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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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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. AWDRY, 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.
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.
(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.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. 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.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. 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 offices.—Correspondence regarding the establishment of —, recorded.

Oriental Telephone Company, Limited,
Madras, 11th October, 1881.

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To,

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We beg to inform you that we have been appointed agents in this Presidency for the above Company and that we are now establishing a Telephone Exchange in this City. We shall be happy to enroll your name on the list of subscribers and we enclose form of application which you can fill up and return to us if agreeable to you.

The necessary permission to establish the Exchange has been obtained from the Government of India.

The best instruments at present known will be used, and, as improvements and inventions in the system become developed, these will be carefully and disinterestedly tested with a view to their adoption by the Company should they prove to be of greater benefit to the public than the system now in use.

An experimental line of wire will, as soon as possible, be run up between our Offices and the Band Stand, South Beach, when those desirous of testing the utility and great convenience of telephonic communication will have an opportunity of doing so. The date on which this experimental line will be in working order shall be duly notified to you.

One of the Company's Electricians is now on the spot and material to connect 25 subscribers has arrived.

A central Office is being secured for the Exchange.

The subscription has been fixed at three hundred Rupees per annum within a radius of one mile from the Central Office. This is only the equivalent, at 1s. 8d. per rupee Exchange, of the subscription in London, although the expense of erecting, working and maintaining in efficiency the lines of communication must necessarily be greater here than in a temperate climate. To subscribers desirous of being joined to the Central Office from a distance exceeding one mile special rates will be quoted on application.

The subscription will not be chargeable until one month after the subscriber has been connected with the Exchange and is satisfied with it's working.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

Arbuthnot & Co

Agents, Madras.

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ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(BELL & EDISON'S SYSTEM)

Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1880.

CAPITAL £300,000, in 300,000 Shares of £1 each,

100,000 of these Shares are to be issued in part payment for the rights and property purchased, and will, under the agreement with the vendors, only carry such right to participate in profits as explained in the body of the Prospectus. 50,000 of the remaining Shares have been already applied for, and will be allotted in full, and the balance of 150,000 is now offered for subscription at par.

Payment as follows:—

2s. 6d. on Application, 2s. 6d. on Allotment, and 5s. on the 2nd day of May, 1881.

It is not expected that any further calls will be required.

Directors.

Chairman:

JOHN PENDER, Esq., M.P., Chairman Eastern Telegraph Company, Limited, 18, Arlington Street, Piccadilly, W.

Sir JULIUS VOGEL, K.C.M.G., late Premier of New Zealand, 135, Cromwell Road, S.W.

Sir ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., &c., &c., late Director-General R.N., The Albany, Piccadilly, W.

Sir WILLIAM THOMSON, LL.D., F.R.S., M.I.C.E., Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, Consulting Electrician and Ex-officio Member of the Board of Directors.

PATRICK CARNEGY, Esq., C.I.E., late Commissioner Land Revenue, Oude, India, Ellery Court, Upper Norwood.

DILLWYN PARRISH, Esq., a Director of the United Telephone Company, Limited, Southborough Lodge, Bickley, Kent.

*ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, Esq.

*THOMAS ALVA EDISON, Esq.

*JOHN P. BIGELOW, Esq., late Fiscal Agent of the U. S. Treasury Department, 133, Cromwell Road, S.W.

*WILLIAM W. CARGILL, Esq., late Director of Railways and Telegraphs in Japan, Lancaster Lodge, Campden Hill, W.

*Col. GOURAUD, a Director of the United Telephone Company, Limited; and a Director of the Edison Telephone Company of London, Limited, The Woodlands, Beulah Hill, Surrey.

*The Hon^ble GARDINER G. HUBBARD, Deputy-Chairman of the International Bell Telephone Company, Limited; and a Director of the American Bell Telephone Company. 36, Coleman Street, E.C.

(With power to add to their number.)

The gentlemen marked thus* (being interested as Vendors) will not join the Board until after the completion of the purchase.

Bankers.

Messrs. SMITH, PAYNE & SMITHS, 1, Lombard Street, E.C.

Solicitors in London.

Messrs. RENSHAW, 2, Suffolk Lane, London, E.C.

Solicitors in Calcutta.

Messrs. SANDERSON & CO.

Brokers.

Messrs. ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO., 30, Throgmorton Street, London, E.C.

Auditors.

Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO., 4, Lothbury, E.C.

General Manager.

JAMES M. ORMES, Esq., late General Manager Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company of the United States.

Secretary.

WILLIAM G. HALL, Esq.

OFFICES IN LONDON.
6, LOMBARD STREET, E.C.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company is formed to provide Telephonic communication by Exchanges, private lines, and otherwise, in India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Java, China, Japan, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Malta, and the Hawaian Islands, and elsewhere, wherever the Company may acquire rights.

The introduction of the Telephone into the East was commenced by the Vendors several months ago, when competent managers, with skilled men, were sent out to many of the countries named.

A sufficient equipment for three hundred stations was sent to India, together with skilled electricians, engineers, and line-men, to establish Exchanges in Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras, and equipment for other cities is now on the way.

From the reports of the Manager in India it appears that India will be a fruitful field for the Telephone, and that, when it is fairly introduced, there will be a considerable number of Telephone Exchanges in operation. He writes that he is promised a sufficient number of subscribers to establish Exchanges in several of the large cities, and that no difficulty will be found in raising the funds required for establishing local companies. He believes that private line business promises to be much larger than was expected, and he writes requesting that an independent staff to carry on this business be sent out at once. The Telegraph is only used in India for purely local communication, to a limited extent, as there are comparatively few telegraph offices, and these are generally far removed from the customers. The Telephone will supply this want. He hopes that arrangements will be made with the Telegraph authorities by which the Subscribers may be connected directly with the Telegraph through the Telephonic Exchange. The various Agents already sent out have been instructed to disclaim any intention of performing telegraphic business wherever it clashes with Government or other vested interests. It is believed that the Telephone will, at an early date, become a valuable ally to the Telegraph system, and thus increase the traffic of that system. The natives use the Telegraph little on account of the difficulty of translating from their own tongues into the Telegraphic code, and retranslating the same. The Telephone is of its nature polyglot, and all natives can communicate by it in their own vernaculars. During the hot and the rainy seasons such great difficulty is experienced in personal communication, and so much inconvenience and expense are caused by the necessary delay in sending native messengers, that it may fairly be expected that the natives and Europeans will readily and extensively avail themselves of Telephonic communication.

A concession from the Khedive to establish Exchanges in Egypt, which will belong to the Company, has been already obtained. A sufficient equipment for forming Exchanges in Alexandria and Cairo has been sent out, with a staff of officers. Steps will be immediately taken to form a local company in Egypt subordinate to this Company.

The General Manager of the Anglo-Indian Telephone Company, Limited, the business of which Company is to be absorbed by the present Company, has been sent to Singapore, where he formerly resided, and a full equipment is now on the way to that settlement.

The parties engaged in these enterprises have united with the other Directors in forming this Company, with a view to carrying on the business thus commenced on a more comprehensive scale.

The Board of Direction includes several gentlemen who have been connected with the management of the principal Telephone Companies since their formation, notably the American Bell Telephone Company, the United Telephone Company, Limited, the International Bell Telephone Company, the Edison Telephone Company of London, Limited, and the Edison Telephone Company of Europe, Limited.

All Telephone privileges, in the nature of letters patent, or concessions for the use of Telephones that Mr. Alex. Graham Bell and Mr. Thomas Alva Edison have acquired or are entitled to acquire in any of the countries above-named, in respect of their inventions, will, with the exception of Mr. Edison's patents for Australia, be transferred to this Company, together with the goodwill of the businesses in so far as at present organized in any of these countries. In Australia and Japan, Mr. Edison has already granted certain rights to others, reserving a royalty; this royalty will be transferred to the Company.

The purchase-money for the rights and property transferred to the Company has been fixed at the sum of £150,000, of which £50,000 (part thereof) is payable in cash within two months after allotment of the Shares of the Company, and £100,000 payable in fully paid-up Shares of £1 each. The Vendors, however, have agreed that during the first five years after the incorporation of the Company, their Shares shall only carry a right to participate in the profits after a Dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum shall have been paid on the other Shares, and if in any of such five years' Dividends of 6 per cent. per annum on such Shares are not paid, the deficiency shall be made up out of the profits in future years, in priority to the rights of the holders of the Vendor's Shares to participate therein.

To illustrate the probable profit that may be expected, Mr. Hubbard one of the Directors of the American Bell Telephone Company, which was organized in July, 1878, is able to state that with a Capital of £30,000, since increased to £1,200,000, of which about £300,000 has been paid up, it now pays Dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on its total Capital of £1,200,000, equal to 28 per cent. on its paid-up Capital. Also that many of the local American Telephone Companies subordinate to the American Bell Company have met with like success. The Shares of the United Telephone Company, Limited, formed for the purpose of working the Bell and Edison Telephone inventions in Great Britain, with an actual Capital of £400,000 in Shares of £5 each, which were issued at par in London last June, have been largely sold and purchased at a premium of 30 to 40 per cent.

The advantages of the Telephone are so obvious, and its use is becoming so general, that it is difficult to place a limit on its ultimate extension, but it is estimated that within a short time sixty to seventy Telephone Exchanges can be opened in the countries named. When only fifty Exchanges are in operation, with an average of 200 subscribers or 10,000 subscribers in all, the receipts at £20 per annum each would amount to £200,000 a year.

A further source of income is anticipated from the leasing of private lines, for which a large demand is expected in a considerable portion of the Company's field of operations.

The Company relies for its success on the superiority of its instruments; the identification with it of Messrs. Bell and Edison, and other gentlemen who have already been instrumental in introducing the Telephone successfully in various countries; the possession of the best available technical knowledge and skill; the plan by which the co-operation of leading men in each district will be secured, and in being the first to occupy and organise business in a most populous extensive territory where the Telephone has not hitherto been generally introduced.

The only agreements that have been entered into by or on behalf of the Company except certain agreements with employés in subordinate positions, are:

> An agreement dated the 25th Jan., 1881, between Alexander Graham Bell, of the first part; Thomas Alva Edison, of the second part; The Oriental Bell Telephone Company, of the third part; The Anglo-Indian Telephone Company, Limited, of the fourth part; and Samuel Insull, Trustee for The Oriental Telephone Company, Limited, of the fifth part, and a supplemental agreement dated the 17th day of February, 1881, and made between the above-named parties of the first four parts, of again the first four parts and the Company of the fifth part.
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> An agreement dated the 27th day of September, 1880, between Clement D. Leggatt of the one part, and The Oriental Bell Telephone Company and George E. Gouraud of the other part. An agreement dated the 25th day of September, 1880, between Edwin De Leon of the one part, and Gardiner G. Hubbard, Alexander Graham Bell, John P. Bigelow, and James M. Ormes, of the other part. An agreement dated the 14th day of October, 1880, between the Anglo-Indian Telephone Company, Limited, of the one part, and Mr. W. L. Hill, of the other part; and an Agreement of the same date between the same Company and Mr. Henry Frank Wilkes of the other part. The above contracts, with the exception of that of the 25th January, 1881, relate to the engagements of the parties respectively.

These Agreements together with the Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Offices of the Company.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for Shares can be obtained from the offices of the Company, or from the Bankers, Solicitors, or Brokers.

In the event of no allotment being made, amounts paid on application for Shares will be returned in full, on production of Bankers' receipt.

Applications must be made on the enclosed form, accompanied by a deposit of 2s. 6d. per Share.

ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

(BELL & EDISON.)

PROSPECTUS.

Printers: Sir Joseph Causton and Sons, London.

Memorandum of Association
OF
ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

1. The name of the Company is the "ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED."
2. The registered Office of the Company will be situate in England.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are:—
   - (a) To carry out (subject to any modifications or alterations which may be agreed upon between the parties thereto of the first four parts and the Company) the Agreement dated the 25th day of January, 1881, and made between ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, of the first part; THOMAS ALVA EDISON, of the second part; the ORIENTAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, of the third part; the ANGLO-INDIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, of the fourth part; and SAMUEL INSULL, on behalf of this Company, of the fifth part.
   - (b) To acquire by original application, by assignment or otherwise, any Letters Patent, rights, privileges, concessions, or monopolies, for the use, sale, working, or manufacture of, or otherwise relating to any Telephone or Telephonic apparatus, or any other invention, instrument, or apparatus for transmission of messages.
   - (c) To transmit or contract for the transmission of messages for any Government, person, corporation, or association, by means of Telephones or other lawful means, and either in consideration of a payment for each message, or under any contract, or upon any other terms whatsoever.
   - (d) To establish and conduct any system of Telephonic communication between any individuals, or classes, or sets of persons, corporations, associations, or Governments.
   - (e) To take and work any licence for the use of any invention, instrument, or appliance, or for the exercise of any method or process of manufacture or construction, which may be advantageously used by the Company in their business.
   - (f) To contract or arrange with any Government, person, Company, or association, to carry on, or assist in carrying on, any part or branch of the Company's business as Sub-Contractors, Agents, or otherwise.
   - (g) To manufacture for use, sale, or letting, any article for the use or sale of which the Company may hold Letters Patent, or other privileges, concessions, or licences, or which may be capable of being used in connection with any invention in which the Company may have any interest, or in any way in connection with their business.
   - (h) To let or sell, or to grant any licence for the use, sale, letting, or other disposition of or dealing with, any invention or other property of the Company upon any terms.
   - (i) To acquire and hold, or sell or deal with any land or buildings, rights of way, way-leaves, easements, rights or privileges, and to establish offices and construct works for the purposes of the Company.
   - (j) To purchase or acquire, or to carry on and administer, as principals or agents, the whole or any part of the business or property of any person, firm, company, or association carrying on, or formed for carrying on, any business comprised in the authorized objects for the time being of the Company, or any similar objects, and, in connection with any such purchase, to undertake any part of the liabilities of the vendor.
   - (k) To subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, and to hold or dispose of the whole or any part of the shares, stock or debentures of any company, either at home or abroad, carrying on, or formed with the view of carrying on, any business comprised in the objects of this Company, and to promote or assist in the formation of any such Company.
   - (l) To sell, either for cash or for the shares, stock, or obligations of any other company, and either for distribution among the Members or otherwise, and to otherwise dispose of, the whole or any part of the Company's business or property.
   - (m) To make all deposits of money or securities, and to do all things necessary for constituting or empowering the Company in compliance with the laws or regulations of any Foreign or Colonial Government in places where the Company may be desirous of transacting its business and for such purpose, if necessary, to form and carry on, or conduct its business through any subsidiary company, or in any other way which the local laws or regulations may render necessary or advisable.
   - (n) To do all or any of the above things for the time being authorized in any part of the world, and either singly or in partnership or conjunction with any Government, person, company, or association, and either as principals or agents, and in carrying on business abroad, to do so in accordance with the custom of foreign companies.
   - (o) To unite, co-operate, or amalgamate with any company already or hereafter to be established for, or engaged in, objects similar or analogous to those of the Company, and to acquire, for the benefit of the Company, and in the name of the Company, or otherwise, all or any of the Shares or Stock, or any other interest in any such company, and to promote the formation of any such company.
   - (p) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
4. The liability of the Members is limited.
5. The Capital of the Company is £300,000, divided into 300,000 Shares of £1 each, with power to increase such Capital and to issue all or any part of the increased Capital with such preference or priority, or with such postponement of rights or otherwise as may be thought desirable.

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(BELL & EDISON'S PATENTS.)

THE ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Chief Office: ERRABAULOO CHETTY STREET, MADRAS.

TERMS:

The undersigned agrees/agree to take good care of all Telephones erected for his/their use, and all fixtures, connected therewith, and will not permit any one not a subscriber to use the instruments, and will not transmit messages for hire, or use the instruments upon any other line or at any other place except as herein specified, and at the expiration of the time for which this agreement is made will surrender the same to the Oriental Telephone Company, Limited, or its authorized agents, in as good condition as when received (ordinary wear alone excepted); and in default of payment as hereinbelow agreed, or in case of the violation of any of these conditions, the said Company shall have the option of terminating this agreement, and said Company, or its authorized agents, shall have the right, and the undersigned hereby gives/give them permission, upon the determination of this agreement, whether by notice or otherwise howsoever, to enter upon the premises wherein said Telephones may be, and take possession of and remove said Telephones and fixtures, and the undersigned shall have no claim for the repayment of any moneys which may have been paid under this agreement. In case any of said instruments shall be lost or destroyed, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay the said Company for each instrument so lost or destroyed, but the property in such instrument shall still remain in the said Company, and such payment of liquidated damages shall give no right to use such instrument.

The Company shall keep said Telephones in good working order, and repair the same at its own expense, except when injured by the carelessness or neglect of the undersigned or his/their servants, and shall have free access at all reasonable times, to the instruments and premises where they are used, for the purpose of inspecting or repairing the same.

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Subject to the printed terms above, you will please furnish to the undersigned ______ set of Telephone Apparatus to be used upon the terms and conditions above and hereunder stated and in connection with

THE TELEPHONIC EXCHANGE.

The undersigned hereby agrees/agree to pay ____________ Rupees per annum, in advance, and thereafter at the same rate, until this agreement be cancelled by one month's previous notice, in writing being given by either party.

Name ____________

Address ____________

Occupation or Business ____________

Duplicate.

(BELL & EDISON'S PATENTS.)

THE ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Chief Office: ERRABAULOO CHETTY STREET, MADRAS.

TERMS:

The undersigned agrees/agree to take good care of all Telephones erected for his/their use, and all fixtures, connected therewith, and will not permit any one not a subscriber to use the instruments, and will not transmit messages for hire, or use the instruments upon any other line or at any other place except as herein specified, and at the expiration of the time for which this agreement is made will surrender the same to the Oriental Telephone Company, Limited, or its authorized agents, in as good condition as when received (ordinary wear alone excepted); and in default of payment as hereinbelow agreed, or in case of the violation of any of these conditions, the said Company shall have the option of terminating this agreement, and said Company, or its authorized agents, shall have the right, and the undersigned hereby gives/give them permission, upon the determination of this agreement, whether by notice or otherwise howsoever, to enter upon the premises wherein said Telephones may be, and take possession of and remove said Telephones and fixtures, and the undersigned shall have no claim for the repayment of any moneys which may have been paid under this agreement. In case any of said instruments shall be lost or destroyed, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay the said Company for each instrument so lost or destroyed, but the property in such instrument shall still remain in the said Company, and such payment of liquidated damages shall give no right to use such instrument.

The Company shall keep said Telephones in good working order, and repair the same at its own expense, except when injured by the carelessness or neglect of the undersigned or his/their servants, and shall have free access at all reasonable times, to the instruments and premises where they are used, for the purpose of inspecting or repairing the same.

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Subject to the printed terms above, you will please furnish to the undersigned ______ set of Telephone Apparatus to be used upon the terms and conditions above and hereunder stated and in connection with

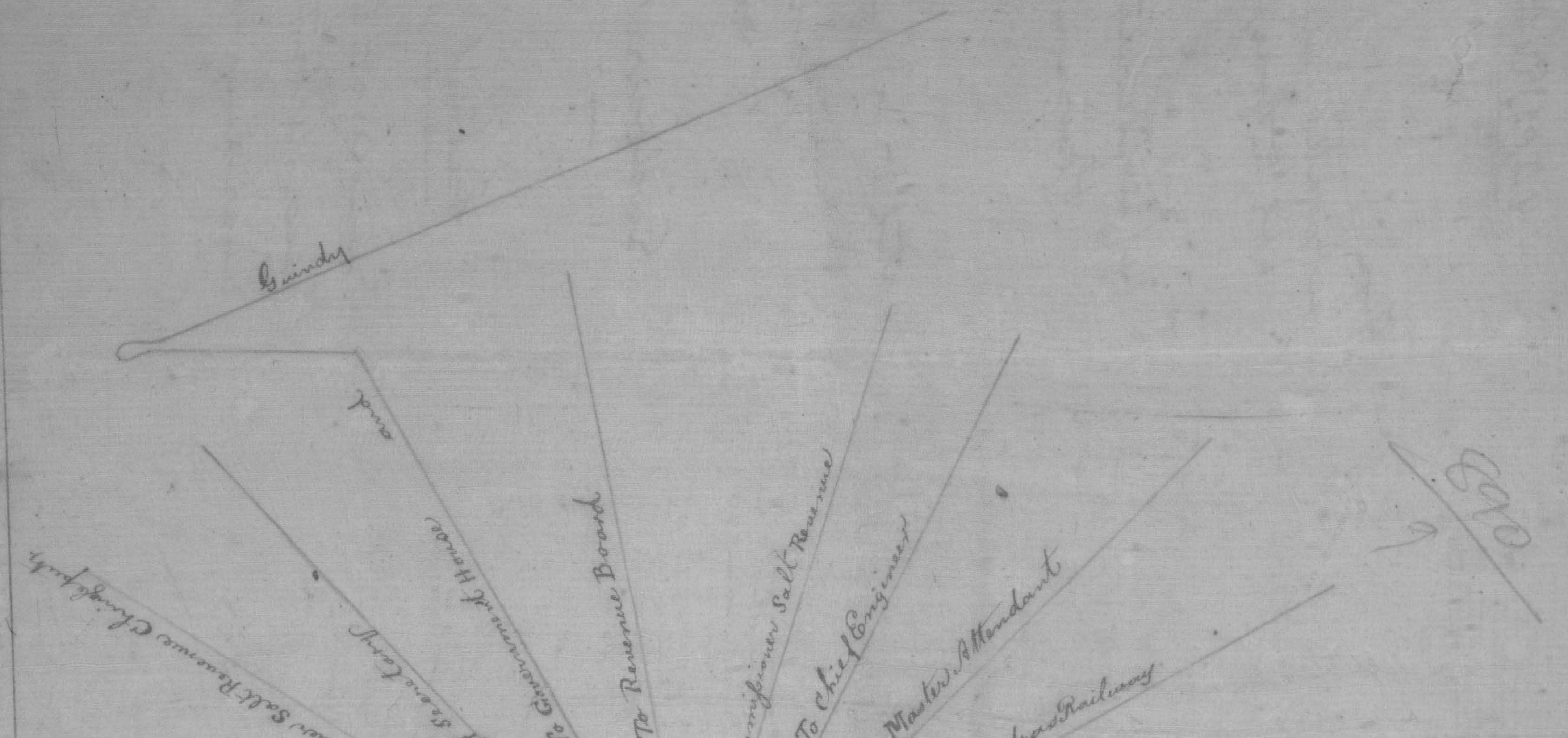
THE TELEPHONIC EXCHANGE.

The undersigned hereby agrees/agree to pay ____________ Rupees per annum, in advance, and thereafter at the same rate, until this agreement be cancelled by one month's previous notice, in writing being given by either party.

Name ____________

Address ____________

Occupation or Business ____________



Henry Clay
Superintendant.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 31 January 1882.

No. 827 Miscellaneous.

Read the following

No. 282

From H. W. Bliss Esquire,
Commissioner of Salt Revenue

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the honor to enquire whether it is proposed to arrange for the connection of the Government Offices in Madras with the Telephone Centre which is about to be established there, and to request that, if so, my Office and that of the Chingleput Assistant Commissioner at the Salt Depôt may be entered on the list of those to which the System is to be extended. The Subscription is, I believe, to be Rupees 300 per office per annum — a Sum which appears to me well worth paying, considering the immense convenience which the Telephone will be in the transaction of business.

Office of the Commr. of Salt Revenue,
Camp Ganjam,
Dt January 6, 1882

I have &c.
(Sd.) H.W. Bliss
Commr. of Salt Revenue

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

Secretary

To
The Secretary to Govt. — R.D.

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Revenue 1882 Department

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 590

C. D. B. No. 869

To

The Secretary to Govt.

R.D.

Referred for the remarks of the Secretary to Government in the P.W.D.

Fort St. George
4th Feby. /82

C. Master
Secretary to Govt.

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Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 31st January 1882, No. 87

No. 427 C.a / 17-2-82

Subject.

Submitting for orders of Govt. letter from Commr. of Salt Revenue requesting that his office & that of the Asst. Commr. of Chingleput may be entered in the list of offices to be connected with the Telephone Centre.

File with

P.T.O.

Public Works Departt.

Letter from the Agents, Oriental Telephone Co. dated 28th March 1882.

Circulated for information.

Chepauk
March 1882

R H Sankey Coll. R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following :—

Letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. dated 26th January 1882 thro' the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

So far as the Public Works offices are concerned the only connections likely to be of any use are –

(1) between Chepauk and the Chief Secretary's Office in the Fort and

(2) between Chepauk and the Telegraph Office.

2 The first would be of use to the Secretary on Council days – But neither is a very pressing

Having had no experience of the working of the system I do not express any opinion pressing necessity.

C. A. Sankey
Col. R.E.

Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

R.S.

N.B. Telephonic connection between the Con: Engineer's Office at Chepauk & the Madras Railway Office at Royapooram would be of much use.

The same connection might perhaps serve for the Govt. Offices in the Fort, the Marine Offices on the Beach &c.

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FOR ORDERS.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following :—

From Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, Madras, of 14th March 1882.

FOR ORDERS.

If it is desired to help the project Govt. not object to patronise the Co. to the extent proposed viz Rs. 1800 yearly. But I confess I don't see the use or the need for establishing this telephonic commn.! I don't understand what is meant by making distce. of Ch. Sec's Office from Tel. Office in Fort ! Mile 5 Furs. The Tel. O. will be in the Ch. Secᵗ. O.

Circulated with the observation that the Agent waited on me and expressed a wish that the question might be decided as soon as possible.

I have myself no means of judging as to the price at which the service is offered but from those at which the general public are served the amount

Rs 1,800 per annum seems reasonable.

R. H. Sankey
Colonel R.E.
Secy: to Govt P.W. Dept

Council
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FOR ORDERS.

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Madras, 26th January, 188

Captain A. Awdry, R.E.,
Private Secretary to H.E. The Governor,
Government House,
Madras.

Sir,

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 Errabaulee 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 Honble. Mr 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 Perambore 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 these great advantages and facilities to the full.

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 indispensible necessity.

It has occurred to us that it

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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.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

Agents, Madras.

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890/22 Letter from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co dated Madras. 26th Jany 1882

76 Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(By order.)

A. Awdry. Captain R.E.s.

Private Secretary

Government House
Guindy Park
27th Jany 1882

following offices were placed in communication.

Chief Secretary with the Governor at Govt. House Madras & Guindy Park; with Revenue Bd. office, and Chief Engr's office Chepauk; with Master Attendant & Madras Railway office Royapooram with office of the Commissioner of Salt Revenue Royapetta and with the Assistant Commissioner of Salt revenue, Chingleput.

The Exchange office in the Govt. office should of course be placed in communication with your Central Exchange in Errabaloo Chetty street.

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

I have &c

Sgd/ R. H. S.

Secy to Govt.

G.O № 1379 w d/2-6-81.
G.O № 1249 w d/17-5-81.
B. № 1010 w d/20-4-81.
B. № 690 w d/15-3-81.
B. № 21 w d/7-1-81.
G.O № 2715 w d/25-11-80
C.E № 2675 d/15-11-81.
G.O № 911R d/23-9-78

№ 427C d/17-2-82

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ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Madras, 14th March, 1882.

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Colonel R. H. Sankey, C.B.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Chepauk.

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 427C, 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.

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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 Errabaullee 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 1800 as follows:;

		Miles	Furs
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 Attendants "	1	4
	" Commissioner Salt Revenue	3	0
	" Royapooram Terminus	1	7
		12	0

The total length of wire will be 12 miles to ordinary subscribers the charge would be Rs 3600 per year. We ask from Government Rs 1800 which will cover use of instruments & 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

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C/R P. W. C. No. 1665 –
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to work with our Company's system. Recd. 14 Mar 82

Trusting that the above terms may lead to business.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

Agents, Madras.

G.O. 427 C. 17-2-82
G.O. 1379 W. a/ 2-6-81
" 1249 W. 17-5-81
G.O. 1010 W. 20-4-81
" 690 W. 15-3-81
" 21 W. 7-1-81
" 2715 W. 25-11-81
Ch. 2675 W. 15-11-81
G.O. 94 R. 23-9-78
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No 718. C of 24th March/82.

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To
Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
Agents Oriental Telephone Co.

Gentlemen.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 14th March/82, and to inform you in reply that, on considering the terms now submitted for establishing telephonic communication between certain public offices, the Govt are not disposed to proceed with the matter to the full extent proposed in my letter No 427. C of 17th Feby/82, and would now confine the scheme to the following 5 lines.

	Miles.	Fur.
(1) To Govt House	1 —	"
(2) Chief Secy's office	1 —	5
(3) Chief Engr's	1 —	5
(4) Rev. 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 1100. If this be accepted, the Govt would be disposed to proceed with the scheme to this extent.

I have &c

(Sd) R.H.S.

Secy to Govt PWD

(Sd) R.P.

despd 24-3-82

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ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED

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Madras, 28th March 1882

Colonel R. H. Sankey, C.B., R.E.,
Secretary to Government P.W.D.,
Chepauk.

Sir,

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

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

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants

Agents, Madras

P. W. C. No. 2023

Recd 25 Mar 82

918 C. 24-3-82
427 C. 17-2-82
1379 W. 2.6.81
1249 W 17.5.81
1010 W 20-4-81
890 W 15-3-81
21 W 7-1-81
2715 W 25-11-81
2675 W. 15-11-81
911 R 23-9-78

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No. 890 W.

P.W. Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 4th April 1882.

Read the following:—

From Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. (No. — dated 26th January 1882)
Memo. to do. do. (" 427 C. dated 17th February ")
From do. do. " dated 14th March
Memo. to do. do. " 918 C. dated 24th " —
From do. do. dated 28th " —

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To The Agent, Oriental Telephone Co. Ltd. ✓
Public Dept. ✓
Rev. Dept. ✓
Mily. Dept. ✓
~~Inspector Genl. [illegible]~~
Supt. of Tels. Madras ✓ 0a
The Private Secty. to H. E. the Govr. ✓

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Govt. of [1881] Madras.

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To

Dated

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Encl.

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G. O. 4th April 1882 No. 870 W

Nos. 13 to 14

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