

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2581 W

DATED 18 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Telegraph Office at Kollapal. Letter from the Supt. of Bellary Dist. stating that if the inhabitants will give the required guarantee of Rs. 900/- per annum he will address the District Council of Bellary regarding the opening of a Court to the Revenue Dept. for favour of report whether the required guarantee could be given by the inhabitants.

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From

The Supr. & Telegraphs,
Bellary division.

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Dated 1.9.97

Received 4-9-97

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SUBJECT.

Telegraph office at Kollegal.

Stating that, if the inhabi-
-tants will give the required
guarantee of Rs 900/-, he will
address the Director General
of Telegraphs regarding the
opening of a ———.

To
The Revenue Deptt
" Public Deptt.

BACK PAPERS.

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Copy of letter R.O.C. no. 3305 B of 1896, dated 26th Oct.
1896, from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Super-
intendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division.

With reference to your letter No. 2472 dated 27 August 1896 giving cover to a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs stating that the amount of the guarantee required for the opening of a telegraph office at Kollegal will be Rs 900 per annum for 5 years, I have the honor to request that the matter be placed before the Director General for reconsideration under the following circumstances.

2. The people of Kollegal held several public meetings this year with the object of getting the tele-graph line extended to that place. They consulted the Superintendent of Post Offices Mysore Division as to the cost of a combined office and I enclose a copy of his letter dated 12th April 1896 the figures for which appear to have been obtained from your Department, and after some consideration agreed to guarantee Rs 45 per annum. It is of course a great disappointment to them that the figure given by the Director General amounts to Rs 75 a sum which the people are not prepared to guarantee.

3. I understand that the lower estimate provides
a line from Inyone to Holizal (35 mil

line already extends to Channarayana Nagar twenty two miles only from Kolligal, and on the same bank of the Kaveri river as Kolligal, I think the cost of extending the line

might be reduced. I enclose a report of a meeting held on the 21st September by the Committee appointed at Kolligal by a public meeting to consider the question.

4. The establishment of telegraphic communication with Kolligal would be of considerable value to Government.

(True Copy)

W. S. Srinivas
For Collector

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Encls. No. 1
To
No. 2988

Copy of letter No. 3613, dated 3rd November 1896 from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bellary Division, to the Collector of Coimbatore.

With reference to your letter No. 3305B dated the 26th of October 1896, I have the honor to inform you that I do not see that anything can be gained by again referring the matter to the Director General of Telegraphs as his letter, of which I sent you a copy, was written after the receipt from me of the usual statistics as to the primary cost of the line and of the expenditure necessary to work the office and maintain the line in working order. I feel sure that the line will not be constructed unless the guarantee asked for is forthcoming. If the office yields a revenue of Rs 900/ per annum, there will be nothing for the guarantors to pay.

2. I would point out that the Superintendent of Post Offices has, as far as I know, absolutely no authority for stating the cost of the line nor, may I add, is it correct. I am now addressing the Post and General Messrs on the subject.

(True Copy)

W. S. Srinivas
For Collector

CS 108
10/8/97

Kollegal
29th July 1897

To,

Herbert Bradley Esq I.C.S.
Collector of Coimbatore

We the undersigned members
of a Committee appointed at a public
meeting held at Kollegal on the 25th
July 1897, beg to approach you with
this our humble petition in the hope
that it will receive your kind and
favourable consideration.

1. The petitioners are persons
residing and carrying on business in
the town of Kollegal and the neighbouring
villages.

2. In the course of their
business they have to largely use Tele-
graph wires for transmitting their

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3. For want of a Telegraph office at Kollegal they have now to despatch their Telegrams by Post to Mysore and receive them in the same manner.

4. This entails considerable delay and inconvenience and often defeats the purpose for which such messages are transmitted.

5. To supply this long and deep-felt want the inhabitants of Kollegal submitted a memorial last year to which they received the following reply (no 3562 dated 22nd June 1896) addressed by the Director-General of Telegraphs, India, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs Bellary Division. "A guarantee of Rs 900 per annum for a

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minimum period of five years subject to renewal thereafter, if necessary, will be required for the line to and office at Kollegal. In other words the inhabitants of Kollegal should make good to the Telegraph Department annually the difference between the Indian Government share of the receipts on account of messages booked at the Kollegal office and Rs 900. The accounts are to be settled annually on the 31st March."

6. We respectfully beg to submit that the amount of the guarantee demanded is far in excess of the actual requirements of the case it being understood that a line could be laid from Chamaraja Nagar (a distance of 22 miles,

or

at an initial cost of about Rs 5000
and the Telegraph office worked
by the Post-Master, Kollegal, as a
combined office at a small cost
of Rs 13 a month viz Rs 5 for the
Post-Master's allowance, Rs 6 for
the pay of a peon and Rs 2 for
Contingencies.

7. There are weighty
reasons why the Government
should also contribute towards
the cost of the proposed line.

(a). Kollegal is the
Head-Quarters of the Deputy,
Collector and Magistrate, Northern
Division and contains important
public offices, viz the district
Munsiff's Court, Taluk Cutcherry,
Police Inspectors Head Quarters, Sub

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Sub Registry office, Forest Range
office and a Civil Hospital.

(b). Kollegal is cut off from
the rest of the Coimbatore District
and is situated in a disadvantageous
manner. It is surrounded on three
sides by foreign Territory. Whenever
there is any disturbance of public
peace, there is no possibility of
any urgent communication with
Mysore, Bangalore or Coimbatore
and this is a great drawback to
the efficient administration of this
part of the British Province.

(c). The gold mines at
Kowdally are now being experimented
on and have it is hoped, a fair
chance of success and in the
absence of a Telegraph office at
Kollegal orders for any plant etc
or

required have now to be sent by
Post entailing thereby considerable
delay.

(d). In famine times
neither the Government nor the
merchants will be in close touch
with the centres of grain supplies
and this is a matter affecting the
lives of the large population
entrusted to your charge.

8. We therefore pray
that the benign Government of
His Excellency Sir Arthur Havelock
may be moved to order the early
establishment of a Telegraph office
at Kollegal for which the people
of Kollegal and its villages are
ready to pay the required Con-
tribution.

9. In his letter of

⁴ 29th August 1896 No 2472 The Superin-
tendent of Telegraphs, Ballary
division, states that "if this
guarantee is forthcoming it would
be advisable for you (Collector) to
address Government at once, so that
the work can be carried out during
the coming cold weather."

10. We accordingly pray
that your honor who is always
interested in promoting the welfare
of the people committed to your
care may take the earliest possible
action in the matter.

For which act of kindness,
Petitioners as in duty bound will
ever pray.

30th July 1897 R. B. Ramakrishnaiah
Chairman

W. Narayana Rao }
S. Raghunatha Rao } Secretaries

S. S. Narayana

Memorial regarding
the Telegraph office at Kollegal

1. H. Venkataramayya
Secretary to the Government
Madras

W. Rajarobal ayyangar
Ramasamy Ayyangar
C. Sankaranarayanan

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FROM

Herbert Bradley Esquire

COLLECTOR OF THE

Coimbatore District,

TO

Chief
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT,

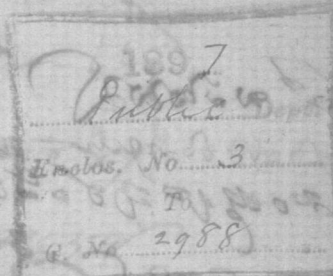
Cholasamudram. Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a memorial received from the inhabitants of Kollegal regarding the establishment of a telegraph office at Kollegal.

1. More than a year ago the people of Kollegal held several public meetings in connection with this subject, and consulted the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division, as to the cost of a combined Post and Telegraph office at Kollegal. They were informed that a guarantee of Rs 45 per mensem would be sufficient. The public guaranteed this sum, but when the Telegraph Department was consulted a guarantee of Rs 75 per mensem was demanded.

3. I enclose copies of my letter dated 26th October 1897 Ref on C. No. 3305B, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs Bellary Division and of his reply, from which it will be seen that the Telegraph Department gives no hope of the establishment of a telegraph line without the full



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guarantee demanded, but I have not seen the estimates upon which the statistics are based.

4. The distance from Chamarajnagar to Kollegal is 2.2 miles by road and I imagine that a telegraph line would be less in length. There are no natural difficulties, and I cannot see how it would cost Rs 750 per annum capitalized. This would leave Rs 10 per mensem for establishment and Rs 30 per annum for contingencies. Rs 10 per mensem for establishment ought to be sufficient, if the office is worked as a combined one.

5. Considering the distance of Kollegal from the District Head Quarters and the Railway, I submit that the urgency for a Telegraph Office at that place is obvious.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Collector

750
30
120
900

10/8/97

Public (1897) Department.

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By Under Secy

Dated 7 August 1897

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Re. 12252, d/25 August 1897
Referred to the Supdt. of Telegraphs, Bellary Division for favour of remarks.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a memorial from the inhabitants of Kollegal regarding the establishment of a Telegraphic office at Kollegal.

J. H. Campbell Col. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

FROM *The Superintendent of Telegraphs*
Bellary Division.
 To *The Secretary to Government*
P. W. D. Madras.
 No. *2516* Dated *1st September 1897*
 (Place) *Belgaum.*
 Encs. Recd.

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ABSTRACT.

PRECIS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. , dated the
 of 189 , I have the honour to

1. The amount required as guarantee for a -
 Telegraph office at Kollegal, namely 900/- per annum,
 was decided upon by the Director General of -
 Telegraphs after all particulars concerning the
 expense of constructing the line and opening of -
 office were laid before him. The inhabitants
 have not now brought forward any new reason
 for returning the amount.

2. The Estimate of the cost of the line -
 mentioned by the petitioners was not correct, it
 was given to the Deputy Commissioner -
 irregularly by the Superintendent of Post-
 offices, who had no authority so far as is -
 known for his Estimate, and he was -
 Departmentally censured for having given it.

3. It must be taken into consideration that the guarantee is meant to cover not only the cost of the maintenance of the office, but also to allow a fair margin for the expenses of construction and maintenance of the line, and in the present state of Government finances no risk of loss will be run by this Department.

4. If the inhabitants will give the required guarantee namely 9000. Undersigned will address the Director General of Telegraphs regarding the immediate construction of the line.

H. P. Pinkey
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Battery Division