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G.O., No. 844-W.

DATED 8 June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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LETTER—from

THE HONOURABLE COLONEL D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA.

SIR,

I am directed to forward copy of a letter * from the Collector of the Gódávari district, strongly urging the extension of the telegraph line to Bhadráchalam *viâ* Gokavaram, Chódavaramu and Kunavaram, and as His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Collector that the Agency tracts should be connected with the telegraph system irrespective of the question of profit, I am directed to inquire on what terms the line can be constructed and worked by the Telegraph Department.

* Proceedings of Government, No. 1844 W., dated 8th July 1897.

2. It will be seen that the Collector is of opinion that the cost can be minimised by having combined post and telegraph offices at Chódavaramu, Kunavaram and Bhadráchalam, and that the Manager of the Coal Mining Company in the Bhadráchalam taluk offers to guarantee Rs. 30 per mensem towards the expenses of the Bhadráchalam office so long as the Company continues to work there.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
8th July 1897.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2156, dated 14th June 1897.

Read—the following letter from V. A. BRODIE, Esq., Collector of Gódávari, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Cocanada, 19th May 1897, Ref. on C. No. 813/Ver.

I have the honour to report for the Board's information that the Agency tracts of this district are altogether unconnected with the rest of the district by telegraph, and that a letter posted at my head-quarters (Cocanada) reaches Bhadráchalam on or after the fourth day in the dry weather, and takes a longer time in the rains. Information required from that taluk on a matter, even of the highest importance, cannot be had within eight days after it is called for. The difficulty is most perceptible in times of distress like the present, or in times of disturbance. Chódavaramu is no doubt nearer to the plains, but the want of telegraphic communication is equally felt in the case of that division consisting of the Rampa portion of the Agency. If possible, I would like to have speedy means of communication with Yellavaram and Polavaram also, but this is not so indispensably necessary and Yellavaram would be brought considerably nearer than it is by a line through Chódavaramu. For purposes of administrative convenience it is, I think, absolutely necessary however to extend the telegraph line to Bhadráchalam *viâ* Gokavaram, Chódavaramu and Kunavaram.

2. I must admit that this proposed line cannot possibly be worked at a profit. The cost can however be minimised by having combined post and telegraph offices at Chódavaramu, Kunavaram and Bhadráchalam instead of separate telegraph offices, and the Manager of the Coal Mining Company working in the Bhadráchalam taluk offers to guarantee Rs. 30 per mensem in the case of the telegraph office at Bhadráchalam so long as the Company continues to work there. This will go a great way to meet the extra cost of establishment (of combined offices) and towards interest on the cost of the required materials also. There are also public offices of the Revenue, Forest, Police, Public Works, and Educational Departments, besides missionaries and merchants in the Bhadráchalam taluk, and I am sure that a combined post and telegraph office there will be more or less self-supporting, though I do not think that the question of cost should affect the decision in the present case. The office at Chódavaramu cannot be equally successful, but that the cost of a combined office cannot be very heavy. I have been touring in the Agency division for six weeks now. Even telegraphic instructions received from the Board or Government at my head-quarters cannot reach me in less than four days, and a full week is wasted in calling for and obtaining any information or paper from head-quarters. To obviate this serious inconvenience I would strongly urge that the Telegraph Department may be moved to construct a telegraph line to Bhadráchalam from Rajahmundry *viâ* Gokavaram, Chódavaramu and Kunavaram with the least possible delay. No cost should, I submit, be considered prohibitive in view to opening up the Agency tracts to communication, but at the same time I do not think such a line will be very expensive as there

is only one river to cross—the Sabari—at Kunavaram and it is not excessively wide there. Whether the line can be carried on from Bhadráchalam *viâ* Sironcha to connect with Chanda in the Central Provinces I must leave the Telegraph Department to decide ; but, if so, I believe Dumagudem will be the nearest point of communication for the large and important Native State of Baster whilst Kunavaram would probably serve a large part of Jeypore. To the Public Works Department such a line would be of especial value, as during the rains it is often of consequence to know whether the river is going to rise or fall and nearly 24 hours information ahead would always be available were there telegraphic communication between Rajahmundry and Bhadráchalam.

Transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
2nd June 1897. Secretary.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2156, dated 14th June 1897.

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. The Board supports the Collector's proposal.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

Endorsement R. No. 1182, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
22nd June 1897. Ag. Secretary to Government.

Order—No. 1844 W., dated 8th July 1897.

The Director-General of Telegraphs will be addressed.

[Here enter No. 1845 W., dated 8th July 1897.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, I Circle.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras, No. 2156 Mis., dated 14th June 1897.

Endorsement thereon in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1182, dated 22nd June 1897.

The Director General of Telegraphs will be addressed.

The Revenue Department.
,, Suptg. Engineer I Circle.

(H. E. No. 1845 [illegible] 8th July 1897).

To

The Director General of Telegraphs in India.

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+ Proc. of Govt. No. 1846 W, 8th July 1897.

[P. W. 40. 1,500—13-4-97.]

Telegraph Department.

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I have &c,

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

Endl Order R/N-1182 dt 22-6-97

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Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Dated 14th June 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. letter from the Collector of Godavari & recommending the construction of a telegraph line from Rajahmundry to Bhadrachallam.

The P.W.D.
Chief Cotton Board (L.R).

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SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS & AGRICULTURE

Revenue (1897) Department

BOARD OF REVENUE
5 JUN. 97
MADRAS.

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No. 2760 OF 1897
LAND REVENUE.

26 MAY 97

The Collector
Godavari
District

To

The Secretary to the
Commissioner of Revenue
Settlement Land Records
and Agriculture
madras.

Ref cno 813/Ven 1897 cc
dated 19-5-97 from the
despd
Recd 27/5/97
Requesting to move
Telegraph department
Construct a telegraph
line to Ashadacha
from Rajahmundry.

Transferred to the Land
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R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

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GODAVARI DISTRICT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Cocanada, 19th May 1897.

FROM

V. a. Brodie Esq.,

COLLECTOR,

Godâvari District.

To

THE Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, Madras

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) C. A. Brodie
Collector

For Collector.

Recd 16-8-97

REVENUE (189) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR,

Godavari District.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No.2156 Misc., dated 14th June 1897.

Read Endorsement of the Settlement Department dated 2nd June 1897, transferring to the Land Revenue Department, letter from the Collector of Godavari, Ref.C.No.815/ver of 1897, dated 19th May 1897.

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Resolution

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. The Board supports the Collector's proposal.

(True Extract)

W.W.Brodie
Ag.Secretary.

To The Secretary to Govt.R.D., with Collector's letter in original to be returned.

Md.R.H.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

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