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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Memorandum from Major G. R. GIBBS, Officiating Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Telegraph), to the Foreign, Financial, Home, Military, Legislative, and Revenue and Agricultural Departments, dated Fort William, 8th March 1882, Nos. 103-108 T., and endorsement by Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, dated Calcutta, 16th March 1882 :—

In continuation of this Office Memorandum, No. 36-41 T., of the 23rd January last, the undersigned is directed to forward, for information, the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 642 T., dated the 28th ultimo, from the Director-General of Telegraphs ; and to request your particular attention to the points referred to therein, in connection with telegraphic messages transmitted under the new Word Code for Foreign State messages. As that Code was introduced with a view to economy in the cost of transmission, all redundancies which tend to enhance the cost should be carefully suppressed.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 28th February 1882, No. 642 T.

In the course of a scrutiny instituted to watch the effect of the Word Code for Foreign State telegrams, it has been noticed that the words "Clear the Line" are sometimes used at the head of the text of messages to places beyond India.

2. As the Government of India has not the power to claim the clearing of lines of telegraph beyond Indian limits, I have the honor to point out that it is of no advantage to insert these words which are charged for as part of the message, the more especially as, under the International Convention, Government telegrams take precedence of other telegrams.

3. It has also been noticed that the text of certain State telegrams commences with the name of the place and the day of the month, a practice which also entails unnecessary expense, inasmuch as, under the International Convention, the name of the station of origin, as well as the date and hour of despatch, are communicated to the addressee in the official preamble without charge.

Endorsement, No. 4951 T.

Forwarded under orders of the Government of India to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

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To Departments of Secretariat.

Exd. J. Wright.

For Acting Chief Secretary.

P. H. C. No. 2443

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