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15th February 1875.*

No. 358. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Telegraph,) dated Fort William, 25th January 1875, No. 54 T:—

No. 2,749, dated 30th September 1874.
" 2,993, " 21st October "
" 3,520, " 15th December "

COPY of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department for information with reference to its letters marginally noted.

By order,
(Signed) G. T. SKIPWITH, Captain, R.E.,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Government of India in the Public Works Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, dated Fort William, 25th January 1875, No. 53 T.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted in the margin relating to the construction of the telegraph lines for the new extensions of the South Indian Railway, and to the transfer to the Government of India of the already constructed telegraph lines of that Company. In reply, I am to inform you that arrangements should be made for the immediate erection of the new lines on the extensions, several sections of which will, as you have been informed by endorsement No. 586 T, of 16th ultimo, shortly be ready to be opened for traffic.

2. The telegraph materials belonging to the South Indian Railway Company should be taken over from the Company at cost price. You should at once ascertain and report their value, with a view to arrangements being made for liquidating the cost.

3. As regards the rent to be charged to the Company for the use of the wires, the principle to be followed may be either that adopted on the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway, viz., 5 per cent. on capital outlay *plus* cost of actual maintenance, or else that adopted in the draft Agreement with the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, viz., a fixed sum to include interest on capital and maintenance charges, the former is the more exact and the latter probably the more convenient.

4. The new lines should, in the first instance, be constructed of two wires only for the use of the Railway, leaving the one which will ultimately be required for the department for future erection.

5. As regards the application for additional funds, made in paragraph 3 of your No. 335 of 11th ultimo, it has been ascertained that of the 32 lakhs of which the telegraph grant is made up, Rupees 16,13,450 have been left for expenditure in the last five months of the year. The corresponding outlay during the same period in 1873-74 was Rupees 12,32,720 and in 1872-73 Rupees 13,14,340, so that if expenditure takes place during the current year at similar rates there will be a surplus of from 3½ to 3¾ lakhs; moreover, it appears from the papers received in connection with the Budget grant for next year, that outlay provided for items

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aggregating Rupees 1,99,170 is not likely to be spent. Under these circumstances, there seems to be no necessity for giving any additional grant, and you are accordingly authorized to carry out the South Indian Railway telegraph extension works from your present allotment; as time elapses opportunities of re-appropriations should be watched for and suggestions made accordingly.

6. The foregoing orders have reference chiefly to the new lines required to be erected for the Railway extensions, and you should at once place yourself in communication with the Railway Authorities, and arrange with them for taking over the requisite materials, and for the opening of only so many offices as are absolutely required; economy should be exercised as far as possible in this respect.

7. The State Railway Rules will be made applicable to the new lines on the extensions; when they are ready to be opened you should submit a draft license for approval, the terms of which should be similar to that just issued to the Scindh, Punjab and Delhi Railway Company.

8. As regards the taking over of the existing telegraph lines, I am to say that it will be advisable to depute an officer of experience to personally arrange, in communication with the Consulting Engineer, the necessary details with the Agent of the Railway Company. The Agreement might follow the form adopted in the draft Agreement with the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway with the following exceptions:—(1) the payment of the capital cost will have to be provided for instead of the present value, and (2) State Railway Telegraph Rule 9 should be adopted if possible in its entirety.

No. 359.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1875, No. 434.

RAILWAY, No. 53.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information, with reference to the under-mentioned orders:—

G. O., No. 2,748, dated 30th September 1874.

" " 2,992, " 21st October "

" " 3,519, " 15th December "

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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From

The Govt. of India

Dated 25 January 1875
Recd. 2 February 1875

No: 54 T.

Forwarding copy
of letter from the Director
Genl. of Telegraphs in
India relating to the
construction of telegraph
lines for the new colon-
izations of the South Indian
Ry. and to the transfer
to the Govt. of India of
the already constructed
telegraph lines of that
Company.

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To *The Comptroller*

Dated

Recd.

G. O. 15 Feb. *Ency*
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Telegraph Lines.

Packet from the Govt. of
India, forwarding copy of
a letter from the Secy
Genl of Telegraphs in
India relating to the con-
struction of Telegraph
lines for the new colonies
of the South Indian Ry & Co
the transfer to the Govt of India
of the already constructed

Telegraph lines of that
Company, Comd to
the Comptroller for P.W.