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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th September 1875.*

No 98 Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Telegraph,) dated Simla, 20th August 1875, No 333 T. —

COPY of the following, with copy of Director-General of Telegraphs No 83 of 12th June 1875, forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, in continuation of endorsement No 243 T, of 3rd June 1875

By order,

(Signed) G T SKIPWITH, Captain, R E,
Asst Secy to the Government of India

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs, dated Simla, 20th August 1875, No 332 T

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No 83 of 12th June last, in which you demur to the orders conveyed in paragraph 3 of Public Works Department, No 242 T, of 3rd idem, that the South Indian Railway Company should pay for the use of the telegraph wires erected for it the actual cost, subject to a *maximum* of Rupees 10-8-0 per mile of wire per annum, if the Company preferred paying the actual cost to paying a fixed rate, and if you saw no grave objection to the maximum rate proposed, and to state in reply that the Secretary of State will be addressed with a view to settling a fair rent from the Company, until however a reply is obtained from His Lordship, the Government of India sees no alternative but to maintain the orders already given in this case, *viz*, to charge the actual cost instead of a fixed rate for maintenance. Under the explanation, however furnished in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, the charge will not be subject to any *maximum* rate

From the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 12th June 1875, No 83

IN compliance with the orders conveyed in your letter, No 242 T of the 3rd instant, arrangements have been made for the immediate construction of the new line of telegraph on the Southern Extension of the South Indian Railway from Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Tinnevely

2 Referring to the 3rd paragraph of your letter, I have the honor to point out that the Railway desire to have a fixed sum as payment for rent and maintenance, but object to pay a sum equivalent to their fair share of interest on capital and of the cost of maintenance and depreciation, and this was the reason why Major Mallock's negotiations came to no satisfactory conclusion. There are very grave objections to the suggestion put forward in this paragraph. Rupees 10-8-0 per mile of wire is our calculated *average* cost of maintenance, and although this rate was admitted as a maximum in the case of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, the agreement is for a period of twelve months only, and was concluded under very exceptional circumstances, as explained in my letter No 38 of the 12th May 1875

3 There are also serious difficulties in the way of charging actual maintenance expenses, and on this point I solicit a reference to my letter No. 53 of the 27th May 1875, with which I forwarded copy of one I had addressed to the Agent of the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway, pointing out the necessity for substituting, for so called actuals, a fixed maintenance rate

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No 99

ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1875, No 2,532

RAILWAY, No 12

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways in continuation of G O, No 1,860, dated 2nd July 1875

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government

L.O. 2 July/75 Nos 57-58
1 June/75-16-17.
31 March/75-656
do - 654-655
15 Feb/75-358-389

No 2532 communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways in continuation of G.O. No 1860 d/22 July 1875
17 Sept 1875
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No 5779

From Govt of India

Date 20th Aug/75
Recd. 30 Aug/75
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No 333

Forwarding a copy of letter to Director General of Telegraphs regarding the cost of maintenance of telegraph wire erected for the South Indian Ry. with order.

Sept 1873 Madrid.

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TELEGRAPH WORKS.

Received by
Sept 1873

Sept 1873

Committed to the Charge
for the

Nov 98-99
New telegraph line on the
Southern Extension of the
P.R.R. from Archibald
to Tucson and Limonville
Tracked by the Govt of India
Regarding correspondence
with the Director Genl of
Telegraphs regarding the
cost of maintenance of the