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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From P. V. LUKE, Esq., Chief Superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th October 1884, No. 4828.

With reference to G.O., dated 28th August 1882, No. 2204 W., I have the honor to forward an account of the Guaranteed line, Coonoor to Kótagiri, and of the office at Kótagiri for the period, from the 11th March 1883 to the 31st March 1884, and to ask that the sum due to the Telegraph department, amounting to Rs. 349-2-7, may be paid into the treasury to the credit of telegraph remittances and the receipt sent to this office.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 28th October 1884, No. 557.

ORDER—dated 3rd November 1884, No. 2709 W., Public Works.

The bill is accepted, and will be forwarded to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for adjustment.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with bill.
" Financial Department.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 3rd.

Recd.

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G.O., 3rd Nov. 1884, No. 2709 W.

NOVEMBER.

Telegraph Line from Coonoor
to Kotagiri

Bill on account of —, accepted and forwarded to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for adjustment.

28th AUGUST 1882, No. 2204 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 166.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., dated 20th July 1882, No. 605, Public.

Read—the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coonoor, 15th July 1882, No. 98:—

In forwarding copy of a letter, dated the 6th instant, received from the Honorary Secretary, Kotagiri Planter's Association, I have the honor to request, with reference to paragraph 1, that I may be informed at an early date whether Government would be prepared to sanction the construction of a telephone from Coonoor to Kotagiri, in the event of sufficient funds not being guaranteed to justify the establishment of a regular telegraph wire.

2. The Honorary Secretary states in his letter under reference, that "a larger guarantee might now be forthcoming," without specifying any approximate amount and I have addressed him further on the subject. My own opinion is, looking at the prospects of Kotagiri, that it would be preferable and more economical in the end to lay a regular telegraph line at once.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. L. EDMISTON, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Kotagiri Planter's Association, to the Collector of Nilgiris, dated Coonoor, 6th July 1882.

I have again the honor to address you on the subject of communication, either telephonic or telegraphic, between Kotagiri and Ootacamund or Coonoor.

In a recent correspondence with Government I was informed that, to induce Government to lay telegraph lines, a guarantee of about Rs. 160 per annum would be necessary, and sending round a circular for subscription to this guarantee, I got only up to Rs. 90 with prospect of Rs. 100 at outside.

Since that time the gold mining movements of the district have greatly increased the feeling in favor of one or other communication, and I am of opinion that a larger guarantee might now be forthcoming.

As I understand the telephone is the less expensive communication, I write to ask if you are prepared to move towards the establishment of a telephone at once or if you would recommend our applying to the Telephone Company direct.

Order—dated 20th July 1882, No. 605, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Under Secretary.

No. 166-A.

From Colonel R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 10th August 1882, No. 1307 C.-G.

With reference to the papers on the subject of a telegraph line from Coonoor to Kōtagiri, received with your memorandum No. 488 E. of the 27th ultimo, and here-
with returned, I must first refer you to my memorandum on the general subject of telegraph extensions published with Madras G.O., No. 1791 W., of the 15th July 1882.

2. Referring to Section D, Part I, of that memorandum, I do not anticipate that the office would be sufficiently remunerative for this department to be justified in subscribing more (see Part III) to the undertaking than the pay of a non-departmental Signaller (see D a) or the fees of a Postmaster (see D c).

3. Provided that the Collector of the Nilgiris could arrange for a clerk in any of the local offices attending for instruction at a Government Telegraph Office until he can procure the necessary certificate of qualification to manage the office, or provided the Postmaster-General will arrange for Kōtagiri Postmaster working a telephone under very simple rules, of which I enclose a copy, the line and office might be established under a limited guarantee, similar to the terms of that given for the Ootacamund-Devāla Calicut line.

4. The estimated cost of constructing the line from Coonoor to Kōtagiri is Rs. 8,200.

5. Hence, referring to the above quoted memorandum, we arrive at the following alternative estimates, viz. :—

ESTIMATE I.

A Telegraph Office with regular telegraph instruments worked by a non-departmental Signaller.

Interest on the cost of the line	Rs.
Depreciation of material	410
Maintenance Establishment, 11 miles, at Rs. 5	205
	55
Interest, depreciation and maintenance of instruments, &c.	670
	200
Office accommodation free.	Total ... 870

ESTIMATE II.

A Postal Telephone Office.

Line as above	Rs.
Interest, depreciation and maintenance of instruments	670
	90
	Total ... 760

6. Again, referring to my memorandum, Part V, it will be seen that if it be intended for the line to be made and office to be opened on either of the above estimates, and on the "Limited Guarantee system," the previous sanction of the Government of India will be necessary, and for this I shall be very happy to apply.

7. Finally, if arrangements for a non-departmental Signaller can be made, I should recommend a regular Telegraph Office in preference to a Postal Telephone Office.

No. 167.

ORDER—dated 28th August 1882, No. 2204 W., Public Works.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the erection of a telegraph line from Kōtagiri to Coonoor on the Limited Guarantee system, the cost

of which, according to Estimate I, framed by the Director-General of Telegraphs, would be Rs. 870 per annum, or less than the amount which the Kōtagiri planters are prepared to guarantee.

2. The Telegraph Department is prepared to subscribe the pay of a non-departmental Signaller, and the Government will provide rent free accommodation.

3. Subject to the sanction of the Government of India, which the Director-General of Telegraphs will be good enough to apply for, the requisite arrangements may accordingly be made for the erection and working of the line and provision of office accommodation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director-General of Telegraphs in India.
Collector of Nilgiris.
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Gobt. of (1882) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 28th.

Recd.

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G.O., 28th Aug. 1882, No. 2204 W.

AUGUST.
Nos. 166-167.

Telegraph Line from Kotagiri
to Coonoor.

The erection and working of a — approved subject to the sanction of the Government of India.

N^o 4828.

From, The Chief Superintendent
Government Telegraphs
Madras Division

To, The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Dated Madras the 18th of October 1884.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 28th August 1882 N^o 2204 W, I have the honor to forward an Account of the Guaranteed line Coonoor to Kotagiri and of the Office at Kotagiri for the period from the 11th March 1883 to the 31st March 1884, and to ask that the sum due to the Telegraph Department, amounting to Rs 349-2-7, may be paid into the Treasury to the credit of Telegraph Remittances and the receipt sent to this Office.

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By W
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 No. 557 of 28th Oct 1884

To W.
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 Your O.N. No. 1895 D. dated 31st.
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No cash payment appears
 necessary. The amount will be
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 transfer by the Telegraph Depart-
 ment, if that Department has no
 objection.

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Public Department
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 From
 The Chief Superintendent
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 To
 The Secretary to Govt.
 Public Works Dept.
 Madras.

Dated 18th } October 1884
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To The Chief Supt of Telegraphs
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