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27TH JANUARY 1885, No. 219 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Telegraph), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 17th January 1885, No. 14 T. :—

In reply to your letter No. 3046 W., dated 12th December 1884, I am directed to state that the Government of India approves of the construction of a permanent line of telegraph from Anantapur to Guntakal. The telegraph line will be commenced as soon as the alignment of the railway is settled. It is expected that this will be done shortly. The Director-General of Telegraphs will be instructed to take the necessary steps for the early construction of the line.

ORDER—dated 27th January 1885, No. 219 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned, with reference to G.O., No. 3045, dated 12th December 1884.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Engineer-in-Chief, Bellary-Kistna State Railway.
" Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Revenue Department.
" Public "

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G.O., 27th Jan. 1885, No. 219 W.

JANUARY.

Telegraph from Anantapur to
Guntakal

Letter from, the Government of India approving of the construction of a permanent line of —, communicated to the officers concerned.

22ND DECEMBER 1882, No. 3418 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 172.

READ—the following papers:—

G O., dated 6th October 1882, No. 1070, Public.

From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Anantapur, 27th September 1882, No. 233.

In his letter No. 856 C.G., dated 22nd June 1882, embodied in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 15th July last, Nos. 99-100, the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, after detailing the costs of alternative schemes for the extension of a line of telegraph to Anantapur, expressed his inability to make any recommendation to the Government of India, on the ground that it was not likely that expenses would be paid for very many years. The Government, in their order of the last date, No. 1791 W., stated that the project must be abandoned for the present, as the cost of the proposed extension is out of all proportion to the probable receipts.

2. It is with much diffidence therefore that I venture respectfully to express the hope that the subject may again be taken into consideration.

3. It will, I think, be conceded that, in establishing telegraph lines in this country, the Government have been influenced in a very minor degree by the consideration whether any particular project would or would not prove financially remunerative. The decision in such cases has, I apprehend, rested upon political considerations, and upon the assistance which such a means of communication affords in the administration of public affairs.

4. It has thus far been acknowledged, in this Presidency at least, that the Government should be in direct telegraphic communication with the chief officer in each district.

5. I would, therefore, respectfully urge, on grounds of public policy, that the project for the extension of the line of telegraph to Anantapur may be reconsidered and adopted on the basis of method No. II and estimate No. II, detailed in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Colonel Murray's letter.

6. As to the cost being out of all proportion to the probable receipts, I would observe that though this might be so at first still the tendency would be to make use of the line, for private as well as for public purposes, more and more as time went on. There is ground for believing that the extensive dealers in grain and other produce in the south of this district would freely resort to the telegraph to ascertain the fluctuations in prices in Bellary and other markets, and for the general purposes of their trade.

Order—dated 6th October 1882, No. 1070, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

No. 172-A.

From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Anantapur, 7th December 1882, No. 363.

With reference to your memorandum, dated 16th October 1882, No. 903 E., I have the honor to state that the chief traders in this district are not willing to guarantee any proportion of the interest on the capital outlay and cost of maintenance of telegraphic line between Tadpatri and Anantapur.

No. 173.

ORDER—dated 22nd December 1882, No. 3418 W., Public Works.

While admitting the desirability on general grounds of connecting the town of Anantapur, the chief civil station of the district, with the general system of telegraphs, the Government, looking to the unremunerative character of the line, and the reluctance of the trading community to guarantee any portion of the receipts, are not prepared to sanction the proposal at present.

2. It is observed meanwhile that the station is within easy reach by post or messenger of the Telegraph Offices at Gooty and Tadpatri.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Public Department.
" Revenue "

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G.O., 22nd Dec. 1882, No. 3418 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 172-173.

Telegraph.

Declining to sanction at present the proposed line of — to the town of Anantapur.

12TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3045 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

No. 2637.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In the enclosed letter from Mr. Galton to the undersigned, the construction of a telegraph line as far as Anantapur, if not to Penukonda, is urged on the ground that the district ought to be in direct communication with the Government. His Excellency in Council desired that the point should be referred for consideration in the Public Works Department.

25th November 1884.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with Mr. Galton's letter in original.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1884, No. 3967.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th August 1882, No. 1989:—

ABSTRACT.—Communicating Government Order promulgating memorandum on the cost of Telegraph Extensions made under guarantees and abandoning the proposed extension to Anantapur.

Resolution—dated 20th November 1884, No. 3967.

In the order recorded in the Board's Proceedings read above, the Government said that, as the cost of the extension of the line of telegraph to Anantapur would be out of proportion to the receipts to be expected, the project must, for the present, be abandoned. The Board venture to ask Government now to reconsider the matter with a view to facilitating official correspondence. It is now nearly two and-a-half years since the decision referred to was arrived at, and it is thought that the time has come for re-opening the question. The Board are of opinion that in a matter of this kind other considerations than the cost to be incurred ought to be allowed due weight; during the past months, when information regarding the prospects of the districts has been constantly required, it has been found most inconvenient to be unable to communicate with the Collector of Anantapur by wire, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that the head-quarter station of every district ought to be in telegraphic communication with Madras.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Secretary.

Mis. No. 5414, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with suggestion that the telegraph along the new railway line be put up in advance.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd December 1884.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 12th December 1884, No. 3045 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 3046 W., dated 12th December 1884.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Public Department,
" Revenue " } with copy of letter.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways,

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Dated December, 12th.

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G.O., 12th Dec. 1884, No. 3045 W.

DECEMBER.

Telegraph Line to Anantapur

Representing the importance of the extension of the — and requesting orders may be issued at once for the work being carried out —.

12TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3046 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to bring to the notice of the Government of India the urgent need of telegraphic communication between the head-quarters of the district of Anantapur and the seat of Government.

2 The question was referred to the Director-General of Telegraphs in March 1882, but that officer, looking to the probably unremunerative character of the line, did not feel justified in recommending the project to the Government of India for sanction.

3 His Excellency the Governor in Council ventures, however, to urge that the question of receipts, though important in itself, is not the only one which claims consideration in the present case. It is highly desirable, on administrative grounds, that the Collector of every district should be in telegraphic communication with the head-quarters of Government. The want of such communication has recently caused much inconvenience, when, owing to the threatening state of the season in the Anantapur and neighbouring districts, regular and prompt information regarding prospects was of consequence.

4 I am accordingly to request that the project may receive the favorable consideration of the Government of India, and that orders may at once be issued for the connection of Anantapur by wire with the general telegraphic system at Guntakal in anticipation of the construction of the line of railway between the two places which it is expected will shortly be begun.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12th December 1884.

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12th Dec. 1884, No. 3046 W.

DECEMBER.

Telegraph Line to Anantapur

Ordered that the Government of India
be addressed on the subject of the extension
of the —.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 14 J.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS
Telegraph

of
to

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Fort William, 17th January 1885

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

D. B. Buxley

Off. Secy to Govt. of India
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No. 219. Wd 27 January 85.

Communicated
to the officers concerned,
with reference to G.O.
3045 Wd 12 December 84.
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G.O. 27 Jan 1886 No. 2794

Telegraph from
Mantankur to Punter
Kul. Letter from the
Jmty, Madras approving
of the construction of a
permanent line of —
and to the Officers. —
signed

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