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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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No. 68.

READ—the following letter from Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th April 1882, No. 309 C.G. :—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Madras Government Order, No. 568 W., of the 6th March 1882, in which I am asked to favor His Excellency the Governor with my views on the following proposals for the extension of telegraphs, principally in the Wynaad.

2. The proposals are—

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An extension to Vayitri *viâ* Pandalur and Cherambádi of the Devála telegraph line.

II. By the Wynaad Planting and Mining Association—
A provision of a line of telegraph.

III. By the North Wynaad Address—
An extension of the line of telegraph from Vayitri to Teriote and Manantoddy, instead of from Vayitri to Calicut.

IV. By the North Wynaad Native Address—
The opening up of telegraphic communication.

3. Proposals II and IV are too vague for me to express any opinion on them beyond that they probably refer to the general subject of schemes I and III.

4. With reference to proposals I and III, I must premise that last year the Wynaad Planters' Association addressed the Collector of Malabar inquiring what guarantee would be required by the Government "to ensure the extension of telegraphic communication between Calicut and Ootacamund *viâ* Vayitri, Meppádi, and Devála." I was obliged to reply that, in the first place, I could quote no terms until a survey of the line had been made, and, in the second, that on account of other works I could not undertake any extension beyond Devála last working season (1881-82).

5. The line from Devála through Cherambádi, Meppádi, Vayitri, and the Támrachéri Ghât to Calicut has now been surveyed and found practicable, although 59 miles of forest cutting will prove troublesome and costly.

6. The recommendation of the North Wynaad Address for a line to be made from Vayitri to Manantoddy, instead of from Vayitri to Calicut, it is evident, is in favor of Manantoddy alone, and would not be of such general advantage as a through line from Ootacamund to Calicut.

7. Considered as purely telegraph projects, and irrespective of how far the proposals under review are likely to be affected by the Malabar-Mysore Railway scheme, I recommend the extension of the Devála line along the before-mentioned route to Calicut, and if the Madras Government is prepared to grant the same terms of limited guarantee for the extension beyond Devála as it has given for the extension up to Devála (*vide* Order No. 2219 W. of the 7th September 1881), with the addition of Rs. 5 a mile a year for 59 miles of annual jungle clearing, I will apply to the Government of India for sanction to the work, and will, if possible, have the line constructed next working season (*i.e.*, between October 1882 and February 1883).

8. On terms similar to those of the Devála guarantee, *plus* the extra charge of Rs. 5 a mile for 59 miles for annual jungle clearing, I estimate that the annual guarantee for the extension from Devála to Calicut with an office at Vayitri would be Rs. 5,200 a year, exclusive of free office accommodation.

9. The question of the local extension from Vayitri to Manantoddy should, I consider, be deferred until that of the through line from Ootacamund to Calicut has been decided.

No. 68-A.

READ—the following letter from C. L. B. CUMMING, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated Calicut, 2nd June 1882, No. 1561 :—

In reply to your memorandum, dated 11th ultimo, No. 91 E., I have the honor to inform you that the only building available at Vayitri for a Telegraph Office is one belonging to Messrs. Hinde and Co. Mr. Ferguson, a partner of the firm, is willing to rent it out or to sell it outright to Government. I enclose a copy of his letter, dated 31st May, to me on the subject.

ENCLOSURE.

From T. J. FERGUSON, Esq., Senior Partner of Messrs. Hinde and Co., to the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 31st May 1882.

I have not seen our bungalow at Vayitri for nearly four years; so cannot say exactly what condition it is in. I would either sell outright or let for Rs. 25 per month, Government executing all repairs.

As regards the price for which I would sell, that to a certain extent would depend a good deal on the ground required with the bungalow.

No. 69.

ORDER—dated 10th June 1882, No. 1453 W., Public Works.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the recommendation of the Director-General of Telegraphs for the extension of the Devála line of telegraph *viâ* Cherambádi, Meppádi, Vayitri, and the Támrachéri Ghât to Calicut under the limited guarantee system as described in G.O., No. 2219 W., dated 7th September 1881, with the addition of Rs. 5 a mile a year for 59 miles for jungle clearing.

2. Free office accommodation will also be provided. The Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, will arrange for the purchase of Messrs. Hinde and Co.'s building at Vayitri at a proper valuation.

3. It is hoped that the line will be completed during next working season, *i.e.*, before February 1883.

4. The question of the extension from Vayitri to Manantoddy will be deferred for the present.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Director-General of Telegraphs.
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintendent of Telegraphs, West Coast Division.
" Public Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 10th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10th June 1882, No. 1453 W

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Nos. 68-69.

Telegraph.

Extension of the Devála line of — to Calicut, approved, and instructions issued for its completion before February 1883.

No. 309 C/G. P1

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA,

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No. 91 Cap. 11-5-82

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant,

R. Murray Colonel
Director General of Tels: in India.

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No. 1561.

Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 2nd June 1882.

From

C. L. B. Cumming Esqre
Ag. Collector of Malabar
Calicut.

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey R.E.
Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Cumming

Acting Collector.

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From,

The Collector of Malabar

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Ootacamund

Dated 2 June 1882

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Enclosure — 1

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Yours Sincerely

Sd/ Ferguson

Senior partner of
Messrs Hinde & Co.

(True Copy)

Acting Collector

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In a letter from the Collector of Malabar dated, 2nd June 1882 No 1561.

Copy of a letter from Mr Ferguson regarding the condition &c of the building belonging to Messrs. Hinde & Co

P. W. Department.

Read the following :— 1453/9

From the D.G. of Telegraphs H.S. No 309 C.G. dy 28.4.82

FOR ORDERS.

A. H. Sankey Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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5.5.82

I am disposed to sanction but wd ascertain first at a cost at Nyatri

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FOR ORDERS.

No. 91 Ed. 11th May /8

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 10th June /82

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R.S. 1453/11 [illegible]

7/6/82

To,
The Director Genl of Telegraphs. ✓
" Suptg Engr IV Circle. ✓
" Examiner T.W. Accounts. ✓
" Suptt of Telegraphs, West Coast Dn ✓
" Public Dept ✓ Dept
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Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 10 June 1882. No. 1453 W

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