Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1874.

Read the following letters :—

No. 272. From J. BURKE, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th October 1874, No. 1,653.

WITH reference to Madras G. O. of the 1st instant, No. 2,771, I have the honor to state that the Telegraph Master, Negapatam, has never been instructed to accept, for transmission through the Government Line, *via* Tuticorin, messages addressed to stations on the South Indian Railway. A few messages for those stations have been accepted at the Government Telegraph Office, Negapatam, but no diversion of traffic of the nature referred to by Mr. Betts in his letter of the 31st July last, No. 13, has ever been authorized by this department.

2. I annex an extract from a letter, No. 39, addressed to me in July last by the Telegraph Master, Negapatam. This extract will show that during the three months, from the 23rd April to the 21st July 1874, not more than five messages addressed to places on the South Indian Railway were tendered for transmission at the Government Telegraph Office at that station, and that only three were accepted.

3. When I state that there is but a single wire between Negapatam and Tuticorin, *via* Paumben, and that the whole of the Ceylon traffic is carried by that wire, it will be readily understood that it could not be the wish of this department "that a message from Negapatam to Tanjore or Trichinopoly should be sent *via* Tuticorin."

Extract from a letter from the Telegraph Master, Negapatam, No. 39, *dated* 21*st July* 1874.

"I beg to bring to your notice that since my having taken over charge of this office (23rd April 1874) only five messages addressed to stations on the Great Southern of India Railway were tendered at this Office. Three I accepted and forwarded *via* Tuticorin, and the other two being of a very urgent nature as far as *time* was concerned, I had to advise the senders to take them to the Railway Telegraph."

No. 272-A. From J. BURKE, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th October 1874, No. 1,699.

WITH reference to your memorandum of the 13th instant, No. 783, I regret very much that I am not in a position to give further information in the matter. Message drafts do not pass through my office; they are sent direct to the Check Office, Calcutta, and, without reference to the drafts, it would be impossible to ascertain the routes by which the messages were transmitted.

2. I sent you an extract from letter No. 39, received in July last from the Telegraph Master, Negapatam, not for the purpose of proving that the few messages referred to by Mr. Betts were not sent *via* Tuticorin, but to show that there was no systematic diversion of traffic.

3. Madras Government Order of the 1st instant, No. 2,771, has been forwarded to the Director-General of Telegraphs.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1874.

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1874, No. 3,509.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 19.

THE information afforded by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, in these two letters is insufficient.

2. It was never supposed that the procedure complained of could have been authorized. It was desired however that explanation should be given of the cause of the unauthorized procedure; and as none can be obtained from the local representative of the department, reference will be made to the Director-General of Telegraphs for the same, and for assurance that it shall be discontinued.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
,, Director-General of Telegraphs in India.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Extract from a letter from the Telegraph Master Negapatam No:39 dated 21st July 1874.—

"I beg to bring to your notice that since my having taken over charge of this Office (23d April 1874) only 5 messages addressed to stations in the Great Southern of India Railway were tendered at this Office. three I accepted and forwarded via Tuticorin and the other two being of a very urgent nature as far as time was concerned I had to advise the senders to take them to the Railway Telegraph."

/True Extract/

J. Brooks
Superintendent of Tels:
Madras Division

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Rec'd 21st Oct. 1874

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No. 1653

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT, of Telegraphs

Madras DIVISION.

TO

The Secretary

to Government, Madras Public Works Deptt.

Dated Madras the 9th of October 1874.

SIR,

With reference to Madras Government Order of the 1st instant, No. 2771, I have the honor to state that the Telegraph Master, Negapatam, has never been instructed to accept for transmission through the Government Line, via Tuticorin, messages addressed to Stations on the South Indian Railway. A few messages for those stations have been accepted at the Government Telegraph Office, Negapatam, but no diversion of traffic of the nature referred to by Mr. Betts in his letter of the 31st July last, No. 13, has ever been authorized by this Department.

2 I annex an extract from a letter, No. 39, addressed to me in July last by the Telegraph Master, Negapatam. This extract will show that, during the three months from the 23d April to the 21st July 1874, not more than five messages addressed to places on the South Indian Railway were tendered for transmission at the Government Telegraph Office at that station,

and that only three were accepted.

3 When I state that there is but a single wire between Negapatam and Tuticorin, via Paumben, and that the whole of the Ceylon traffic is carried by that wire, it will be readily understood that it could not be the wish of this Department that a message from Negapatam "to Sanjore or Trichinopoly should be sent "via Tuticorin".

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^{t} Servt

J Brooke

Superintendent of Telegraphs

Madras Division.

From No 1699

The Superintendent of Telegraphs

Madras DIVISION.

To

The Secretary

to Govt Madras P.W.D.

Dated Madras the 15th of October 1874

Sir,

With reference to your memo of the 13th instant, No 783. I regret very much that I am not in a position to give further information in the matter. Messages are not passed through my office - they are sent direct to the Chief Office, Calcutta - and, without reference to the drafts, it would be impossible to ascertain the route by which the messages were transmitted.

2 I sent you an extract from Atty, No:39, received in July last from the Telegraph master, Negapatam, not for the purpose of proving that the few messages referred to by Atty Potts were not sent via Chittoor, but to show that there was no systematic diversion of traffic. —

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P. W. 1874. Dept.

Govt of India Telegraphs

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

From No: 6363

SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras DIVISION.

To The Secretary

to Govt Madras P.W.D.

Dated Madras 9th Octr 1874.

Recd. 10th Octr: 1874.

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Abstract.

Memo: 783-13th Octr/74.

Precis.

G.O. No: 3509. 14-12-74.

Referring to Madras Govt orders No: 2771. states that the Tel Master at Negapatam has never been instructed to accept messages through Govt. Line to stations on the South Indian Railway

(P. 123)—Govt. Tel. Press,—2,000,—17-8-72.

No 272

Con 15-11-74

Sent to Govt 16 Oct/74

3 Madras Government order of the 1st instant, No. 277, has been forwarded to the Director General of Telegraphs.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obedt Servt,

J. B. Brooks

Superintendent of Tel.

Madras Division

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

from Asst. Genl. Traffic Supt. S.I.R. No. 1553 dt 9 October 1874
Bombay &c

do — do — Coimbatore 15th — do — 1699

Q.

Acknowledge

Instructions—State the

Information asked for—dated 4th

the Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras Division

Copy of this letter to Govt of India

Statement that reply will be sent

Question of the material required

Sent out the Government Telegraph Officer at Negapatam

Station in 3 months from

to the 2nd July he is con-

tent to address Asst Genl Traffic Supt

Remarks

No 2720 dt

(10-21-11-74)

Despd to Asst Genl Traffic Supt 74

P. W. 1874 Dispatch

Pro of Govt 1874 Letter

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

From No. 6491

SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras DIVISION.

To The Secretary to Govt

Madras P.W.D.

Dated Madras 15 Oct 1874

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No. 1699

Encs.

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ABSTRACT.

G. O. No: 3509. 14-12-74.

PRECIS.

Reply to—No 783 of 13 inst. States that he is unable to give further information in the matter of rates for stations on the G. I. Railway and accepted by the Govt. Telegraphs at Negapatam.

diversion of traffic has ever been authorized by the Govt. Telegraph Department. and he has taken no notice of the fact pointedly forced on his attention, that no less than 6 messages of the kind were accept-ed within 15 days of the date adverted to-

It was never supposed that the procedure complained of could have been authorized. It was desired however that explanation should be given of the cause of the unauthorized procedure

Pls keep no
Yelundur
Question

per letter redundant
repeated, & poss a
case pr. this
order. Unreasonable
does not seem
satisfactory proof
does he not report
to his subordinates.
who sent the
telegrams?
Part of it is for a fact
that he cannot explain
then is ~~an explanation~~ no
better yet. Invalid

Can not entertain
to put form of letter
Draft
Ltr
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procedure; and as none can be obtained from the local representative of the Department, reference will be made to the Director General of Telegraphs for the same, and for assurance that it shall be discontinued.

Concur

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4 Supt: of Tel: Madras &c
2 D. G. of Tel: in India
2 Chf. Engr. for Rys.

6491
6363.

Sir,

I am directed by the Govern-

Govt. Order No. 3559 dated 14.6.15

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Sir,

I am directed by the Government

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:-

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From the Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras Division } (M. E. No. 1653 dated 9th Oct 14.)

" " " do do - (" " " 1699 " 15th do.)

The information afforded by the Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras Division in these two letters is insufficient.

It was never suggested that the procedure complained of could have been authorized - It was desired however that explanation should be

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given of the cancel of the unauthorized procedure; and as more can be obtained from the local representative of the department, reference will be made to the Director General of Telegraphs, for the same, and for assurance that it shall be discontinued.

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Ltr 21-11-74 D.T. 12-12-74

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Supdt of Tel: Madras &c
Director Genl of Tel: in India
Comg Genl for Ryo:
Despatch all 15/12/74.

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Govt. of Madras. 1874

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Supdt. of Telegraphs
Madras Divn.

Dated

Rcvd. Encl.

G. O., 4 Dec. 1874, No. 3579

Nos. 272-273.

Telegraph Messages

The information afforded by the Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras in connection with the subject of the diversion by circuitous routes over the lines of Govt. Telegraph of certain messages which should have been sent by the direct line of Railway Telegraph considered insufficient; and the matter referred to the Director General of Telegraphs