BURKE, Esq, Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th July 1872, No. 972.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and in reply to state that I have received no instructions regarding the construction of the telegraph line along the Neilgherry Branch Railway. To prevent delay I shall forward your letter at once to the Director-General of Telegraphs.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th August 1872.*

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1872, No. 1,878.

TELEGRAPH, No. 1.

ORDERED that the following letter
be sent —

(Here enter No. 1,879, dated 8th August 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 8th August 1872.

No. 138.

No. 1,879.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAPH, No. 2.

SIR,—Referring to the correspondence which has taken place regarding the construction of the line of tele-

graph along the Neilgherry Branch of the Madras Railway, the Consulting Engineer submits with the accompanying letter a communication from the Agent, in which Mr. Elwin intimates that the Board of Directors have signified their willingness to enter into any well-considered arrangement for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India on the general question; but as the necessary negotiations will occupy a considerable time, and the advanced state of the works on the Neilgherry Branch renders it expedient that no time should be lost in laying the line of telegraph, the Agent recommends that sanction be accorded for the commencement of the work on the estimate of Rupees 24,378, submitted with letter No. 1,060, dated 15th April 1871, leaving for future consideration the arrangements for the transfer of the line to the Government Telegraph Department. The Consulting Engineer supports this proposal, and I am to observe that, with the necessary materials in stock and establishment on the spot, the Railway Company may reasonably be expected to carry out the work as economically as, and perhaps more expeditiously than, the Government Telegraph Department.

2. In the face, however, of the orders of the Supreme Government, dated 1st July 1872, No. 968-G. R., forbidding further reference on the question raised with reference to the construction of the telegraph along the Great Southern of India Railway Extension by the Company, this Government were not prepared to submit the application in connection with the Neilgherry Branch without reference to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division; but as from Mr. Burke's letter herewith forwarded, it appears that he is not in receipt of any instructions regarding the latter line, the Governor in Council does not consider it advisable to withhold further the submission of the papers for the early and favourable consideration and orders of the Government of India.

3. As regards the substitution of iron for wooden posts on the South-West Line on the estimate of Rupees 2,73,136 which accompanied Colonel Orr's letter of the 19th April 1871, No. 1,094, I am to state that this Government concur with Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart in considering it sufficient to continue for the present the arrangement under which renewals are made whenever absolutely necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Gobt. of {1872} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA.

Dated August 8th

Recd. Encl

G O, 8th August 1872, No 1,879.

AUGUST.

No. 138

Submitting for orders certain papers
regarding the construction of a line of
telegraph on the Neilgherry Branch of the
Madras Railway.

No. 1445-

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 26 June 1872.

From

Robert B. Shorn Ligniere

Agent and Manager. of the M.R.C.

To

Lieut. Col. J. Hill Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honour to request
that you will be so good as to repre-
-sent to the Government that the
works on the Neilgherry Branch are so
far advanced that no time should
be lost in making arrangements to
proceed with the construction of the Tel-
-egraph, the Estimate for which was
forwarded to your Office with my
letter No 119 dated the 25th of February
1871.

2 The Acting Consulting Engineer
in his letter to the Secretary to Govern-
-ment, Public Works Department dated
the 5th January 1872 No 3, remarked
that the "Electric Telegraph Neilgherry
Branch should be struck out altogether
if the proposal of the Government
of

* From Budget
for 1872-73

"of India is acted upon that the lines
of Telegraph are to be in the hands of
the Government"

3. Upon the subject of the proposed transfer of the Telegraphs to the Government I heard by the last Mail from my Directors that they would be prepared to give their consent to any well considered arrangement for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India but as the negotiations will of necessity take a considerable time and as if the Girders arrive in time we hope to be able to open the branch to Mettapolium by the end of the year, I have the honour to submit for the consideration of the Government that it will be expedient that the Railway Company shall be authorised to construct the Telegraph on the Branch, and include it after completion in any transfer of the Telegraphs on the whole line which may be hereafter agreed to by my Board.

4. I have also to direct attention to the Estimate for "Renewal of Telegraph poles on the South West Line" which was forwarded to your office with

with my letter No 106 of the 15th of February 1871. In the 4th paragraph of that letter I stated that having regard to the urgency of the case I had authorised the Chief Engineer to execute such renewals as were absolutely necessary for the efficient maintenance of telegraphic communication.

6. Such of the wooden posts as were totally unfit to be left in the line have accordingly from time to time been replaced by Siemens' posts, and such further portion of the work as would be met from Revenue funds have also been executed, but the completion of the work is delayed pending Government sanction which is I conclude withheld in consequence of the contemplated transfer of the Telegraphs to Government.

6. Under the circumstances explained above however and looking at the fact that the safe working of the line depends upon the efficiency of the Telegraph I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will authorise me to complete the renewals at once.

7. We have in stock all the materials

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

186

Recd

No.

materials which will be required for the construction of a Telegraph line on the Nilgherry Branch, and also for the renewals on the South West Line and as the work could be carried out by the Railway Company at any rate as economically as by the Government Telegraph Department, there does not appear to me to be any reason why the authority of the Government should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,
Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

W. J. H. M.
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

186

Recd.

No.

P. No. 3298/72.

Recd letter to Agent No. 14857 28/6/72

Requesting authority
to proceed with the
construction of
the telegraph on
the steel tower
erected for the
renewal of telegraph
posts on the 14th
June.

Date 28 June 1872
Recd 27

No 1445

From
MADRAS RAILWAY
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Transd Aug 4/72 Lm 10/134

No

1968/R
Government of India
Public Works Department
Railway
To the Secy to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Dept (Railway)
Sir,
Dindia, 1st July 1872

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. 1183 dated
the 8th May 1872, submitting copies
of letters from the Agent of the
Great Southern of India Railway
deprecating the assumption by the
Govt of India of the control of
the wires and technical supervision
and maintenance of the system of
telegraph to be erected on their
southern extension, and for the

reasons given, urging the importance
of early orders being issued for the
prompt completion of the telegraph -

2 In reply I am directed to re-
quest that the Agent may be informed
that the construction by State Agency
of this line of telegraph has been
settled, and that further reference
on the subject is undesirable. The
delay and inconvenience complain-
ed of by the Agent as arising
from the absence of this telegraph,
would in great measure have
been obviated if the Director
General of Telegraphs had been
placed in possession of the
material when asked for
in September 1871 -

3 The Telegraph Department
has

has been requested to construct
the telegraph without unnecessary
delay. -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. servt.

W. Brumfield

Offg. Deputy Secretary

Cons Engineer's Office

No. 357

From

Leut. Coll. J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart R.E.
Cons Engineer for Railways

J

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Fort St George

Sir,

On the 21st March
1871, two estimates, amounting
respectively to Rs 24,378 & Rs 27,136,
were sent to you for submission
to the Government of India.
The first sum represented the
estimated

Wife orders of Government -
No 1059 dated 15th April 1871
" 1095^{1/3} and 19th " 1871

On 1872 Richard
Hogsdon built
No. 3340.
From

The Government of
India.

March 1st } July 1892.
Aug 9th }

Aug 1882

Anticipating
that the construction
by State Agency, of the
line of telegraph along
the Southern ~~States~~
of the U. S. if made in
Railway has been
settled, that in the
absence on the subject
is undesirable.

At 1878, 1879, 8. 1880/2

estimated cost of constructing a line of telegraph, with two wires, on iron poles, from Coimbatore to Mettapolliam, on the Neilgherry branch. The second represented the cost of substituting galvanized iron poles for wooden posts on 410 miles of the South-west Line of the Madras Railway.

2. On the 19th August 1871^{*}, when the receipt of these estimates was acknowledged by the Government of India, it was stated that that Government desired to construct a telegraph "on these lines, and to leave to the

^{*} Vide G.O. dated
14th September 1871
No. 2331.

^{*} 3rd November 1871 No. 24982.
23rd " " 1871 " 2968.
2nd December 1871 " 3052.

the Railway Company the wires required for its use on terms similar to those arranged with the Cudh and Rohilcund Railway Company; and it was requested that the consent of the Madras Railway Company might be obtained to this arrangement. The further proceedings on this subject are recorded in the orders of Government noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the Railway Authorities, in India and in England, were then strongly opposed to the proposed transfer.

3. I have now the honour
to lay before Government a
letter from the Agent of the
Madras Railway, in which ^{N^o 445 dated} 26th June 1872
he states that the works on
the Nilgherry branch are now
so far advanced that no
time should be lost in mak-
ing arrangements to proceed
with the construction of the
telegraph: Mr. Elwin fur-
ther states that by the last
mail he heard from his direc-
tors that they would be prepared
to give their consent to any
well-considered arrangement
for giving effect to the wishes
of

of the Government of India;
but as the negotiations will
of necessity take a consider-
able time, and as if the
girders arrive in time he hopes
to be able to open the branch
to Mettupallicam by the end
of the year, he submits
for consideration the expe-
diency of authorising the
Railway Company to con-
struct the telegraph on the
branch, and to include it
after completion in any trans-
fer of the telegraphs on the
whole line which may here-
after be agreed to by the
Board.

3. I have now the honour
to lay before Government a
letter from the Agent of the
Madras Railway, in which <sup>N^o 445 dated
26th June 1872</sup>
he states that the works on
the Neilgherry branch are now
so far advanced that no
time should be lost in mak-
ing arrangements to proceed
with the construction of the
telegraph. Mr. Elwin fur-
ther states that by the last
mail he heard from his direc-
tors that they would be prepared
to give their consent to any
well-considered arrangement
for giving effect to the wishes
of

of the Government of India;
but as the negotiations will
of necessity take a consider-
able time, and as if the
girders arrive in time he hopes
to be able to open the branch
to Mettupalliam by the end
of the year, he submits
for consideration the expe-
diency of authorising the
Railway Company to con-
struct the telegraph on the
branch, and to include it
after completion in any trans-
fer of the telegraphs on the
whole line which may here-
after be agreed to by the
Board.

4. With reference to the substitution of iron for wooden poles upon the South-west Line, the Agent explains that having respect to the urgency of the case he authorised the Chief Engineer to execute such renewals as were absolutely necessary; and that accordingly such of the wooden posts as were totally unfit to be left in the line have been from time to time replaced by Siemens' post. Mr. Elwin also points to the fact that the safe working of the line depends on the efficiency of the telegraph; that all the necessary

necessary materials are in stock; and that the work can be carried out by the Railway Company at any rate as economically as by the Government Telegraph Department; and requests authority to complete the renewals at once.

5. Under the circumstances, I beg to second his proposals, so far as the early erection of the telegraph along the Neilgherry branch is concerned; and I recommend that the Government of India may be moved to sanction the immediate carrying out of this work,

works, at the estimated cost of Rs. 24,378; without prejudice to any arrangements which may be hereafter made for the transfer of the telegraphs upon the whole line.

6. With regard to the other estimate alluded to by the Agent, the substitution of iron for wooden posts on the South-west Line, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,73,136, the necessity for its early sanction does not seem to be so clear; and I think that the existing arrangements, under which such renewals as are absolutely

absolutely required are carried out, may continue in force for the present.

In the Budget Estimate for 1872-73 provision was made by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company for the construction of the telegraph on the Nilgerry branch; but the item was struck out in this office; and its omission was confirmed by the Government of India when in paragraph 5 of their Resolution No. 499. A.R. dated 6 April 1872, the estimated outlay for unsanctioned

X This office letter
4.3 d/5 Jan 72
G.O. 19 Jan 72
No 165

X G.O. No 1058
7.23 April 72

insanctioned works in the Engi-
neering Department was reduced
to Rs 50,000. I understand,
however, from the Agent that
he will be able to provide for
the cost of the telegraph on
the Neilgherry branch from
that reduced amount.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Madras 3 Mountstuart Leut. Col. R.E.
5 July 1872

Cons. Engr. for Railway

P. W. 1872 Deparl.
Proposed for Aug
No. 3298.
From
The Com Insps for Rep
To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D

Decd 5th }
Recd 8th } July 1872

No 351

See: 1. V

Submitting
Agent's letter and
requesting the same
be of Govt for con-
structing a line of
Telegraphs on
the Melgherry Branch

No 18781879-8 Aug 6/72

FROM

No 972

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras DIVISION.

TO

The Secretary

to Government Madras. P. W. D.

Dated Madras the 19th of July 1872

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and,
in reply, to state that I have received
no instructions regarding the construction
of the Telegraph Line along the Melgherry
Branch Railway. To prevent delay I
shall forward your letter at once to the
Director General of Telegraphs.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most obedt. servt,

[Signature]
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

1874

Re 1. Aug 7/72

supd to Oct 10 1872

Memorandum by Chief Engineer

In his letter No. 351 of 5th July the Consulting Engineer for Railways records the proposals of the Agent of the Kachin Railway that sanction be solicited for the immediate construction of the Telegraph line along the Vilghery Branch; leaving for future consideration the arrangements for transfer of the line to the Government Telegraph Department - The

J. W. 1872. *Depair*
 GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT
Mr. J. W. 1872.
 FROM *Mr. J. W. 1872.*
 SUPERINTENDENT, *Mr. J. W. 1872.*

Madras DIVISION

Secretary to Prisoners

Charles Dwyer

Dated at Caracas 19th July 1892.

Red — 20 — No 972

Link

Index No.

ABSTRACT.

Precis.

Reply to No 154, dated 18th Dec
States no not having received
any instructions regarding
the construction of the R.R.
about the establishing of
Railway Co.

2/1/87 8:10 AM

The Railway Au-
thorities reasonably
urge that they can
carry out the work
at least as economically
as the Government
Telegraph Department
could; and it may
be added that, with
their Establishment
on the spot, they could
do it more rapidly.

But in the face of
the order of the Govt.
of India No. 3340 of
1st July peremptorily
forbidding further re-
ference on a similar
question

question raised with
reference to the Southern
of India extension,
it seems needless again
to refer the question
as to the Madras
Line.

The Telegraph Dept.
has been ordered by
the Government of
India to construct
the Telegraph along
the Southern of India
extension "without un-
necessary delay".

Possibly a reference
might be made to the
Superintendent^{at} Madras
to enquire within what
time he would engage
A. to complete the 25

I concur in
this. J. D. S.

miles of the Kailgherry
Branch after which
further action might
be taken.

3298

Walter L. R.
Chief Engineer

Pt Sept 14
1878

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th August 1872

Read the following
From the Chief Engineer Railways - Here enter No 357 of 5 July 1872
" the Secy to the Govt of India - Here enter No 85 of 11 July 1872
" the Supt. Govt. Telegraph Dept - Here enter No 19 of 19 July 1872

Ordered that the
following letter be sent:-

To. No 1879.
The Secretary to the Govt.
of India P.W.D.

Sir.
Referring to the
correspondence which has
taken place regarding
the construction of the
line of Telegraph along
the Kailgherry branch
of the Madras Railway
the Consulting Engineer
submits with the

104

accompanying letter a
communication from
the Agent in which
Mr. Elwin intimates
that the Board of
Directors have signified
their willingness to enter
into any well considered
arrangement for giving
effect to the wishes of
the Government of India
on the general question;
but as the necessary
negotiations will oc-
cupy a considerable
time, and the advanced
state of the works on
the Neilgherry branch,
renders it expedient
that no time should

13/5
be lost in laying the
line of telegraph, the
Agent recommends
that sanction be
accorded for the
commencement of the
work on the estimate
of Rs. 24,378 submitted
with letter No. 1060 dated
15 April 1871, leaving
for future considera-
tion the arrangements
for the transfer of the
line to the Government
Telegraph Department.
The Consulting Engineer
supports this proposal,
and I am to observe
that, with the necessary

materials in stock and
establishment on the
spot, the Railway Com-
pany may reasonably
be expected to carry
out the work as eco-
nomically and per-
haps more expedi-
tiously than the
Govt. Telegraph Departt.
In the face, however,
of the orders of the
Supreme Government
dated 1st July 1872,
No. 968 G. R. forbidding
further reference on
the question raised
with reference to the
construction of the

16
Telegraph along the
Great Southern of India
Railway extension
by the Company, the
Govt. were not prepared
to submit the appli-
cation in connection
with the Neilgherry
branch without
reference to the Su-
perintendent of
Telegraphs, Madras
Division, but as from
Mr. Burkes letter
herewith forwarded,
it appears that he
is not in receipt of
any instructions re-
garding the latter

line the Governor in
Council does not con-
sider it advisable
to withhold further
the submission of the
papers for the consi-
deration and orders
of the Gov^t of India.

As regards the
substitution of iron
for wooden posts on
the South West line
on the estimate of
Rs 2,73,136 which
accompanied Col^l
Orr's letter of the 19th
April 1871, No 1094,
I am to state that
the Government

early and favorable
will be

13/7
concur with Col^l Stewart in
considering it suf-
ficient to continue
for the present the
arrangement under
which renewals are
made whenever abso-
lutely necessary-

G.M.W.

Recd 14/8/72 with 36
Cp of Govt 1878 of 1872-

Ch. 3298. 336023509

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Secretary to the Govt
of Madras

Date

Recd.

Encl. 1 V

G. O. 8th Aug. 1878-1879

Nos. 1340/1371/28

Telegraph on the Kilkenny
Branch Line - Passing
orders on the subject of
constructing a line of
Telegraph on the Kilkenny
Branch Line of the Madras Ry.

Submitting for the
early & favorable consideration
of certain papers relating
to the construction of a line of
Telegraph on the Kilkenny
Branch of the Madras Ry.

1340/1371/28