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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Major G. F. L. MARSHALL, R.E., 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, 9th December 1885, No. 234 T. :—

With reference to Public Works Department letter, No. 87 T., dated 13th February 1880, I am directed to forward, for information, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs, No. 477 T., dated 5th November 1885, and of its enclosure, and to state that, in accordance with the Director-General's recommendation, the Government of India has decided, for the present, not to press for the renewal of the guarantee for the maintenance of the telegraph lines and offices in the Travancore State.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 5th November 1885, No. 477 T.

With reference to your letter, No. 87 T., dated the 13th February 1880, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, in which the renewal for five years of the maintenance under guarantee of the telegraph lines and offices in the Travancore State was confirmed, I have the honor to annex copies of a letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Malabar Coast Division, and of a communication addressed to the former officer by the Travancore Durbar respecting the terms of a further proposed renewal of the guarantee.

2. The request of the Dewan that credit may be given to the Travancore State for a portion of the value of received messages is for obvious reasons inadmissible, but as I have been able to reduce the working charges at the Aleppi, Nagercoil and Quilon offices by from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000 per annum, the Travancore lines and offices will now be worked practically without loss, and I would, therefore, recommend that it be intimated to the Madras Government that the Government of India has decided for the present not to press for the renewal of the guarantee.

From J. C. Hannington, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Malabar Coast Division, dated Trivandrum, 13th October 1885, No. 1484.

With reference to your letter, No. 2066, of 2nd ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of one from the Dewan of Travancore, No. 3877-P. 159, of 3rd instant, and shall feel obliged if you can furnish any information on the points adverted to in the Dewan's letter.

From the Dewan of Travancore, to J. C. Hannington, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Trivandrum, 3rd October 1885, No. 3877-P. 159.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, No. 1298, dated the 9th ultimo.

2. Before entering into an arrangement for the maintenance of the four telegraph offices in Travancore for a further period, I request you will be good enough to ascertain and inform me whether, under the scheme recently brought into operation by which three of those offices have been amalgamated with the post offices, there will be any reduction in the working charges, and, if so, to what extent.

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3. The items hitherto charged to His Highness' Government are :—
- (1) Salaries of establishment.
 - (2) House-rent of the offices.
 - (3) Contingencies.
 - (4) Travelling allowance.
 - (5) Stores.
 - (6) Value of printed forms.
 - (7) Contributions towards absentee and pensionary allowance.
 - (8) Ordinary repairs to the line.

Under the amalgamation, a very large portion of No. 1, the whole of No. 2, a part of No. 3 and a large portion of No. 7 become absorbed in the post offices, which are not guaranteed by His Highness' Government, and there ought to be a very considerable reduction in these items.

4. On the receipt side credit is given to His Highness' Government for only the value of telegrams despatched from each of the four offices. We are not credited with any portion of receipts of outside stations for messages sent to the four offices in Travancore, though if those offices did not exist the offices in British India could not receive that revenue.

5. In this office letter noted in the margin, the subject was brought under the consideration of the Government of India, but they declined giving us any credit for the value of messages transmitted from other offices—*vide* enclosures

No. 1450-R. 376, dated 22nd April 1879.

of the Resident's memorandum dated the 10th March 1873. I would take the present occasion to respectfully request a reconsideration of that point. I enclose a statement showing the monies paid annually into your treasury by His Highness' Government on account of the telegraph guarantee, which in ten years has amounted to Rs. 32,542; and there is no near prospect of the offices becoming self-supporting. For this reason, I trust the Government of India will find no difficulty in giving credit to His Highness' Government for at least half the value of the messages received into the guaranteed offices from offices outside Travancore.

STATEMENT showing the receipts and disbursements and the difference paid by the Travancore Government on account of the loss sustained by the British Government in maintaining the telegraph offices in Travancore.

Years.	Receipts.			Disbursements.			Balance			Amount paid by the Travancore Government.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1874-75	9,015	8	3	11,820	3	4	2,804	11	1	2,804	11	1
1875-76	11,432	10	10	13,427	15	7	1,995	4	9	1,995	4	9
1876-77	9,478	3	0	14,113	15	4	4,635	12	4	4,635	12	4
1877-78	10,328	7	0	13,638	12	2	3,310	5	2	3,310	5	2
1878-79	10,201	10	0	14,329	12	10	4,128	2	10	4,128	2	10
1879-80	12,420	6	0	15,358	8	8	2,938	2	8	2,938	2	8
1880-81	13,333	5	0	14,369	1	9	1,035	12	9	1,035	12	9
1881-82	11,073	5	9	14,510	8	5	3,437	2	8	3,437	2	8
1882-83	10,451	7	6	16,601	14	2	6,210	6	8	5,000	0	0
1883-84	10,789	9	0	14,044	1	10	3,256	8	10	3,256	8	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,541	15	1

ORDER—dated 16th December 1885, No. 3026 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Political Department with reference to G.O., No. 391 W., dated 19th February 1880.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Political Department.
Exd. E. Fernandez.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 16th

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G.O., 16th Dec. 1885, No. 3026 W.

DECEMBER.

Telegraph Lines and Offices
in the Travancore State

Letter from the Government of India, stating that it has been decided not to press for the renewal of the guarantee for the maintenance of the —, communicated to the Political Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

23rd December 1879, No. 3,333-A W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 96-A. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th December 1879, No. 2,395.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trivandrum, 4th December 1879, No. 105.

In paragraph 2 of Government of India letter, No. 1,311 G of 22nd June, recorded in G.O., No. 263 of 1st July 1874, sanction was given for the maintenance of the Telegraph Offices in Travancore upon a guarantee from that State as compensation for loss up to a limit of Rs. 5,000 per annum, and that this arrangement was to hold good for five years, after which it was liable to be renewed, modified or terminated at the option of either the British Government or the Travancore State.

2. I have now the honor to state that the period for which the arrangement was conditionally agreed to having expired, I called the attention of the Dewan to the subject, and from his reply, copy of which is enclosed, it will be observed that this State desires the maintenance of these offices for another five years on the terms of the guarantee sanctioned in the Government Order quoted above.

3. The figures given in the margin represent the amount made good by the Travancore State during the period of five years now expired, and as the actual loss in each year is thus within the guaranteed amount, I beg to recommend for favorable consideration and sanction the renewal of the arrangement.

	RS.	A.	P.
1874-75 ...	2,804	11	1
1875-76 ...	1,995	4	9
1876-77 ...	4,635	12	4
1877-78 ...	3,310	5	2
1878-79 ...	4,128	2	10

From N. NANOOPILLAY, Dewan, to the British Resident of Travancore, &c., dated Trivandrum, 2nd December 1879, No. 6,485-R 2,236.

With reference to your letter No. 1,442, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that His Highness the Maha Rajah's Government would desire the Telegraph Offices in Travancore to be maintained for another five years on the terms of the existing guarantee.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

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

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No. 96-B. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1879, No. 3,333 W.

UNDER the circumstances reported, the Government resolve to sanction the renewal, for another term of five years, of the arrangement accepted by the Government of India in Mr. Lyall's letter, No. 1,311 G of the 22nd June 1874, Foreign Department.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India for confirmation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" Political Department.

No. 96-C. (DOCKET No. 3,333-A W., dated 23rd December 1879.)

FORWARDED accordingly.

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

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated December 23rd.

Issued

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G. O., 23rd December 1879, No. 3,333-A W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 96-A-96-C.

MAINTENANCE of the Telegraph Offices in
Travancore.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th February 1880, No. 391 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 45. From Captain G. F. L. MARSHALL, R.E., Assistant 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, 13th February 1880, No. 87 T.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, forwarded with its docket No. 3,333-A W., of the 23rd December 1879, I am directed to communicate the confirmation of the Government of India of the action taken by that Government in having renewed on the same terms for a further period of five years the agreement with the Travancore State for the maintenance of its telegraph line and offices.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1880, No. 391 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Resident, Travancore and Cochin.

2. Copy to Political Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.
Political Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE RESIDENT, TRAVANCORE
AND COCHIN,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 19th.

Encl.

Recd.

G. O., 19th February 1886, No. 391 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 45-46.

Maintenance of the telegraph line and
offices in Travancore.—The confirmation of
the Government of India to the sanction
accorded for the renewal for a further period
of five years of the agreement for the
communication to the Resident, Travancore
and Cochin.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 234 J.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS

Telegraph

To
The Secretary, Govt. of Madras,
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for the maintenance of the telegraph lines
and offices in the Travancore State.

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No. 1174 P. dated the 5th of November 1885.
From The Director Genl. of Telegraphs
in India.
To The Secy. to the Govt. of India.
Public Works Department.

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Copy of letter N^o 1484, dated Travancore
13th October 1885, from J. C. Hannington Esq^r,
Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the
Chief Supt. of Telegraphs Malabar Coast
Division, Calicut.

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With reference to your letter N^o 2056 of 2^d
ultimo, I have the honour to enclose copy of
one from the Dewan of Travancore N^o 3874 of
3^d instant which shall feel obliged if you can
furnish any information on the points
adverted to in the Dewan's letter.

Copy of letter N^o 3874 dated Travancore
3^d Oct. 1885 from the Dewan of Travancore
to J. C. Hannington Esq^r British Resident
in Travancore and Cochin
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Statement showing the receipts and disbursements and the difference paid by the Hawaiian government, on account of the 60's sustained by the British Govt. in maintaining the Telegraph Office in Honolulu.

No.	Receipts		Disbursements		Balance		Amount paid by the Hawaiian Government	
	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891	1892
1	10	70.13	8	11,320	3	1	2,804	11
2	76	11,135	10	13,624	13	7	4945	4
3	77	9,478	3	4,113	13	1	4,633	12
4	78	10,328	7	10,638	12	2	3,310	3
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6	80	12,120	6	18,338	3	8	7,430	2
7	81	13,333	3	14,364	1	9	10,333	12
8	82	11,073	5	14,510	8	5	3,437	2
9	83	10,151	7	16,661	14	2	6,210	6
10	84	10,784	9	14,644	1	10	3,236	8
Total					Total		31,941	43

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Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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Depot of Supplies

in the Travancore State

Letter from the Govt. of Travancore
stating that it has been
decided not to purchase
the material for the
for the improvement of the
road.

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