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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th December 1876. No. 3,286*

No 105. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 29th November 1876, No 1,987 —

From R. W LODWICK, Esq, Accountant-General, Madras, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 28th November 1876, No 564

I HAVE the honor to request that you will lay the accompanying copies* of correspondence before Government I am of opinion that during a time of distress and emergency, such as the present one, a Railway Company should comply with a demand for the use of its wire occasionally. It seems to me that if special orders were given to despatch messages at once, there could be no possibility of their remaining unsent, and, as the messages I wish wired will be of only a few words and are not likely to be forwarded for despatch more than once or twice in a week, I do not see how they can disturb the business of the line to any appreciable extent

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, dated Fort St George, 10th November 1876, No 7,860

Vide your No 1,792, dated 10th November 1876

The undersigned has the honor to state that the marginally noted remittance of silver and copper coins to the value of Rupees 12,45,000 will, it is understood, be shipped at Calcutta for Madras by P and O Steamer on Wednesday next Please take charge of these in communication with the Master Attendant, Madras The remittance in question need not be unpacked, but should be kept in readiness for despatch to Treasury Officers immediately an order is received from this department It would be as well to telegraph to the Mount for an escort when one is required emergently

(Signed) R W LODWICK,
Accountant-General

From T E FRANCK, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to R W LODWICK, Esq, Accountant-General, Madras, dated Madras, 18th November 1876, No 1,860

With reference to your letter, No 7,860, of 10th instant, suggesting that the Superintendent of Police at St Thomas' Mount be communicated with by telegram when an escort is urgently required, I have the honor to state that on receipt yesterday evening of your indent, No 8,139, for a remittance to Bellary of Rupees 1,05,000 in silver and copper, I despatched a telegram asking for the necessary escort to the Government Telegraph Office, but it was returned owing to their inability to forward it, there being no office at the Mount I then forwarded it on to the South Indian Railway Telegraph Office, but the acceptance of it there was also refused, the Signaller in charge stating that other than Company's messages were not transmitted on their line The application for the escort to take charge of the above remittance had therefore to be forwarded by a special messenger

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4th December 1876. No 3,286*

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Agent, South Indian Railway Company, Trichinopoly, dated Fort St George, 20th November 1876, No 8,213.

THE undersigned has the honor to request that you will issue instructions to the Signaller in charge of the South Indian Railway Station at Madras to transmit, as a special case to St Thomas' Mount, the messages of the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to the Superintendent of Police, Mount, it being of the utmost importance during this time of famine and distress to obtain escorts without loss of time to accompany cash remittance sent to mofussil treasuries

2 The Signaller in charge of the Madras Station has refused to receive such messages when sent to him by the Bank of Madras on behalf of Government, hence this request.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant-General

From W S BETTS, Esq, Agent, South Indian Railway, to R W LODWICK, Esq, Accountant-General, Madras, dated Negapatam, 24th November 1876, No 12,527/5,905.

Your letter, No. 8,213, of the 20th instant No public business has yet been transacted along the telegraph wire erected by this Company from Madras southwards, as it is required for the signalling of trains from station to station and for other purposes connected with the working of the railway

2 A second telegraph wire is now being erected between Madras and Tanjore, and, when this is ready for use, public messages can be received for transmission In the mean time I think you would find it more expeditious to send your requisitions to the Mount by means of a special messenger If a telegram be tendered at the Egmore Office, it may have to wait there an hour or two before it can be despatched, as train messages on a single line of railway must take precedence of all other messages. At present ballast and material trains are running in addition to the passenger trains, and the telegraph is in constant requisition for their working

REFERRED to the Public Works Department, (Railway)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1876, No 3,286

RAILWAY, No 9

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council must decline to interpose in this matter.

The use of the existing wire for any other purpose than signalling of trains for which it has been erected may cause liability to accident Until, therefore, a second wire has been made available to the public, messengers must continue to be resorted to.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd A. Grubert.
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*Revenue Department No 7860 Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
10 November 1876*

*From, The Accountant General
To, The Secretary and Treasurer
Bank of Madras*

Vide your No. 1792 dated 10 November 1876

The undersigned has the honor to state that the marginally notice remittance of Silver & Copper is 10 lakhs which Rupees 2 lakhs. Quinquennas Rs. 45000 worth single gold pieces with it is understood be shipped at Calcutta for Madras by P and O Steamer on Wednesday next. Please take charge of this in communication with the Master Attendant Madras. The remittance in question need not be impached, but should be kept in readiness for dispatch to Treasury Officers immediately an order is received from this Department It would be as well to telegraph to the Mount for an escort when one is required urgently.

*(Signed) R W Lodwick
Account General*

*No 7860 Bank of Madras
To, The Accountant General
Fort Saint George
Madras 18 November 1876
Sir With reference to your letter No 7860 of*

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10 instant suggesting that the Superintendent of Police at St. Thomas Mount be communicated with by telegram when an escort is urgently required. I have the honor to state that on receipt yesterday evening of your order N^o 8213 for a remittance to Bellary of Rupees 105,000 in Silver and Copper I dispatched a telegram asking for the necessary escort to the Government Telegraph Office, but it was returned advising that it was unable to forward it there being no office at the Mount. I then forwarded it into the South Indian Railway Telegraph Office, but the acceptance of it there was also refused, the Signaller in charge stating that other than Company messages were not transmitted on their line. The application for the escort to take charge of the above remittance had therefore to be forwarded by a special messenger.

I have,
Signed J. E. French,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Emergency
N^o 8213
Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
20 November 1876

Reserve Department
From the Accountant General Madras
To the Agent South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly
The undersigned has the honor to request

that you will issue instructions to the Signaller in charge of the S. I. Railway Station at Madras to transmit as a special case to St. Thomas Mount the messages of the Secretary and Treasurer Bank of Madras to the Superintendent of Police Mount it being of the utmost importance during this time of flame and distress to obtain receipts without loss of time to accompany cash remittances sent to Mysore Treasuries.

The Signaller in charge of the Madras Station has refused to receive such messages when sent to him by the Bank of Madras on behalf of Government. Hence this request.

Signed R. W. Adair,
Accountant General

N^o 12527
5905
South Indian Railway
Agents Office
Mysore 21 November 1876
From The Agent
South Indian Railway
To The Accountant General
Madras

Sir,
Your letter N^o 8213 of the 20 instant. No public business has yet been transacted along the telegraph wire erected by this Company from Madras southward, as it is required for the signalling of trains from station to station, and for other purposes.

Signed

Connected with the working of the Railway

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I have &c

Wm. S. Bell
Agent

(True Copy)

M. J. S. Bell

Asst. to the Accountant General

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DEPARTMENT.

No 564

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
28th November 1876

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO

THE

Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be

Sirs
Your obedient servant

M. J. S. Bell
Accountant General

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Letter from the Accountant General, No 564
dated 28th November 1896, thro' Financial
Department

FOR ORDERS.

Commdr Major Gould.

Secretary to Govt M.D.

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FROM: *The Accountant General, Madras*

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His Grace the Governor
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in this matter. The
use of the existing wire
for any other purpose
than signalling of
trains for which it has
been erected may cause
liability to accident.
Until therefore a second
wire has been made
available to the public,
messengers must con-
-tinue to be reported
to.

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