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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Civil Works
Telegraph*

*To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department*

Fort William, 6th January 1881

Sir,

*I am directed to invite
attention to P.W.D. letter No. 467 J.
dated 15th November 1880, on the sub-
ject of the establishment of tele-
phonic communication in India,
and to request the favor of
an early reply.*

I have the honor to be

*Sir
(Your most obed^t serv^t)*

G. F. L. Marshall (Captain R.E.)

Asst. Secy to the Govt. of India

S.B. No. 2715 W. 25-11-80.
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J. W. C. No. 148.

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Approved by
J. W. C. No. 148
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Mr. J. W. C. No. 148
The telephone aspect
of the Govt. Telegraph
machinery. & on this
I think we can only
say that it is not
calculated to afford
facilities for the
despatch of public
business at large
stations - but that
as regards the probable
extent of the public
use of telephonic
exchange we can only say that
the Ch. of India has
already in former

C. & J. P. 14.3.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Halliday
His Excellency the Governor

For order

In sending up the
annexed reminder
in the Govt. letter No. 2
I dated 6. Jan. 1881
in the subject of Es-
tablishing telephonic
communications in India
I am unable to express
any opinion in advance
of those already rendered
in this file in the
General direction; but
as it appears to me
that should, as may
be anticipated, the
general introduction
of this means of
communication actually
take place here, it
might be worth con-
sidering whether

of the Govt. of India

Secretary to Government

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at times have delay
in the transaction of
public business

It is however und-
-less to pursue the
subject. - Of General
approval of the
Govt. purposes a care-
-fully considered scheme
might be prepared and
as the Accredited Agent
in the Company Mr.
Clement & Leggett
is and have time
enough to be no difficulty
in ascertaining sufficiently
accurately the probable
first outlay and
Subsequent Charge he
is working

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 15th March 1881.

Read the following:—

From the Chairman Ch. of Commerce of 8th Decr 1880.
" " Govt. of India No 2586 Jan'y 1881.

Ordered that the
Govt. of India be addressed.
H.S. No 6918 of 15th March 1881.

To The Secy. to the Govt. of India. P.W.D.

Sir,
In reply to your letter
No 4675 of 15th Novr 1880, on
the subject of the establish-
ment of telephonic com-
munication in India, I
am directed to state
that in the opinion of
this Govt. it would very
much facilitate the progress
of

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of public business if the different Govt. Offices at large stations were put into telephonic communication, & that there would be no objection to the plan being tried in this Presy. at the risk however of the Telephone Company -

2. As regard the probable extent to which the public would avail themselves of a telephonic exchange, I am to say that the Madras Chamber of Commerce have already informed the Govt. of India that it would probably be used to a fair extent if the charges are moderate. The Madras Trades Association have

have failed to reply to the repeated references on the subject made to them by this Govt., from which it may be inferred that they do not feel much interest in the matter. I am to add that this Govt. sees no reason to suppose that the General public would make much use in Madras of a telephonic exchange.

Att

14.3.81

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of the Govt. of India