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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 247. Read the following letter from J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 31st January 1877, No. 184:—

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of Government to run a temporary line of telegraph along the Coast Canal now in progress, with a connecting branch to Nellore, total distance 110 miles. I have, with the assistance of Mr. Fanshaw, the Assistant Superintendent of Telegraphs at this station, carefully calculated the cost, and it amounts, including wire instruments and everything to 6,000 Rupees, or say 55 Rupees per mile; the working expenses will be 250 Rupees a month at the outside.

I have ascertained from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division that the wire No. 12½ weighing 150 lbs. a mile and the necessary instruments are available.

It would take a week perhaps to get the wire from Madras, and I could put up the line in ten days afterwards.

I would not require the expensive agency of the Telegraph Department to work it. I would get Signallers from the Lawrence Asylum boys, or from the Sappers and work it entirely by the agency of the Public Works Department.

The advantages of speedy communication along the line of canal would even, in regard to construction, be considerable, and our telegraph would of course be open to the use of the Collector, the Police, &c., without cost.

It would probably be advantageous to Government also to have means of immediate communication with all the small ports along the coast, which are likely to be busy with imported grain by traders, as well as by Government, for some months to come.

I thought of an alternative plan of running branch lines to the coast from the main telegraph line between Nellore and Ongole. These branches would be—

	Miles.
Ongole to Kottapatam	10
Singaroyacondah to Voolavapalem (Pakala)	3
Tettoo to Ramapatam	3
Oolavapaud to Eskapully	8
Nellore to Mypaud	15

For the Ramapatam and Pakala ports it would perhaps be sufficient to drop Signallers on the main line itself at Tettoo and Singaroyacondah, and there is accommodation at both places for such an establishment; but I am informed that the main line has as much work already as it can carry, and even, if this was not the case, the cost to the canal would be greater by using the main line than by having a purely departmental line of our own.

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No. 248.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1877, No. 444.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

THE Government are not prepared to sanction the line, which is not emergently necessary, and for which there is no money to spare.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
" Revenue Department.

Encl. A. Grubert.
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No 184

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District Engineer's Office
Nellore 31 January 1877

Received

J. O'Shaughnessy Esq. M.D.

District Engineer Nellore

To

Col. Mullins

~~Major General C. B. Mullins M.D.~~

Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to run a temporary line of telegraph along the coast Canal now in progress with a connecting branch to Nellore, total distance 110 miles. I have with the assistance of Mr. Fanshawe, the Assistant Superintendent of Telegraphs at this station carefully calculated the cost and it amounts including wire, instruments and every thing to 6,000 Rs. or say 55 Rs. per mile; the working expenses will be 250 Rs. a month at the outside. I have ascertained from the Superintendent of Telegraphs,

Telegraphs. Madras Division, that the wire
is $12\frac{1}{2}$ weighing 150 lbs a mile, and the necessary
instruments are available.

It would take a week perhaps to get
the wire from Madras and it could be put
up the line in 10 days afterwards.

It would not require the expensive agency
of the Telegraph Department to work it, I
would get Signallers from the Lawrence & Blyden
boys or from the Sappers and work it entirely
by the agency of this ~~service~~.

The advantages of speedy communication
along the line of Canal would seem in regard
to construction be considerable, and new

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of the Collector, the Police &c without cost.

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running branch lines to the coast from
the main telegraph line between Pallone
and Ongole, these branches would be

Ongole to Rattapattam 10 miles

Singarayandak to Polunapattam (Pattala) 3 miles

Tatto to Rannapattam 3 miles

Polunapattam to Ch. Rappully 8 miles

Walton to Sappand 15 miles

For the Rannapattam and Pattala
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
servant

J. W. Humphrey
Special Agent

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From 1153
The District Engineer
Mellore

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department
Madras

Dated 31st January 1877
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No 184

Temporary line of Telegraph
along the coast (contd)
Requesting the sanction
of Government to run a
now in progress

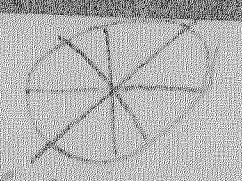
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READ the following :-
Letter from the District Engineer, Mellore,
No 184 dated 31 Jan 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Subscribed Lt Col M E
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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Dept. of 1877 Madrid
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Hon. J. B. Kellere

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Nos. 247-248

Temporary line of telegraph
along the East Coast Canal
Intimating that but are
not prepared to sanction
the erection of a ———, which
is

but no reply

Am. Work

No 444 of 7 Feb/77
The government are not
prepared to sanction the
line which is not emergency
necessary and for which
there is no money to spare.

J. B. Kellere
Rev Webb

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Wm. J. J.

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