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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1873.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from Captain G. T. SKIPWITH, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Irrigation Branch, dated Simla, 2nd August 1873, No. 335 T:—

IN forwarding, for information, copy of correspondence noted on the * margin regarding a proposal to restore telegraphic communication between Kotaree and Doomagoodiem, I am directed to inquire whether the Government of Madras is willing to bear the expense of maintaining the line in question in the event of its being re-erected and put into working order by the Government of India.

From Colonel J. W. RUNDALL, R.E., Inspector-General of Irrigation Works, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 21st July 1873, No. 30 I. G.

I HAVE the honour to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director-General of Indian Telegraphs, and for reasons urged in my late Tour Notes, I strongly recommend that telegraphic communication with Doomagoodiem be restored.

2. During the conversation I held with the Director-General, and alluded to in his letter, I was led to understand that it will cost almost as much to remove the wire now on the spot as to re-erect it, and if so, I think there can scarcely be any hesitation as to the course which it is advisable to adopt.

3. Telegraphic communication between the delta and the station of Doomagoodiem will be essential in the event of the Godavery steamers being worked by the Madras Government, who I observe, moreover, recommended that the communication should be maintained, *vide* Director-General's letter, No. 282, of 4th December 1871. That Government will, I have little doubt, be glad to meet the expense of its maintenance, for telegraph communication is likewise very important in connection with the delta works by affording information as to the advent and duration of the river floods, and enabling the officer in charge of the head works to close the vents of the regulators at the heads of the several canals in due time. The inability to obtain timely notice, since telegraphic communication was interrupted, is, I know, productive of much inconvenience and some anxiety, and great works on which so much depends ought not to be left without such communication if it is possible to be secured. The actual expense of working of the line as far as Doomagoodiem is concerned will, as shown in my notice, be very small.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. MURRAY, Officiating Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to Colonel J. W. RUNDALL, R.E., Inspector-General of Irrigation, dated Simla, 15th July 1873, No. 860.

WITH reference to the conversation I had with you some time back on the subject of re-establishing and maintaining the telegraph to Doomagoodiem for the use of the Irrigation Works, etc., I request to be informed at an early date if there is any, and what probability of a telegraph line from Kotaree to Doomagoodiem being required. I ask for this information at an early date, because if the line from Kotaree to Doomagoodiem is not to be reconstructed and maintained, it is intended to remove and utilize elsewhere the material of the old line; but this is a step it would not be advisable to take if there is any probability of the line from Kotaree to Doomagoodiem having to be re-established.

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2. The line was abandoned by the Executive Engineer, 1st Barrier Division, in 1871, and the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, now calls on this department to remove the wire, as much having fallen it is dangerous to travellers.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1873, No. 2,255.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 11.

ORDERED that the following letter
be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,256, dated 12th September 1873.)
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 12th September 1873.

No. 179.

No. 2,256.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, No. 335 T, regarding the restoration of telegraphic communication between Kotaree and Doomagoodiem, which formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to request that the Madras Government may be furnished with extract of the Tour Notes of the Inspector-General of Irrigation referred to in paragraph 1 of his letter of 21st July, giving his reasons for maintenance of the line, as well as information of the cost of the re-erection of the wire, and of the expense of working.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3 of Colonel Rundall's letter, I am to forward copy of G. O., No. 1,738, of 5th July, from the papers recorded in which it will be observed that the Nagpore Authorities propose to share in the navigation of the Upper Godavery; and to suggest that some portion at least of the telegraphic charges be borne by that Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

N^o 860.

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From: The Director General of Telegraphs in India.

To: Colonel Randall R.E.

Inspector General of Irrigation.

Dated Simla, 15th July 1873.

Sir,

With reference to the conversation I had with you some time back on the subject of re-establishing and maintaining the Telegraph to Damagodium for the use of the Irrigation Works &c. I request to be informed at an early date if there is any and what probability of a Telegraph line from Hestaree to Damagodium being required - I ask for this information at an early date, because if the line from Hestaree to Damagodium is not to be reconstructed and maintained it is intended to remove and utilize elsewhere the material of the old line; but this

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is a step it would not be advisable to take if there is any probability of the line from Holar to Damagoodium having to be re-established.

2. The line was abandoned by the Executive Engineer, 1st Baruer Division in 1871 and the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces now calls on this Dept^{to} to remove the wire as much ^{having} fallen, it is dangerous to travellers.

As of 21/7/73.
P.O. No. 2255 of 12/7/73.

I have &c
J. S. Murray Esq.
Offg. Secy. of Telegraphs
in India

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Office of the Inspector General of
Irrigation Works.

No 30 I.G.
From The Inspector General of
Irrigation Works
To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Public Works Department

Simla 21st July 1873

Sir
I have the honor to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director General of Indian Telegraphs and for reasons urged in my late Tour Notes, I strongly recommend that telegraphic communication with Damagoodium be restored.

Copy of letter
received 20/7/73

2. During the conversation I held with the Director General and alluded to in his letter, I was led to understand that it will cost almost as much to remove the wire now on the spot as to re-erect it and

not recommended
21/7/73

if so I think, there can scarcely be any hesitation as to the course which it is advisable to adopt.

3. Telegraphic communication between the Delta, and the station of Dumagoodiem will be essential in the event of the Godaverry Steamers being worked by the Madras Government, who I observe moreover recommended that the communication should be maintained, vide Director General's letter No. 282 of 4th December 1871 - That Government will I have little doubt be glad to meet the expense of its maintenance, for telegraph communication is likewise very important in connexion with the Delta works by affording information as to the advent, and duration of the River floods, and enabling the Officer in charge of the Head Works to close the vents of the Regulators at the heads of the several canals in due time - The inability to obtain timely notice

notice, since telegraphic communication was interrupted, is I know productive of much inconvenience and some anxiety, and great work on which so much depends ought not to be left without such communication if it is possible to be secured. The actual expense of working of the line as far as Dumagoodiem is concerned will as shown in my Notice be very small.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in the left margin, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

[Handwritten notes in the left margin:]
 No 112473
 P. M. 4.86/73
 25/7/73

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No 335 T.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
 TELEGRAPH.

[Handwritten:] The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
 in the Irrigation Branch
 Dated 2nd August 1873

[Handwritten:] In forwarding for information
 Copy of correspondence with the Manager
 regarding a proposal to restore telegraphic
 communication between Hoarse and Anna
 gooden, I am directed to enquire whether the
 Government of Madras is willing to bear the
 expense of maintaining the line in question
 in the event of its being re-erected and put into
 working order by the Government of India.

[Handwritten:] After No 3036 of
 21/7/73 & reply from
 Inspector General
 Irrigation Works

[Handwritten:] I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most Obedt Servant
 J. J. Shipwith
 Asst Secretary to the Govt

[Vertical stamp:] RECEIVED
 25/8/73

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directed to request that
the Madras Government
may be furnished with
extract of the Journal
of the Inspector General
of Irrigation referred
to in para 1 of his
letter of 21st July, giving
his reasons for main-
-tenance of the line,
as well as informa-
-tion of the cost of
the re-erection of the
wire, and of the ex-
-pense of working.

Adverting to Para
3 of Col^l Rindall's
letter I am to forward
copy of G. O. No. 1738
of 3rd July from the

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papers recorded in
which it will be ob-
-served that the Mysore
authorities propose
to share in the in-
-vigation of the Hopper
Kodavery; and to
suggest that some
portion at least of
the Telegraphic charges
be borne by that
Government.

QMU

No 1738 forwarded
to Govt -

S. C. Sept 18/9/73 + a
copy of 1738 forwarded
with the Sep 18/9/73

Oct 4/87
Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt.
of India.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 12th Sept 87, No 2255-
2256.

Nos. 177-178 & 179

Telegraph. Passing order

put into working order by the Govt.
of India

Requesting certain
information in connection
with the proposal to
re-estore telegraphic com-
munication between
Kotaree and Doomajooderim
goodness & suggesting
that the Nagpore ~~Govt.~~
be requested to share in
the maintenance of the telegraph
line.

on letter from the Govt.
India forwarding copy of
correspondence regarding
a proposal to re-estore
telegraphic communica-
tion between Kotaree &
Doomajooderim and en-
quiring whether the Madras
Govt. is willing to bear
the expense of maintaining the
line in case of its being