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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1872.*

No. 454. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 5th March 1872, No. 2,321-T. :—

WITH reference to your No. 335 of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the objection to the acceptance by Railway Telegraph Offices of messages intended for destination beyond Indian limits arises from the fact that, if during the transit of such a message, an error were to occur rendering the telegram useless, or if it were lost or misdelivered, the administration to blame is by the rules of the International Convention bound to refund to the sender not merely the share credited to it but the entire cost of the message from place of origin to destination, and it is believed few Railway Telegraph systems are willing to accept this heavy responsibility.

2. The Government of India having however recently decided that it is desirable the public should have the benefit of the telegraph for foreign as well as for inland messages at Railway stations where this department has no signal offices, I purpose immediately on receipt of the convention revised at the recent conference at Rome to inquire of the heads of the several Railway Telegraph Administrations whether they are willing to observe the conditions it imposes.

No. 455.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1872, No. 782.

RAILWAY, No. 73.

FORWARDED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for communication to the Agent and Manager of the Madras

Railway with reference to his letter recorded with G. O., No. 477, dated 20th February 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. E. C. Shunker,

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No. 2321

FROM

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA,

TO

Madras.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Calcutta, the 5 of *March* 1872.

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Sir,

Yours most obedt. Servt.
Merrill L. Clarke.
M. of the Director General of Tel. in India

no 10 February 1872 P. W. 1872 Sept
A: 1247.
From
The Ag. Dir. General of
Telegraphs in India
Dated 8th { Madras
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A: 2311.
Stating reasons
for the objection of
Railway Telegraph Office
receiving Foreign Messages
from the public.
A: 782-19
With orders

Forwarded to the Consulting Engineer
for Railways for communication to the
Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway
with reference to his letter under A: 1177
G.O. No 477 dated 25th Feb 72. W
The Engineer for Railways / Madras 26/2/72

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GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

Chief Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

1st April 1882.

No. 484, 485

Indian Railways

Dear Sir,
I am very sorry to hear
of the death of Mr. J. D. D. D.
General Telegraphs in
India. During the years
of the existence of the
Telegraph, I have re-
ceived many letters
from the public, and