Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 614-525

DATED 9th March 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Telegraph line: Reporting that as the inhabitants of Sholingar will not guarantee the amount required by the Telegraph Dept, a permanent — & that Station to replace the temporary line which must now be dismantled, cannot be asked for.

Telegraph line: Stating that H.E. the Gov in Council is compelled with regret to acquiesce in the dismantlement of the temporary — & Sholingar without its replacement by a permanent one.

Dl 9/3/98

[P. W. D. 1,000—12-2-98.]

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G.O., No. 614 W., 9th March 1898.

MARCH.

Telegraph Line

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th September 1897, No. 1343.

With reference to your letter, No. 7/W., dated the 9th of January 1893, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Government of Madras, that an experimental telegraph office was opened at Sholingur on the 15th of July 1893 without guarantee, involving the erection of a temporary telegraph line of ten miles in length. This line now requires to be reconstructed with permanent material, involving a considerable expenditure, and as the telegraph office has proved very disappointing, the receipts having been only as shown in the margin, barely covering the working expenses, and leaving very little for line maintenance and interest charges, it will not be practicable to incur the expenditure involved in making the line permanent, unless a guarantee of Rs. 600 a year, on the usual conditions, is forthcoming for a period of five years, subject to renewal, if necessary. The guarantee would be on the usual terms, the accounts being settled annually, and the difference between the value of the messages in each year booked at Sholingur, and Rs. 600 being paid to the Telegraph department, any excess receipts over Rs. 600 accruing to Government.

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1895–96	269
1896–97	257

2. I shall be glad of very early intimation, if this guarantee can be arranged for by the Madras Government, as otherwise it is necessary to close the office without delay, the state of the temporary line rendering it a danger to through communication.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department), dated Chittoor, 2nd November 1897, Dis. No. 2239-Eng.

In reply to endorsement, R. No. 1941, dated 26th October 1897, I have the honour to refer to my predecessor's letter, No. 634, dated 2nd May 1891. Since then the Sub-Registrar's office referred to has been opened. I think the abolition of the Sholingur Telegraph office would be a matter for regret. The Director-General's letter shows that business is on the increase (the slight decline in 1896–97 being no doubt due to bad season) and working expenses are more than covered.

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Mis. No. 5857, Revenue.

Transferred to the Department of Public Works, with reference to endorsement, No. 1671 D., dated the 14th October 1897.

Fort St. George,
13th November 1897.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, dated 19th November 1897, No. 9406.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 13th December 1897, No. 10157.

With reference to your letter, No. 5178 C., dated the 1st of December 1897, I have the honour to state that the guarantee required for the Sholingur office amounts to Rs. 600 per annum, the figure stated in my letter, No. 1343, dated 28th of September. The guarantee of Rs. 480, quoted about one year ago, referred to in the letter of the Collector of North Arcot was, I find, only roughly calculated and was not complete.

ORDER—No. 614 W., dated 9th March 1898.

As the inhabitants of Sholingur, who are chiefly concerned, will not guarantee the amount required by the Telegraph Department, there seems no special reason for Government to do so. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore regrets that a permanent line of telegraph, to replace the temporary line which must now be dismantled, cannot be asked for, and the Director-General of Telegraphs will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 9928 of 1897, dated 28.9.97, from the Dir. Gen. of Telegraphs

" " 11493 " 1897, " 13.11.97, " " Rev. dept

" " 11748 " 1897, " 15.11.97, " " Dy. & Telegraphs

" " 12565 " 1897, " 13.12.97, " " Dy. & Telegraphs

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ORDER. No: 614 W&S. 3.98

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H.S. No. 615 W&S. 3.98

To the Dir. Genl. of Telegraphs Sir,

A.4H 6.3.98

To the Rev. dept
. Genl dept
. S. S. IV cmtd

D. 28/3/98

cert to Genl

Regds

P.T.O.

[P. W. 4. 500—27-1-98.]

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 10157 dated 13th Dec. 1897, I am directed to state that as the inhabitants of Sholinghur, who are chiefly concerned, will not give the guarantee required for a permanent telegraph line to that place, H.E. the Governor in Council is compelled, with regret, to acquiesce in the dismantlement of the temporary line, without its replacement by a permanent one.

I have &c

W. J. G.

Cr

Noted. This despatch is in accordance with the decision arrived at in the Financial Dept. - vide note for orders flagged X in linked file.

J. J. G.

Cr

N.S.C. 3-98 R 7-3-98.

W 10/3/98

[43/509]

P. & D. Department.

G.O. No. 3528 & 11453 - also 11745 & 12586

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT. Telegraph office at Sholinghur, North Arcot District.

FOR ORDERS.

In October 1892, certain residents of Sholinghur & the adjacent villages, petitioned for the establishment of a Telegraph office in the town, and after obtaining the opinion of the Collector that very little doubt need be felt about the success of the line from a fiscal point of view, the Director Genl of Telegraphs was+ requested to open an experimental office in the place.

In March 1893, the Director Genl intimated that an experiment

Yes. This Govt have been sent to the Pub. Wks. Dept. directly - Enquiry about that Dept. would have been done - whether necessary

Pks 15/1/98

Narration, Memo, putta P.D. then putta Pub. D.

JG 17/1/98

The Public Works Dept. might be asked to give consideration to the question whether it is worth while for Govt. to guarantee Rs. 600 a year for the maintenance of this Telegraph office. It is of course a matter for regret, in a general way, that new developments of this kind once started, should be abandoned.

H.S.H. 12.11.98

+ Proc. No. 6-7 W dt. 28.1.93. Flag K.

+ Fin. No. 9052 W dt. 6.4.93. Flag M

office had been opened.

The Director has now reports that the temporary line constructed in 1873. ~~and~~ requires to be reconstructed with permanent material, involving considerable expenditure, and that as the Telegraph office has proved very disappointing, the receipts barely covering the working expenses, & leaving very little for line maintenance and incidental charges, it will not be practicable to incur the expenditure involved in making the line permanent unless a guarantee of £600 a year is forthcoming for a period of 5 years. Failing this guarantee, the D.G. says it will be necessary to close the office without delay, as the state of the temporary line renders it a danger

Subject to renewal at the end of the period.

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Receipts 1873-74 - Rs 185
—"— 1874/75 — " 193
—"— 1875/76 — " 269
—"— 1876/77 — " 257

to through communication.

The Collector of ... on the matter having been called, has since reports that the abolition of the Telegraph Office cannot be a matter for regret. He points out that + business is on the increase, the slight decline in 1876-77 being due to the bad season, & that the working expenses are more than covered.

He reports that early this year the Supt. Madras division asked him for a guarantee of £40 per annum from the inhabitants, as otherwise the only reconstruction of the line would not be justified - He fails to understand why when the guarantee

asked for from
Govt:, the amount is
raised to Rs 50 a month.
The inhabitants would
not consent to guarantee
the Rs 40 per annum
asked for.

The question is
now whether Govt.
will guarantee Rs 600
per annum, or
consent to the line
being dismantled.

The cost of a
permanent line must
be greatly in excess
of a temporary one -
Receipts averaging
Rs 224 per annum
for four years have
covered working exs
leaving a slight
small margin towards
line maintenance &
~~working~~ interest charges,
but the Telegraph Dept
want Rs 600 certain
to meet the cost of
a permanent line -

The matter is of
some urgency, as
the temporary line cannot
be in a good state,
and the Director Genl
has asked for an
early reply by wire.

T.B. 3.1.96

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After the above was
written, the Director Genl
was asked, with reference
to the Collector's letter
to state the minimum
guarantee that would
be accepted. He now
adheres to the Rs 600
previously mentioned.

T.B. 6.1.96.

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PV. 6

CURRENT No. 229

No 340c dated 19th January 1898

Forwarded to the
Financial Department
for consideration, with
reference to notes by this
Essay & the Hon. member.

[illegible]
Ag. Secy to Govt
Pub Wks

CW/
21-1-98

with file.

BC
21/1/98

H.E. 10-1-98 } R 19-1-98.

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 229

CW
21.1.98
BE
25/1/98

UNDER SECRETARY
21 JAN 98
PUBLIC ETC DEPTS

From The Public Works Dept

Order

No. 340c

Dated 19th January 1898
Received
Registered } 21-1-98
Enclosures – file
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for consideration with reference to notes by this Essay and the Hon member, the file re:- telegraph line to and office at Sholinghur

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 12565

From
The Director General of Telegraphs

No. 6015

Dated 18th December 1897

Received

Registered 18-12-97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Sholinghur Office.
Stating that the guarantee required for this amounts to Rs 600 for annum.

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	3290W	"	1-12-92
	986W	"	25-3-92

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

SP

No. 10157

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS,

TO

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta the 13th of December 1

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.51780, dated t

1st of December 1897, I have the honour to state that the

guarantee required for the Sholinghur Office amounts to R

600 -0-0 per annum, the figure stated in my letter No.134

dated 28th of September. The guarantee of Rupees 480-0-0,

ted about one year ago, referred to in the letter of the C

-tor of North Arcot was, I find, only roughly calculated an

was not complete.

I have the honour to b

Sir,

Your most obedient serva

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11748

with 11693

From The Director General of Telegraphs.

No. 9406

Dated 19th November 1897

Received } 25-11-97

Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Guarantee of Robor for annum for the line & and offices at Sholinghur.

Requesting appy to a reference on the subject of a—

BACK PAPERS.

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No. 9406

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS,

TO

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta the 19th of November 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to request the favour of early reply to my letter No.1343 dated the 28th of September 1897, on the subject of a guarantee of Rupees 600 per annum for the line to and office at Sholinghur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Director General

for Director General of Telegraphs

C.R.K.

O
13 4,000—19-7-97.

Public Works
~~Revenue~~ (189 7) Department.

11493

CURRENT No. ~~9458~~

Registered 19.11.97

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Pmd

From

The Collector of

North Arcot.

Endt. ~~Order~~ No:5857 Mis:

Dis:No. 2239/Eng: of '97.

Transferred to the Depart-
ment of Public Works with reference ~~to Endorse~~
to Endorsement No:1671 D,dated the
14th October 1897.

Dated the 2nd
Received the 3rd
Registered the 3rd
} Nov: 1897

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W.H. Harpenden Huff

Ag: Under Secretary to Govt:

Fort Saint George,

13th November 1897.

To

The P.W.D.

SUBJECT.

Stating that the abolition of the Telegraph Office at Sholinghur is undesirable and that the inhabitants of Sholinghur declined to furnish the necessary guarantee.

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Reference on

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Dated 28. 9.

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18-10-9

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Reporting on a

Telegraph Office

inquiring

No. 1671 D., of 14th October 1897

Referred through the Revenue department to the Collector of North Arcot for favour of report as to whether the connection of Sholinghur with the Telegraph system is of sufficient importance to justify the question of giving a guarantee being considered by Govt.

2. A very early reply

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	1336 M		14-5-91

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	194 mis		18.1.93.
	4843 mis		5.11.92.
	311 R		10.6.91.

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Chittoor 2-11- 189 7

Dis No. 2239 of 1897.

Encl

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From

S. H. Boyenne Esquire

Collector & District Magistrate,

North Arcot.

To

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department

Through the Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George.

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in P.O 311 R 10.6.91 flag B last sentence of letter

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

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TO

Dated

Despatched 189 .

Received

No.

ENCLOSURE.

SUBJECT.

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P.W.D 3
1149 3/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 9928

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No. 1671 D., dated 14th October 1897

Received, through the Revenue Department, the Collector of North Arcot, for favour of report as to whether the connection of Sholinghur with the Telegraph System is of sufficient importance to justify the question of giving a guarantee being considered by Government.

2. A very early reply is requested.

(Sd) W. R. Lewis

A

No. 1343

Dated 28. 9. 97

Received

Registered 7-10-97

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on an Experimental telegraph office at Sholinghur and inquiring if the same can be guaranteed by the Madras Government.

D. W. 14/10/97

O.J. 544

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No. 1343

Draft

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Sir,

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C H Reynolds

Director General of Telegraphs.

B.W.E. / 11493/97

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