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No. 139. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Telegraph,) dated Simla, 22nd July 1876, No. 248-T:—

Copy of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras for information in continuation of Public Works Department, No. 196-T, dated 3rd ultimo.

(By order,)

(Signed) G. P. SKIPWITH, Captain, R.E.,  
*Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs, dated Simla, 22nd July 1876, No. 247-T.

REFERRING to your letter, No. 79, of the 22nd ultimo, on the subject of the Telegraph system along the South Indian Railway, I am directed to forward, for transmission to the Company's Agent, the accompanying license duly signed by the Secretary in this department permitting that Company to work the telegraph along the Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Maniacchi to Tinnevelly Sections of their line of railway; and to state that the necessary license for working their entire telegraph system can be issued hereafter, *i.e.*, when the negotiations have been concluded with the Company for the transfer of all their lines of telegraph to the Government of India.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 22nd July 1876, No. 79.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 197-T, dated 3rd June 1876, with which you forward for report copies of correspondence from the Government of Madras with the reply of the Government of India on the subject of opening to the public the line of telegraph between Madras and Tanjore along the South Indian Railway.

2. As explained in my No. 80 of this date, replying to your No. 208-T of the 12th instant, the telegraph line of the South Indian Railway between Tindivanam and Tanjore is only a temporary erection, and the whole section, Madras to Tanjore, will require to be reconstructed. This being the case, the line was not considered "ready to be opened," and the orders contained in paragraph 7 of Public Works Department letter, No. 53-T, of the 25th January 1875, have therefore not yet been acted upon.

3. For the sections, Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Maniacchi to Tinnevelly, a license should have been submitted for the approval of Government, as the line constructed by this department has, for some time past, been used by the Railway Company for their own purposes as well as for private message traffic. The reason of the delay in submitting a draft license for these sections is that the early acceptance by the Railway Company of the State Railway Rules for their whole system was confidently expected, and that it seemed desirable, if possible, to avoid the complications likely to arise from having more than one set of rules for working the telegraphs of a single railway,—an anomaly already recognised by the Government in their despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 48, dated 12th October 1875.

4. Colonel Robinson has informed me that the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway have now accepted the State Railway Rules. The official confirmation of this information may be looked for at an early date, and it seems, therefore, only necessary to prepare a revised license for the whole line; and this should I consider take the form of that granted to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway for working the Wurdah Valley State Railway, of which I annex a copy.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
7th August 1876. No. 2,018.

No. 140.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1876, No. 2,018.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

Recorded with reference to G.O.,  
No. 1,734, dated 8th July 1876, and  
letter, No. 1,735, of the same date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government.

All communications  
should be addressed to  
the Secretary.

No. 268 J.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Civil Works.

Telegraphs.

Simla, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1876.

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By order,

*For Secretary*

Capt. R.E.

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

N<sup>o</sup>. 267 J. Dated, Simla, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1876.

From, The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Letter to Secy. Secy  
Received 27<sup>th</sup> 1876

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" 15-2-75 " 434  
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Comms. Office of Comm.  
forwarded <sup>with</sup> the Director  
Genl. of Telegraphs on the  
subject of the Telegraph  
system along the S. I. Ry.

No 201877 Aug 76  
Recorded with re.  
- from Secy to Secy No 1734  
dated 8 July 1876 and letter  
No 1735 of the same date.

Concurs for Regs

in 3.8.76  
R. S. K. M.

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GOVT. OF INDIA  
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Commr. Engrs. for W.P.

7th August 1918

No. 1394-110.

For P. W. Engrs.  
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Telegraph system along  
the Little Indian Ry.

Letter from the  
Govt. of India Commr.  
nominating copy of correspondence  
with the Director Engrs. of  
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