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Government of Madras.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

No. 347. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department,
dated Fort St. George, 16th July 1877, No. 1,393.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, copies of letters from the Head Assistant Collector, dated 7th November 1876, No. 233, and 14th June 1877, No. 173, suggesting the necessity of establishing a Telegraph Office at Ellore.

3. A Telegraph Office was once established in the vicinity of Ellore town and was abolished, the income having fallen short of the expenditure; but the site of that office was inconvenient and at some distance from the town.

From T. J. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector
of the Godavery District, dated Ellore, 7th November 1876, No. 233.

2. Ellore is the largest town in the Godavery District and contains a population of 25,000 persons. Cocanada and Rajahmundry are both smaller towns, and yet have the advantage of possessing Telegraph Offices. The nearest Telegraph Office to Ellore is at Bezwada, a town of much less importance commercially, and situated 30 miles away, with a population not half that of Ellore. Rajahmundry has no commerce to speak of. Ellore has a great deal, and the telegraph wires actually pass through the place. It was at one time the head-quarters of a regiment, and even as late as 1865 troops were located here.

3. The public offices at Ellore consist of the Head Assistant Collector's, the Range Officer's, the District Munsif's, and the Tahsildar's, and the amount of traffic between Ellore and Cocanada on the one side, and Ellore and Hyderabad in the Nizam's dominions on the other, is very considerable, so considerable as to leave but little doubt but that the establishment of a Telegraph Office at Ellore would be financially a success. I would, therefore, respectfully venture to urge the necessity of establishing telegraphic communication with Ellore upon both imperial and financial grounds, as I am satisfied that any local prejudices about making use of the telegraph would speedily give way to competition and to the interests of trade.

From W. J. TATE, Esq., Assistant Collector in charge, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavary District, dated Ellore, 14th June 1877, No. 173.

With reference to your letter No. 24, dated 21st January 1877, I have the honor to report that I have made careful inquiries both through the Tahsildar and independently in order to procure approximate figures showing that a Telegraph Station at Ellore would pay.

2. It seems that the number of merchants in Ellore likely to use the telegraph may be put down at about 100—50 greater and 50 smaller merchants. They trade chiefly in grain, tobacco, &c., and have to communicate frequently with Guntur, and still more frequently with Cocanada, to say nothing of Madras, Masulipatam, and Bezwada. There are also about 50 agents in the place who carry on business for merchants elsewhere, and they all agree that each class of merchants will despatch on the average over one message per month for each merchant, or, say, at a very low estimate, 60 messages per month for each set of 50 merchants. Should the inferior merchants not despatch as many messages as this, I have little doubt that the superior merchants will despatch more, and that the three classes of merchants will despatch between them 180 messages per month. Add to this, say, 30 messages per month more (again a low estimate) despatched by the other inhabitants of the town, many of whom are wealthy, and the telegrams sent by the Zemindar of Senevarapeta, who lives three miles only from Ellore (say 20 per month) and we have a total of 230 messages sent from Ellore. This should be doubled (at least) to show the messages which would be sent to Ellore were a Telegraph Office established here, and the total is 460 messages, representing probably Rupees 600, as many of the mercantile messages would cost more than a rupee. Even taking Rupees 500 as the monthly receipts, this would amply cover the rent of a room (Rupees 4) and the cost of an establishment. So that I am of opinion there can be no doubt a Telegraph Office in Ellore would pay, certainly by the increase of telegraph revenue generally and probably by the mere receipts in Ellore itself.

3. All the principal merchants in the place have signed a mahayer arzi addressed to me and praying for the telegraph. They say they are sure to use it largely, and that there is no doubt of its paying.

4. I do not see why Ellore should be less favored than Bezwada where there is a telegraph, but less population and certainly less trade. Bezwada is not even a Municipality.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 348.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1877, No. 490 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Director General of Telegraphs with a view to his submitting the matter for the consideration of the Government with such remarks as he may have to offer.

Colonel, R.E.,

Government, P.W.D.

To the Director-General
Public Department

No 233

Godavary District
Head Office (Collector's Office)
Ellore 7th November 1876.

From J. J. Maltby Esq.

Assistant Collector

To James Hope Esq.

Collector of the
Godavary District

Sir,

I have the honor to

draw your attention to the want of a Telegraph Office at Ellore for both imperial and commercial purposes.

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Signd J. J. Maltby
A. C. A. C.

No 173 Godavari District
Hd. A. C. Office
Ellore 14th June 1877

From W. J. Tate Esq.
Assistant Collector in Charge

To W. J. Foster Esq.
Collector of the Godavari
District

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I have &c &c &c
Signed M. J. Tate
Asst Collr in charge

True

(True copies)

W. J. Foster
Collector

Compd P. G.

No 20

Godavari District
Collector's Office
Becanada 10 July 1877

From W. J. Foster Esq
Collector

To The Honorable F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

I have the honor to forward
for the consideration and orders
of Government, copies of letters
from the Asst. Collector
dated 7th November 1876 No 233
and 14th June 1877 No 173 suggesting
the necessity of establishing a
Telegraph Office at Ellore.

For reasons stated by Messrs
Mallby and Tate, I am inclined
to think that the merchants of
Ellore will use Telegraph to an
extent which will probably
pay

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4 I would therefore respectfully
venture to recommend the ad-
visability of establishing a
Telegraph Office at Ellore, a
populous and important Town
where much trade is being
carried on.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Comd B. G.

W. J. Foster
Collector

Building 1877

N. 490 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th July 1877

Read the following:—

Endorsement in the Public Works Dept. No. 1393 of 16th July 1877 and letter from the Public Works Department

(U.E. No. 2007 of 10th July 1877)

Communicated to the Director General of Telegraphs with a view to his submitting the matter for the orders of the Government of India with such remarks as he may have to offer.

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To the Director General.

Public Works Department

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To the Public Works Dept

16th July 1877

Chief Secretary

Public Works

Department

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Director Genl. of Telegraphs

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No. 347-348

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