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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 200.

READ—the following G.O., dated 10th June 1882, No. 2796, Military :—

Read—the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. EWING, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th June 1882, No. 390.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to request that sanction may be accorded to the office of the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Centre District, in Fort St. George, being placed in telephonic communication with the offices of the Master Attendant and Executive Commissariat Officer at Madras.

2. His Excellency strongly recommends the measure, as during the trooping season especially the correspondence, &c., carried on between these offices is heavy, and, very frequently, of an emergent nature; but suggests that the work should be carried out by the Government Telegraph Department, which is prepared to undertake it.

3. His Excellency also desires me to state that the Government Telegraph Department has done similar work at Simla.

Order—dated 10th June 1882, No. 2796, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department, for the necessary action, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 890 W., dated 4th April, and No. 1170 W., dated 8th May 1882.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 200-A.

From P. V. LUKE, Esq., Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 10th June 1882, No. 1464.

With reference to G.O., No. 890 W., Public Works, dated 4th April 1882, accepting the proposal of the Oriental Telephone Company to establish telephonic

communication between Government House, Fort St. George and the Public Offices, I have the honor to inquire whether, with regard to previous correspondence on the subject, His Excellency the Governor will, under the altered circumstances, require the Telegraph Department to furnish any telephone lines and instruments in Madras.

2. It has been established that telephones will not work satisfactorily if their wires be on the same posts as telegraph wires.

3. A statement is enclosed, giving the rates at which the department is prepared to supply lines and instruments.

ENCLOSURE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

TELEPHONE RATES.

Charges per Annum for Government Lines, including those State and Guaranteed Railways of which the Telegraph Lines are already managed by the Telegraph Department.

	Per Annum.
Per half mile of wire	Rs. 36
Telephone and Transmitter	60
Exchange not worked by Telegraph Department, per Indicator.	30
Exchange worked by Telegraph Department for each 8 hours of daily service, per Indicator	60

Telephone connection to a Telegraph Office, to be worked during the working hours of that office, to be charged at the above rates for the line and two telephones.

The above Government rates only apply to towns where there is an existing supervising establishment.

When Local Government lines, except exchange lines, are made on the terms of Government Resolution No. 2 of 8th October 1879, i.e., when the lines are paid for at 5 per cent. on capital plus a charge for maintenance, or when Railway lines are made on Resolution No. 58-103 A.T., of 26th July 1881, then the charges for instruments and office supervision must also be in the terms of the last-quoted Resolution, i.e.,—

	Per Annum.
Per Instrument	Rs. 84
„ Office	220

If any Government Department should object to the regular telephone rates, then it should be charged at the detailed public line and office rates authorized by Government in the above-quoted Resolutions.

CALCUTTA,
8th December 1881.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
13th June 1882.

(Signed) A. AWDRY, Captain, R.E.,
Private Secretary.

No. 201.

ORDER—dated 28th June 1882, No. 1643 W., Public Works.

The telephone line applied for by the Quartermaster-General is sanctioned for execution by the Oriental Telephone Company on the same terms as those specified in the papers recorded with G.O., No. 890 W., dated 4th April 1882. But as the Government Telegraph Department are now prepared to erect and work telephone lines, it would be more economical to employ this agency in future. Arrangements will

accordingly be made by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, either to take over or replace existing lines at the end of one year from date of erection, when the present engagement with the Oriental Telephone Company will cease.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
 „ Agents, Oriental Telephone Company.
 „ Master Attendant, Madras.
 „ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
 „ Director-General of Telegraphs.
 „ Public Department.
 „ Revenue „
 „ Military „

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Subt. of 1882 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 28th June 1882, No. 1643 W.

JUNE.
Nos. 200-201.

Telephone.

Line of communication between the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General and the Master Attendant and Executive Commissariat Officer.—Sanctions for execution by the Oriental Telephone Company of the —.

4TH APRIL 1882, No. 890 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 13.

READ—the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT and Co., Agents for the Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited,) to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated Madras, 26th January 1882, and Endorsement by Captain A. AWDEY, R.E., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated 27th January 1882.

We have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of circular letter which we addressed to the mercantile community of Madras on the 11th of October last. The responses to this letter were so prompt, numerous and satisfactory, that we at once decided to establish a Central Exchange in this city. Premises have been engaged in Errabauloo Chetty Street, and we hope and expect that all subscribers in Black Town will be in full communication on Saturday next, the 28th instant, on which date a ceremony is to take place at Calcutta, at which the Honorable Mrs. Baring will declare the Central Exchanges in the three Indian Presidency Towns open. As soon as possible thereafter attention will be given to completion of the Mount Road and Perambúr portions of the system, and we have no doubt that as the great advantages of telephonic communication become practically known to the public and the immense facilities which it affords for the conduct of business generally begin to be appreciated, as indeed we think they must be, we shall see but few mercantile and trading firms who have not come forward to enjoy those great advantages and facilities to the full.

2. The Company having thus had the good fortune to be able to place at the disposal of the non-official community this great invention and economiser of labor, desires to turn its attention to the securing of the same desiderata to the official section of the community. And it is with the hope of enlisting the sympathies of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in the furtherance of this object we now address you on the subject. It has come to our knowledge within the last few days that the Heads of several Government Departments are convinced that the establishment of telephonic communication with all the other Government Offices at the Presidency would lead to very great convenience and despatch in the conduct of business, and in this conclusion they are undoubtedly borne out by experience in other parts of the world where the telephone has been in use for some time, and is now regarded by all who use it as an indispensable necessity.

It has occurred to us that it could scarcely fail to be of convenience to His Excellency the Governor were Government House placed in communication with the various Government Offices in the Fort and at Chepauk. Again, it occurs to us that the advantages of placing, say, the Ordnance Office in communication with the Gun Carriage and Gunpowder Factories would be great. Similarly, we might urge the advantages likely to accrue from placing the Paymaster, the Accountant-General, the Pay Examiner and the Military and Medical Funds in telephonic communication.

If the matter is one which, on consideration, commends itself to His Excellency's approval, we shall be prepared at any time to go fully into the scheme, and to consider with a liberal disposition the terms on which the Company would place its services at the disposal of Government.

We had proposed to address the Heads of the various Government Departments direct, but now consider that before taking this step it would be advisable to have the concurrence of His Excellency in such proposal.

In addition to the above-mentioned circular, you will find enclosed a copy of the Company's Prospectus, together with a copy of the Agreement which the Company takes from its subscribers.

Requesting the favor of as early a reply to this communication as circumstances will conveniently admit of.

Endorsement.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 13-A.

LETTER—to the Agents for the Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited,) dated 17th February 1882, No. 427 C.

Adverting to your letter of the 26th ultimo to the address of the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, and to subsequent correspondence on the subject of placing the most important of the Government offices in communication by telephone, I am desired to observe that, as at present informed, the Government would not object to introduce the system to a limited extent, provided they can have a separate Exchange Office under their own control in the Government Office, Fort St. George.

2. For the immediate purposes it would suffice if the following offices were placed in communication:—

Chief Secretary with the Governor at Government House, Madras and Guindy Park; with Revenue Board Office, and Chief Engineer's Office, Chepauk; with Master Attendant, and Madras Railway Office, Ráyapuram; with office of the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Royapetta, and with the Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Chingleput.

3. The Exchange Office in the Government Office should of course be placed in communication with your Central Exchange in Errabauloo Chetty Street.

4. I am to request that you will at early convenience favor Government with a general sketch of the manner in which you would propose to effect the above communications, as also with a statement of the terms.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 13-B.

READ—the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT and Co., Agents for the Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited,) to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th March 1882.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 427 C. of the 17th ultimo.

We have delayed replying to it pending arrival in Madras of the General Manager of the Company.

We have now conferred with the General Manager and he has authorised us to treat with you in a liberal spirit, and we trust that the terms which we are able to propose will induce Government to accept the services of our Company.

We can arrange to give Government a separate Exchange Office under their own control in the Government Office, Fort St. George, which would be connected with the Central Exchange in Errabauloo Chetty Street, so that Government would enjoy the advantages of communication over the whole telephone system in Madras.

We enclose a sketch by the Company's Superintendent of Construction, showing the various proposed connections. As regards the proposed line to Chingleput, the General Manager has not at present authorised us to quote for it.

Our rate to the general public is Rs. 300 per annum per single subscription within a radius of a mile from the Central Exchange, and we propose to offer the same facilities to Government at half that figure. Excluding the Chingleput line the annual charge would therefore be Rs. 1,800, as follows:—

		Miles. Furlongs.	
		Miles.	Furlongs.
From Sub-Office, Fort.	To Government House ...	1	0
	Chief Secretary's Office ...	1	5
	Chief Engineer's " ...	1	5
	Revenue Board " ...	1	3
	Master Attendant's Office ...	1	4
	Commissioner, Salt Revenue Office ...	3	0
	Ráyapuram Terminus ...	1	7
		12	0

The total length of wire will be 12 miles, to ordinary subscribers the charge would be Rs. 3,600 per year. We ask from Government Rs. 1,800, which will cover use of instruments and batteries with all other appliances, also maintenance of the lines in thorough working order. We have not computed the distance between Government House and Guindy, as Government has already got a wire which can be used either for telegraphic or telephonic work and can be adapted to work with our Company's system.

2. Trusting that the above terms may lead to business.

No. 13-C.

LETTER—to the Agents for the Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited,) dated 24th March 1882, No. 718 C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 14th March 1882, and to inform you in reply that, on considering the terms now submitted for establishing telephonic communication between certain public offices, the Government are not disposed to proceed with the matter to the full extent proposed in my letter No. 427 C., dated 17th February 1882, and would now confine the scheme to the following five lines:—

		Miles. Furlongs.	
		Miles.	Furlongs.
(1)	To Government House ...	1	0
(2)	Chief Secretary's Office ...	1	5
(3)	Chief Engineer's " ...	1	5
(4)	Revenue Board ...	1	3
(5)	Master Attendant ...	1	4
Total Miles ...		7	1

2. The tender already made provides for furnishing 12 miles in aggregate length for Rs. 1,800 per annum. The proportional charge for the reduced length would thus be somewhat less than Rs. 1,100. If this be accepted, the Government would be disposed to proceed with the scheme to this extent.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 13-D.

READ—the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT and Co., Agents for the Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited,) to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th March 1882.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 718 C. of the 24th instant.

2. The proposal therein contained is accepted, and arrangements will now be made for putting the work in hand without delay and completing it as speedily as practicable.

No. 14.

ORDER—dated 4th April 1882, No. 890 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Agents, Oriental Telephone Company, (Limited.)
" Public Department.
" Revenue "
" Military "
" Master Attendant.
" Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE AGENTS, ORIENTAL
TELEPHONE Co., (LIMITED.)

Dated April, 4th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 4th April 1882, No. 890 W.

APRIL.

Nos. 13-14.

Telephonic communication between certain
public officers.—Correspondence regarding the
establishment of —, recorded.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Head Quarters, Polacamma.

7th June 1882.

Recd - G.O. dated 10th June, No. 2796.

Recd - the following letter

No. 390

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From Lieut. Colonel John Ewing
OFF THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE Secretary to Government
Military Department.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of the
Commander-in-Chief, to request that sanction
may be accorded to the Office of the Deputy
Inspector Quartermaster General, Fort
District, in Fort Saint George, being placed
in telephonic communication with the
Office of the Master Attendant and
Executive Commissariat Officer at Madras.
His Excellency strongly recommends
the measure, as during the Hoofing season
especially, the correspondence, &c., carried
on between these Offices is heavy and,
very frequently, of an urgent nature,
but suggests that the work should be par-
ried out by the Government Telegraph
Department, which is prepared to undertake
it.

3. — His Excellency also desires me
to state that the Government Telegraphic
Department has done similar work at
Simla. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

Wm. Nims

Lieut. Colonel
Offg. Quartermaster General.

b. Four copies of the above letter
are required.

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21 April 1882 No. 324-325
13 May 245-246

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Cotacamund
10 June 1882

Endor. on the above dated
No. 2796.

Approved and
transferred to the Public
Works Department, for the
necessary action, with ad-
vance to Proceedings
of Government, No. 890.W.
dated 4 April and
No. 1170.W. dated 8th
May 1882.

(By order)

Wm. L. Colman
Secretary to Government

To The Public Works Dept.

No. 1170.W. 6-5-82
890.W. 4-5-82

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Cir 14/6 - recd 120/6

Military (1882) Departt.

No. 2906

From

The Quartermaster Genl.

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Military Department.

Recd 28 June 82
No. 390.

Dated 7th June.
Recd 8th June

Request for sanction
for the Office of the Dy. Q.
Quartermaster District
being placed in telephone
communication with the
Office of the Master
Attendant & Executive
Commissioner at Madras.

No. 1464
From
THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Division.

To

The Private Secretary

His Excellency the Governor, Cotacamund

Dated Madras the 10th of June 1882

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 890.W. Public works
dated 4 April 1882 accepting the proposal of the Ori-
ental Telephone Company to establish Telephonic Com-
munication between Government House, Fort St. George
and the Public offices, I have the honor to enquire
whether, with regard to previous correspondence on
the subject, His Excellency the Governor well under the
altered circumstances, require the Telegraph Department
to furnish any telephone lines and Instruments in Madras.

2. It has been established that telephones will
not work satisfactorily if their wires be on the same
poles as Telegraph wires.

3. A Statement is enclosed, giving the rates at
which the Department is prepared to supply Lines and
Instruments.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedt. S.

J. H. Lake
Superintendent
Madras Division

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Telephone Rates

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Charges per annum for Government Lines, including those of State and Guaranteed Railways of which the Telegraph Lines are already managed by the Telegraph Department.

	Per annum
Per $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of wire	Rs 35.
Telephone and Transmitter	" 60
Exchange not worked by Telegraph Department per Indicator	" 30
Exchange worked by Telegraph Department for each 8 hours of } Daily Service per Indicator	" 60

Telephone connection to a Telegraph office, to be worked during the working hours of that office, to be charged at the above rates for the Line and 2 Telephones.

The above Government rates only apply to towns where there is an existing Supervising Establishment.

When Local Government Lines except Exchange Lines are made on the terms of Govt. Resolution No 2 of 8th October 1899, i.e. when the lines are paid for at 5% on capital plus a charge for maintenance or when Railway lines are made on Resolution No. 58-103 A.T. of 26th July 1881, then the charges for Instruments and office Supervision must also be in the terms of the last quoted Resolution. i.e.

Per Instrument	Rs 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ per annum
" Office	" 220

If any Government Department should object to the Regular Telephone Rates, then it should be charged at the detailed Public Line

Calcutta }
8^o December 1881 }

Dated 1st June 1882
No. 1464.

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TRANSFERRED to *the Chief* Secretary to
Government, Department.

(By Order.)

A. Howard, Captain
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Aotearoa
13 June 1882.

(1882) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE *Private* SECRETARY

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To

The Chief

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT.

Dated

13th

Recd.

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June

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ENCLOSURE. 2

No.

Subject.

Transfers a *letter* from the *Govt* the *Govt* telegraphs requesting to know if the telegraph dept. would be required to furnish any telephonic lines & instruments.

P. W. D.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:

N^o 2796 of 10th June 1882

Endorsement in the Military Department on letter from the Quarter Master General N^o 390 of 7th June 1882.

FOR ORDERS.

I think the course suggested the best of it. E. sees no objection to it.

I think it would be better to place the working of the telephone system under the government telegraph department. as is done in other parts of India. as the oriental tel. Company have already been entrusted by Govt with the construction and technical supervision of all the telephone lines in Madras. Under these circumstances

it will be seen from the Proceedings of Government in the file that the Oriental tele-

phone Company have already been entrusted by Government with the construction and technical supervision of all the telephone lines in Madras. Under these circumstances

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it would perhaps be better to make the line now proposed a branch of the general system. If approved, enquiries will be made as to the terms on which the Company will place the Deputy Asst Quartermaster General in telephonic communication with the Master Attendant and Executive Communication Officer.

Col R. R.
Secretary to Govt S.W.D.

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14 June 1882

14 June 1882

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. H. E. Sullivan
H. E. in Command in C
21. R. H. in the Governor

Read the following:—

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From the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division,
No. 1464 of 10th June 1882

FOR ORDERS.

It has been

decided by the Hon. Members in their Notes on the accompanying file that under

existing circumstances it would be better to entrust to the

Oriental Telephone Company the construction of the line

proposed by the Quarter

Master General. The present

letter from the Superintendent

of Telegraphs may therefore

it is thought be simply

Recorded.

Yes - as seems to be
committed to the Telephone
Company but not to be
proposed for all time and
after a year or so might
either get the Company
to bring their rates down
to those charged by the
Telegraph Dept. or transfer
the work to the latter.

I think that all future
Telephone lines required
to be constructed in this
Presidency should be done
by the Govt. Telegraph Dept.
and that the Telephone
Company should be informed
that in the end of a year

2. The following statement
 contracts the charges for
 construction and working of
 telephone lines by the two
 Agencies:-

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. A. C. Sullivan
 H. E. the Gov. C.

Cost as per Telephone Co

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7 miles of wire with use of instruments
 @ Rs 150 per mile — Rs 1000

Cost as per Telegraph Dept

7 miles of wire @ Rs 72 per mile — Rs 504
 5 telephones @ Rs 60 — " 300
 Exchange worked by telegraph dept — " 60
 — " 864

W. A. S. S. S.

Colonel R. R.

Secretary to Govt. P. W. Dept

Ootacamund

31st June 1882

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the line recently
 put up by them in
 various parts of the
 Province & the
 Telegraph Dept.
 having more
 economical.

W. A. S. S. S.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th June 1882

Read the following:-

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Endorsement in the Military Dept.
 on letter from the Quarter Master
 General No. 590 of 7th June 1882 } (H.C. No. 2796 of 10th June 1882)

Endorsement of the Private Secy.
 to H.C. the Governor on letter
 from the Supt. Govt. Telegraphs,
 Madras No. 1464 of 10th June 1882 } (H.C. No. — of 13th — —)

The telephone line
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 in the papers recorded with
 G.O. 890 W dated 4th April
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 telephone lines, it would
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the agency in future. Arrangements will accordingly be made by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, either to take over or replace existing lines at the end of one year from the date of erection, when the present engagement with the Oriental Telephone Company will cease.

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*Issued by H.B. to
Goverment of Madras
on the 23rd June 1882
for the use of the
Telegraph Division*

Issued
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To
The Supt. of Telegraphs Madras
" Agents Oriental Telephone Co.
" Master Attendant, Madras
" Private Secy. to H.C. the Governor
" Director Genl. of Telegraphs
" Public Dept.
" Revenue Dept.
" P.T. 2nd

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Nos. 200 to 201

Telephone

Line of Communication between
the Dy. Asst. Commr. Secy
and the District Attendant
Resident Commissioner's Office
Sanction for connection by the
Oriental Telephone Co.
The —

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