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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 477-78	Press Mis.
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Dated 21. 2	18/2.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th February 1872.*

No. 333. Read the following endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th January 1872, No. 29:—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th January 1872, No. 19.

WITH reference to the conversation which took place yesterday at the Meeting of the Stores Committee, I have the honour to enclose you a copy of the letter* from the Traffic Manager, which

I read to the Meeting, on the subject of the receipt of "International telegrams" at Railway Telegraph Offices.

2. There can be no doubt that it would be a great convenience to the public if the concession advocated by Mr. Church were granted, and I am at a loss to know why the Government Telegraph Department should oppose it.

3. I shall be much obliged if you will submit the question to Government, in view to the Director-General of Telegraphs being requested to express his opinion thereon.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 9th January 1872, No. C-14.

International Messages.

THE Government Telegraph Department having stated in a letter, dated 2nd December last, (communicated to me by the Chief Auditor on the 5th instant,) that "Railway Telegraph Stations are at present not authorized to receive foreign messages from the public," I would ask that the whole question may be brought to the notice of the Government, in order that some definite orders may be passed for our guidance.

2. It has been the practice to receive at Telegraph Stations on this Railway, where no Government Telegraph Office exists, messages of all kinds from the public, but we have at all times experienced great difficulty in obtaining reliable information as to tariff from the Government Telegraph Department, and there has evidently been a desire on the part of that department to withhold from the public, residing in towns where no Government Telegraph Office exists, the privilege of sending direct from the Railway Telegraph Offices "International messages."

3. The ruling of the Government Telegraph Department seems to me extremely arbitrary, and, if confirmed, will deprive the public, who have the misfortune to reside at a non-Government Telegraph Station, of the advantages of direct Telegraph communication with the rest of the world.

From the Superintendent of Telegraphs in charge, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Calcutta, 2nd December 1871, No. 5,283.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 3,559, dated 16th October last, and to inform you that of the items objected by you, I have admitted only the first (from Goondacul to Bombay), and the last but one (from Ootacamund to Pothanore) noted in your letter under reply.

2. The second and the last items are not admitted for the reasons stated on the enclosed copies of the messages.

3. As Railway Telegraph Stations are at present not allowed to receive foreign messages from the public, (which is the reason why the foreign tariffs are not communicated to the Railway Companies,) this department must claim its proper share on such international messages as have been accepted by the Railway Telegraph Stations without authority.

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4. The amount admitted, namely, Rupees 1-8-0, will be credited to you in account for the quarter ending 30th September 1871 now under adjustment.
5. Both the original and duplicate Madras Treasury Officer's receipts for Rupees 99-8-8 having accompanied your letter under reply, I have the honour to return the original, the duplicate being a sufficient record for this office.

MEMORANDUM OF DISCREPANCIES.
Messages received from Madras Railway Telegraphs.

Month and date	Number of Mes-sages.	From Sta-tion.	To Station.	AMOUNT CREDITED BY THE MADRAS RAILWAY.			AMOUNT CLAIMED BY THE CHECK OFFICE.		
				Number of words.	Amount.	Total.	Number of words.	Amount.	Total.
19th Sept.	446	* Madras.	London	20	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	20	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
20th "	600	Adoni.	Coonoor post, ...	24	27 8 0		24	28 8 0	
			Ootacamund.†		2 0 0			1 8 0	
			Total amount less credited to Government by Railway ...	.....	.....	29 8 0	.....	.....	30 0 0
			Total...	.....	.....	0 8 0	.....	.....	.....
				.....	.....	30 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0

* No share is to be credited to Railway Company. The sender of the message should have been directed by the Railway Authorities to take his message to the Government Telegraph Office at Madras for transmission.
† Post not registered.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. MELLIS,
for Agent and Manager.

SUBMITTED to Government, with a view to the Director-General of Telegraphs being solicited to give his opinion on the matter brought to notice by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Captain, R.E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 334.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1872, No. 477.

RAILWAY, No. 39.

ORDERED that the Director-General of Telegraphs be addressed on the subject of these papers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 20th February 1872.

No. 335.

No. 478.

To

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS.

RAILWAY, No. 40.

SIR,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs at Calcutta having in a letter No. 5,283, dated 2nd October 1871, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, intimated that Railway Telegraph Stations are "not allowed to receive foreign messages from the public," the Officers of the Company represent that the effect of such a ruling would be to deprive the public of a great convenience they would otherwise possess in being able to transmit messages through the medium of the Railway lines from stations where there is no Government Telegraph Office. In this opinion the Government of Madras fully concur, and I am accordingly directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to forward for your information a copy of the correspondence and to request an expression of your views on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 19

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 11th January 1872

From

R. B. Chinn Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to the conversation which took place yesterday at the Meeting of the Stores Committee I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the letter from the Traffic Manager which I read to the Meeting on the subject of the receipt of "International Telegraphs" at Railway Telegraph Offices.

2. There can be no doubt that it would be a great convenience to the Public if the concession advocated by Mr. Church were granted and I am at a loss to know why the Government Telegraph Department should oppose it.

3. I shall be much obliged if you will submit the question to Government in view to the Director General of Telegraphs being requested to express his opinion thereon.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant
R. B. Chinn
Agent and Manager

7th of 14
9th January
1872
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enclosure.

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The Agent and Managers
M. R. Co

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

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The Consulting Engineer

FOR RAILWAYS
P. 325/72

Detail - 11:11 Vandyke, 1857

Recall

No. 19

transmitting copy of
a letter from the
Shafie Nawaz
regarding the health
of interned
telegrams at Canton
Telegraph Office.

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direct from the Railway Telegraph
Offices "international messages".

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Telegraph Department seems to me
extremely arbitrary, and if confirmed
will deprive the Public, who have
the misfortune to reside at a non
Government Telegraph Station, of the
advantages of direct Telegraph communication
with the rest of the world.

Yours &c.
Prof. H. C. Church.
Traffic Manager

1 True Copy

W. J. Smith
Agent and Manager.

P.N. 325/72.

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Government Telegraph Department
Check Office.
N. 5283

Dated Calcutta, the 2nd of Decr/77

To
The Agent and Manager.
Madras Railway Company.
Madras.

Sir,
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4. The amount admitted viz: Rs 1/8 will be credited to you in account for the quarter.

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Submitted to Government
with a view to the Director
General of Telegraphs being
solicited to give his opinion on
the matter brought to notice
by the Agent of the Madras Railway
Company.

Madras
19 January
1872

C. Smith Capt R.E.
Sg. bone: Capt for Railway

To
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Dept.
Fort Saint George.

P. M. 325/2.

Sh 333
6.3.1872 (P. 3.5.54/72)

Received of the
Director General of
Telegraphs
the sum of Rs. 100/-
for the purchase of
materials for the
construction of the
telegraph line from
Shimla to Dehra
Dun.

Public Works Deptt
No. 475
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

From
The Dy. Commr. for Railways
(H. C. No. 29 of 19 Jan 1872)

Ordered that the
Director General of Telegraphs
be addressed on the subject of
these papers.

To The Actg. Commr. Engg.
for Railways.
Dated 22/2/72.
The Director General
of Telegraphs.
Sir,
The Superintendent of
Telegraphs at Calcutta having
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to Secy to Govt. 5/5/72

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opinion the Government
& Madras fully concur,
and I am accordingly directed
by

by the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
to forward for your in-
formation a copy of the
Correspondence and to
request an expression of
your views on the subject.

J. L. L.

Recd 22/2/72 with four
copies of G.O. 477 of 1872

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Consulting Engineer
for Railways
and
To the Director-General
of Telegraphs

Dated

Recd.

Encl. B

G. O. 20th Feb. 1872. No. 477-478.

Nos. 333-334 & 335

Telegraph Messages. Papering orders,
in the correspondence, sub-
mitted by the Engineer for Rys.,
regarding the receipt of
foreign messages from the
public at the Rys. Telegraph
Stations

Forwarded with remarks
Copy of correspondence regarding
the receipt at Rys. Telegraph
Stations of foreign messages from the public