

No. 46087,

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA,

TO

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department
Calcutta, the 28th of February 1882

SIR,

In reply to your Telegram of 24 words of the 25th instant, I have the honor to inform you that on the application of the Acting Chef de Service at Karikal an office was opened at that station on the 4th October 1880 on a guarantee that the French Government would provide free quarters and make good any deficiency in working the office up to Rs. 750 a year.

2. At that time the office was intermediate on the main line Negapatnam to Madras, but, owing to recent alterations, the line Sheally to Karikal has been dismantled and Karikal has

thus become a terminal station. -

3. It is, therefore, now possible to keep the office open at a reduced cost, and in this view, in the interests of the French Government instructions have been issued to work the line Karikal to Negapatam by Telephone through the agency of the Post-Master of Karikal. -

4. Should, however, the Chef de Service be of opinion that the requirements of his Government will not be as efficiently served by the use of the Telephone as by the Telegraph, then of course I shall be very happy to continue the hitherto existing arrangements. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obed^t servant,

Murray Colonel.

10 RD Director Genl of Telcom India

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th March 1882

Read the following:—

From the Governor of the
French Settlement
in India ——— N.E. No 4 of 18 Feb/82.
" the Director General
of Telegraphs in India " 4608.T of 28 Feb/82

Ordered that the
following reply be sent.
(N.E. No 735 W of 20 March 82)

To
His Excellency
the Governor of the
French Settlements
in India.

Your Excellency

I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of your Ex-
cellency's Communication
of

of the 18th February/82
N^o 4 on the Subject
of the Substitution of
the Telephone for the
Telegraph System at
Karikal; and in reply
to forward herewith
for your Excellency's
information copy of
a letter from the
Director General of
Telegraphs, in which
the circumstances of
the change are explained.

It will be seen that
Should the French Govt.
desire the continuance
of the hitherto existi-
ng System, there
will be no objection
on

N^o 4608 T of 28 Feb/82

on the part of the
British Government to
maintain it.

Accept, Sir, the
assurance of the high
consideration with
which,

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R.S.

Att

6/3/82

The Hon W. H. H. H. H. H.

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