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Public Works

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th January 1875.*

Read the following papers.—

No 256 From R SMITH, Esq, District Engineer, Nellore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 3rd December 1874, No 81.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that the removal of the Telegraph Office from this station to Ongole, a town 73 miles from the Nellore Anicut, will deprive us of the means of obtaining timely information from Cuddapah regarding floods in the Pennair, and as this will be very necessary during the extension of the anicut, I trust Government will be pleased to reconsider their Order, No 1,367, dated 22nd May 1874, acquiescing in the transfer of the Telegraph Office from Nellore to Ongole.

2. I would take this opportunity of suggesting, for the consideration of Government, the advisability of requesting the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company to contribute towards the support of the Telegraph Office here, for if it is abolished they would no doubt very often lose a considerable volume of water

* *Vide* paragraph 4 of Colonel Mullins' note embodied in G O, No 1,805, dated 6th July 1874.

before a letter from this office * could reach their Manager, intimating that a supply might be drawn off from the Pennair for the Company's irrigation

Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated 17th December 1874

No. 257. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1874, No 3,567.

Read the following letter from G VANSAGNEW, Esq, Collector of Nellore, to J GROSE, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1874, No 2,608

I HAVE the honor to draw the Board's attention to the marginally noted Board's Miscellaneous No 863 of 12th, on G O, correspondence on the subject of the R D, of 5th February 1873, No 30 Telegraph Office at Nellore, and to request them to move the Government to Board's No 2,487 of 24th on G O, R D, of 21st April 1873, No 181 reconsider their assent to the proposal Board's No 3,656 of 3rd June, on G O. P W D, of 22nd May 1874, No 1,367. to close the Nellore Office and open one Board's No 7,619 of 2nd November, on G O, in lieu at Ongole R D, of 21st October 1874, No 158

2 By the first quoted Government Order, I was called on to report on the question of the retention of the office at Nellore, the Superintendent having represented the same to be a constant source of loss He further asked whether, if the closing be deemed inadvisable, free quarters could not be supplied

3 From the second quoted Proceedings, it will be seen that I reported from the data then before me that, the Municipal Commissioners having agreed to provide free quarters, the anticipated annual deficit would be Rupees 640 The Board expressed their opinion that it was very desirable to maintain telegraphic communication with Nellore, and recommended Government to accept the arrangement proposed, and, under the circumstances, the Government concurred in considering it expedient to retain the office, and ordered a report on the financial result to be submitted after a year.

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6 It will thus be seen that the only economy likely to be effected by depriving the head quarters of one of the chief provinces in the Madras Presidency of telegraphic communication is the difference between the certain loss there and the equally certain loss at an unimportant place like Ongole

The Superintendent is not even sure that the difference will be in favor of Ongole, and it is most improbable that it will equal the deficit of Rupees 640, which, when I anticipated it last year, I think I may argue that the Government were prepared to meet on the ground of the expediency of retaining telegraphic communication with Nellore

7 I venture to doubt whether the Government would have consented to the abolition of the Nellore Office had the Ongole project been then before them, and chiefly on this ground I beg the Board to urge upon the Government a reconsideration of their decision. Recent events here will also serve to illustrate the importance of retaining the Telegraph Office at head-quarters, in the vicinity of which the Government hold so heavy a stake. It is very necessary, moreover, for financial reasons, as the Accountant-General would testify if asked

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(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) J GROSE,
Secretary

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department
(Signed) C G MASTER,
Acting Secy to Govt., R D.

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15th January 1875.*

No. 258 ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1875, No 120.

CIVIL WORKS, No 16

It is correctly surmised by the Collector of Nellore that had the necessity of one Telegraph Station for departmental purposes in the Nellore District been clearly laid before Government, instead of the abolition of Nellore Station on economical grounds, and the establishment of one at Ongole, without any similar objection being hinted, being separately brought before them, they would never have approved of the substitution of the latter for the former. They now desire that the station be retained at Nellore where it subserves useful public purposes in every department, an advantage which will be entirely lost by the transfer to Ongole which present no better financial prospect.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore
Revenue Department

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81. District Engineer's Office
Bellare 3rd December 1874
Mr. Smith Esquire
District Engineer of Bellare
To,

Colonel G. & Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

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to your notice that the removal
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Colonel before a letter from this Office,
allies
to embodied, could reach their Managers,
G. O. No. 1805
dated 6th intimating that a supply might
July 1874. be drawn off, from the Permain,
for the Company's irrigation

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. M. S.
District Engineer

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No. 3,567.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th December 1874.

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Dec 9. 57
Dated 3-12-1874
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to the Secretary of the District Engineering Office
W. D.
Madras

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Confirms that the retention of the Telegraph

Office in Nellore is very

urgently needed, and

regulate to reconsider

the order having given the

Principal Officer to Enquire

to. No. 15-1-75

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
the Collector of Nellore.

Ed. T. O' Connor.

J. Grose

Secretary

21 Oct 74 - 1/158 Ru
30 Aug 74 - 207 Ru
16 June 74 - 61-82
23 April 74 - 95-9 Ru
26 March 74 - 185 Ru
5 Feb 74 - 30 Ru

*Transferred to
Collector's Office
Nellore*

*Chas. O' Connor
Acting Secy
18 Dec 74*

Received 18 Dec 74

DECEMBER.
No 3,567

Telegraph Office—at Nellore—Request of Collector that Government may be moved to reconsider their decision to close —, and to open one in lieu at Ongole, submitted for orders of Government with Board's opinion that, if there is to be a telegraph office in the District at all, it should be at Nellore, and that the advantage of having a telegraph station at the head-quarters of an important district like Nellore, far outweighs its cost

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH DECEMBER 1874, No 3,567.
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MADRAS.

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The Ag. Secy to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

Dated 17 Decr 1874.
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Pro. of the Board
of Revenue recom-
mending the re-
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telegraph office at
Nellore -

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From

The District Engineer, Nellore (H. No. 81 d/3 Decr 174)

Pro. of the B. of Rev. (H. No. 356 d/9-11-74)

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To the D. Co. Vellore ✓
 " Revenue Dept ✓
 " Supdt. Telegraphs Vellore Dist. ✓
 Dec^r. 16/1/75.

Letter from District Engineer, Bellare,
dated 3rd December 1874. No. 81.

For Order.

Circulated for orders.

I have had an appeal for
 abolition from the S. A.
 for the Magazine is
 better, opposed to
 the
 Secretary to Government
 8th Septth

I am interested to
 see how the State
 will serve the
 public purpose of
 a further trial
 of the case.

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To
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The Dist. Ingr.
Mellore

Dated

Recd

Encl

G.O. 15 Jan 1910 No 120

Nos. 256-258.

Telegraph Office at
Mellore Ordering the
attention of the — in the
certain observations