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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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13th January 1872.*

No. 195. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 22nd December 1871, No. 499 T:—

In continuation of Public Works Department No. 349 T., dated 2nd September last, I am directed to forward the correspondence noted on the margin, and to remark that, under the circumstances, it hardly seems desirable to incur the expense of re-constructing and maintaining the telegraph line between Kotary and Doomagoodium.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 5th October 1871, No. 4,498.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 348 T., dated 2nd ultimo, forwarding communication, No. 2,098, dated 16th August last, from the Madras Government, regarding the maintenance of the telegraph line between Kotary and Doomagoodium, and in reply to inform the Government of India that though the Officiating Chief Commissioner feels the weight and importance of the proposal made by the Madras Government to restore and keep up telegraph communication between those places, yet that Colonel Keatinge regrets that there are no funds available for the purpose, and he does not know from what source they could be obtained, unless the Government of India are pleased to sanction the necessary outlay from the allotments for the Godavery Works; and even if Government should do so, I am to point out that the Public Works Department has not the command of the necessary trained officials who would be required for such increased and extensive telegraph duty.

2. I am to mention that it is in contemplation to altogether close the works at the 2nd Barrier Division, and that it would in such case be impossible for the Public Works Department to undertake the maintenance of the line between Kotary and Doomagoodium, as there would be no establishment left to carry on the working of the telegraph, kept up, as it is at present, by the Clerks in the Executive Engineers' Offices.

3. Under these circumstances, it appears to the Officiating Chief Commissioner that if the line is to be restored and kept up as applied for by the Madras Government, the Imperial Telegraph Department should undertake the duty and resume the charge of the whole communication, holding the same as was done formerly.

From the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 4th December 1871, No. 282.

REPLYING to your No. 422 T. of the 20th October last, desiring a report on the proposal of the Madras Government for the restoration and maintenance of the line of telegraph from Kotary to Doomagoodium, I have the honour to solicit reference to the correspondence commencing with Colonel Robinson's No. 520, of the 18th September 1869, to the Foreign Secretary, and terminating with your No. 57 T., of the 1st October 1870, from which it will be seen that the Government of India, in communication with the Central Provinces Administration, finally decided that the portion of the line Nagpore to Hingunghat only was to be considered permanent; the portion Hingunghat to Kotary was to be maintained until the question of the railway to the Chanda Coal fields and the 3rd Barrier Godavery Works is decided; and that the portion Kotary to Doomagoodium with the offices at Sironcha, Euchampilly, and Doomagoodium was to be made over

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to the Superintending Engineer, Godavery Works, to be worked and maintained at the expense of the Irrigation Department.

2. The line and offices south of Hingunghat are not wanted for any departmental purposes, and the question, so far as this department is concerned, has been definitely settled in your No. 57 T. of the 1st October 1870.

3. If, however, the Madras Government considers the maintenance of the lines and offices is essentially necessary for the Godavery Works, and if the Government of India concurs in this view, this department will, of course, be prepared to undertake to restore and maintain the lines, but if it does so I submit this is a case in which the amount of expenditure to be incurred should be borne not by the telegraph, but by the department for whose sole and special benefit the work is undertaken, executed, and maintained. On receipt of orders an officer of this department will, if necessary, be instructed to inspect and report on the present condition of the line from Kotary to Doomagoodium, and to frame an estimate of the probable cost for putting it into repair.

No. 196.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1872, No. 103.

TELEGRAPH, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division in continuation of G. O., No. 2,360, dated 16th September 1871.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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A. 4498 dated 5th October 1871.

From the officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, in the Public Works Dept., to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement A. 348 I, dated 2nd ult., forwarding communication A. 2798, dated 16th August last, from the Madras Government regarding the maintenance of the telegraph line between Kotaree and Doomagoodium, and in reply to inform the Govt of India, that through the officiating Chief Commissioner feels the weight and importance of the proposal made by the Madras Government to restore and keep up telegraph communication between those places, yet that Colonel Keatinge regrets that there are no funds available for the purpose, and he does not know from what source they could be obtained, unless the Govt of India are pleased to sanction the necessary outlay from the allotments for the Godavery Works; and even if Govt. should do so, I am to point out that the Public Works Department has not the command of the necessary trained officials who would be required for

for such increased and extensive telegraph duty.

2. I am to mention that it is in contemplation to altogether close the works at the 2^d Barrier Division, and that it would in such case be impossible for the Public Works Department to undertake the maintenance of the line between Kotaree and Damagodiam, as there would be no establishment ^{left} to carry on the working of the telegraph, kept up, as it is at present, by the Clerks in the Executive Engineers' offices.

3. (Under these circumstances, it appears to the officiating Chief Commissioner that if the line is to be restored and kept up as applied for by the Madras Government, the Imperial Telegraph Department should undertake the duty and resume the charge of the whole communication, holding the same as was done formerly.)

Mr 6164/71

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A. 282 dated 4th December 1871.
From the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Replying to your A. 422 T. of the 20th October last, desiring a report on the proposal of the Madras Govt for the restoration and maintenance of the line of telegraph from Kotaree to Damagodiam, I have the honor to solicit reference to the correspondence commencing with Colonel Robinsons A. 522 of the 18th Sept 1870 to the Foreign Secretary and terminating with your A. 54 T. of the 1st October 1870, from which it will be seen that the Govt of India in communication with the Central Provinces Administration finally decided that the portion of the line Nagpore to Nimgunghat only was to be considered permanent, the portion Nimgunghat to Kotaree was to be maintained until the question of the Railway to the Chanda Coal fields and the 3^d Barrier Godavery works is decided; and that the portion Kotaree to Damagodiam with the offices at Seroncha,

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Enchamfilly and Damagodium was to be made over to the Superintending Engineer Godavery works, to be worked and maintained at the expense of the Irrigation Department.

2. The line and officers south of Kingunghat are not wanted for any Departmental purposes and the question, so far as this Deptt. is concerned, has been definitely settled in your No. 571 of the 1st October 1870.

3. If, however, the Madras Govt. considers the maintenance of the lines and offices is essentially necessary for the Godavery works, and if the Govt of India concurs in this view, this Deptt. will, of course, be prepared to undertake to restore and maintain the lines, but if it does not, I submit this is a case in which the amount of expenditure to be incurred should be borne, not by the Telegraph, but by the Deptt. for whose sole and special benefit the work is undertaken, executed, and maintained. - An receipt of orders an officer of this Deptt. will, if necessary, be instructed to inspect and report on the present condition of the line from Kolar to Damagodium, & to frame an estimate of the probable cost for putting it into repair. -

Mr 6194/71

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 499 T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
TELEGRAPH.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras
in the Public Works Department.

Fort St. George 22nd December 1871

Sir,

In continuation of Public Works Department No. 319 T. dated 2nd September last, I am directed to forward the correspondence noted on the margin, and to remark that, under the circumstances it hardly seems desirable to incur the expense of reconstructing and maintaining the telegraph line between Kolar and Damagodium. -

From Central Prov. No. 12498
7th Oct. 1871.
From Offg. Secy. of Telegraphs
No. 2027/4 Dec. 1871.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. J. J. Colman
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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To The Dy. Superintendent Engrs
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G. O. 13th Jan 1872 No. 123.

Nos. 195 & 196

Telegraph line between Kottai
& Bangalore. Letter
from the Govt of India
to the Dy. Superintendent
regarding the expenses of
construction & maintaining
the telegraph line between
Kottai & Bangalore,
and the Subordinate Engrs.