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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th August 1881, No. 2,039 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 70. From C. W. HUTCHINSON, Esq., Postmaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (Railways,) dated Madras, 2nd August 1881, A-2,691/994.

OBSERVING that during the stay of His Excellency the Governor and Members of the Madras Government at Ootacamund the steamer and railway arrangements are such that the important overland mail is generally delivered at Ootacamund on Friday afternoon, and the outgoing mail leaves at 8-30 A.M. on Saturdays, affording but little time, and that during the night, for answering any emergent despatch, and that notwithstanding this short time, such replies were detained for sixteen hours at Arkónam, I conceived it my duty to try and obviate this great inconvenience. I accordingly addressed the Consulting Engineer, proposing that if the Madras Railway would consent that the local train that now runs at 6 A.M. from Erode arriving at Arkónam at 5 P.M., in plenty of time for the mail train leaving Madras at 6 P.M., should start, during the stay of Government at Ootacamund, from Mettupálaiyam once a week, that is at midnight on Saturday, I would undertake a special despatch from Ootacamund at 6 P.M. on Saturdays to catch that train, and thereby allow Government the whole of Saturday to answer overland correspondence.

In reply I am informed that my proposal cannot be acceded to, but that the Madras Railway will run an express train at Rs. 2-2-0 per mile, and that it is considered that the Post Office should pay for conveyance of mails by extra trains.

I, considering it my duty to do so, now have the honor to submit the matter for the orders of Government in case it may be deemed advisable to move further on the subject, and, in doing so, I would humbly suggest that the payment of a postal subsidy appears to be deprecated by the Government of India—See its No. 657 R.T., of the 6th June 1881, to the address of the Secretary, Madras Government.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1881, No. 2,039 W.

THE Postmaster-General will be thanked for his action in this matter. The Government do not however think there is present need for any change, or that the Railway Company can properly be called on to incur the additional expense for the object in view.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Public Department.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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To

The PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Dated August, 1881.

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G. O., 18th August 1881, No. 2,039 W.

AUGUST.

Nos. 70-71.

Despatch of the outgoing Overland Mail from Coimbatore. — Orders on proposal of the Postmaster-General, Madras, for the running of a special train once a week for the —

No. *A 2691*
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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Madras, *23* *23* August 81.

FROM

C. W. Hutchinson Esquire

POSTMASTER GENERAL,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Works DEPARTMENT, (Railways)

FORT SAINT GEORGE.

SIR,

Observing that during the stay of His Excellency the Governor and Members of the Madras Government at Coimbatore the Marine and Railway arrangements are such that the important Overland Mail is generally delivered at Coimbatore on Friday afternoon and the outgoing mail leaves at 8-30 A.M. on Saturdays affording but little time and that during the night, for answering any emergent despatches and that notwithstanding this short time, such replies were detained for 16 hours at Arkonam, I conceived it my duty to try and obviate this great inconvenience.

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for Rs. 68

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

Charles Henry

Postmaster General.

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(188) DEPARTMENT.

P. W. C. No. 4416

From
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
MADRAS.

No. A-691
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Dated 2^d } August 1881.
Received 3^d }

No.

SUBJECT.

Forwards for orders of
Government's suggestions regarding
the despatch of the Outgoing -
Overland Mail from Cochin
by Special Trains once a week.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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From the Postmaster General No. 2691 994 8th August 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

Col. Mauley Colonel P. W. D.
Secy to Govt. P. W. D.
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the Govt. do not think
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matter.

He can't call on the
M. D. to incur this cost
Expense for the British view
M. D. 1881

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. S. G. Carmichael

The Hon. H. S. Sullivan

A. C. [unclear] [unclear]

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[Signature]

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The Public Dept.

C. E. for [unclear]

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Nos. 71-76

Despatch of the outgoing over-
land mail from Polacammund
Orders on proposal of the Post
Master General Madras for the
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