

Political (1882) DEPARTMENT.

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From

Monsieur Drouhet
Gouverneur of Pondicherry
the French Settlements
No. 4 in India.

Dated 18th February 1882
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SUBJECT.

Regarding the
substitution of the
Telephone for Telegraph
at Karikal

renseigner exactement à ce
je crois, à ce sujet, devoir
remarquer que la substitution
téléphone au télégraphe
inconvenients graves qui e-
raient pour les habitants
aurait pour effet de détruire
conventions faites il y a
avec le Gouvernement Ang-
lais, il est vrai, qui n'ont
été écrites, mais que les dé-
clarations ont toujours scrupuleu-
sement observées.

Veuillez agréer
le Gouverneur, l'assurance
haute considération avec la
l'honneur d'être,

De Votre Excellence
Le très obéissant ser-
viteur
Le Gouverneur

Chef de service de Karikal, qui
m'envoie en communication
la lettre dont ci-joint copie, que
des modifications doivent être ap-
portées, vers la fin du mois de
Mars prochain, au fonctionnement
des communications rapides entre
Karikal et Négapatam. Le bureau
du télégraphe serait transporté dans
le local actuellement occupé par la
poste, et il serait même question, si
les termes de la lettre de M. l'Agent
Consulaire Anglais sont bien compris,
il serait question de substituer le
mode de communication par télé-
phone au système des fils télégra-
phiques.

Je serais obligé à Votre
Excellence si Elle voulait bien

Pondicherry - 18th February 1880.

(Translation)

On the subject of
the telegraph
service to Karikal.

Consequent on the propositions
made to the Collector of Tanjore and
the Director General of Telegraphs in
regard to the opening of a telegraph office
at Karikal the representatives of our
Governments agreed as to the conditions on
which this office could be established, and
it has been working since the 4th October
1880.

I am advised by the Chef de Service
of Karikal, who has communicated to me
a letter, copy of which is annexed, that
towards the end of next month there are
to be some changes in the rapid (electric)
communication between Karikal and
Negapatam. The telegraph office is to
be moved into the place now occupied
by the Postal Department, and

... a question, if the terms of the
letter of the British Consular Agent
are rightly understood; whether the
telephone mode of communication will
not take the place of the telegraph
system.

I shall be obliged to your Excellency
if you will be so good as to give me
some precise information on this point.
I believe in this connection that the
substitution of the telephone for the
telegraph, apart from the grave inconvenience
which would result to the inhabitants
of Karikal, would have the effect
of destroying the agreement made
two years ago with the English Govern-
ment, agreement, which it is true,
not in writing, but which the

two Governments have at all times
scrupulously observed.

Be pleased to accept &c.

L^d - Grouhet.

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His Excellency the R^t Hon.
Grant Duff - Governor of
the Presidency of Madras.
Fort St. George.