

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No.

616-725

DATED

9 March 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Telegraph line. Considering that the advantages to be gained by the proposed extension of the - to Bhadrachalam are not commensurate with the cost even if the money were available and regretting that the proposal must be abandoned.

~~General~~ Telegraph Line:

Letter to the Director General of Telegraphs stating that the proposed extension of the - to Bhadrachalam must be abandoned.

No. 6 W., 9TH MARCH 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Director-General of Telegraphs, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 28th December 1897, No. 10530.

In continuation of my letter, No. 938, dated the 16th of August 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the result of the inquiries which have been made regarding the proposed extension of the telegraph line to Bhadrachalam shows that the best route to follow would be from Kovur (a Railway station on the south bank of the Godavari opposite Rajahmundry) *via* Pallavaram to Bhadrachalam, crossing the river at the gorge. The length of this line would be about 99 miles, and an office might be opened at Pallavaram. The Collector of the Godavari district, to whom the alternative route was referred, states that, on reconsideration, he is of opinion that it is the best.

2. As the estimated cost of construction of the line (Rs. 38,000 exclusive of the usual percentages) is beyond my powers of sanction, I would suggest that the Government of Madras address the Government of India on the necessity of this extension, with a view to the scheme being sanctioned and funds being provided.

3. With regard to the terms on which the line could be supplied, I would remark that, as the scheme is not likely to prove remunerative, it would, under ordinary circumstances, be necessary to ask the Government of Madras for a guarantee of about Rs. 3,960 per annum, for a minimum period of five years, renewable, if necessary, for a further period, that is to say, whenever the departmental share of the receipts from messages despatched from the two offices at Bhadrachalam and Pallavaram fails in any year to reach the annual sum of Rs. 3,960, the difference for that year to be paid to the Telegraph department, the account being closed annually. On completion of the work the guarantee would be recalculated on the actual and not on the estimated cost, and any correction reported.

ORDER—No. 616 W., dated 9th March 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the advantages to be gained by the proposed extension of the telegraph line to Bhadrachalam are not commensurate with the cost, even if the money were available, and regrets, therefore, that the proposal must be abandoned. The Director-General of Telegraphs will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

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Current No.

27

of 1897, dated 28.12.97, from the Dir. of Telegraphs

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H.R. No. 617 W 57.9.3.98

To the Dir. Gen. of Telegraphs

and
Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 10530 dated 28.12.97

December 1897. I am directed
to state that the Govt. is
of opinion that the advantages
to be gained by the proposed
extension of the telegraph
line to Badrachalam
are not commensurate
with the cost, and that
the proposal must therefore
be abandoned.

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note. This draft is in
accordance with the decision
arrived at in the Financial
Dept. - vide note for order
of payment X in linked file.

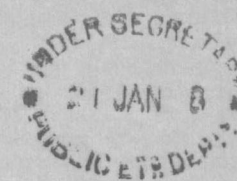
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Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 224



From

The Public Works Dept.

Order

No. 341C

Dated 19th January 1898.

Received 21/3/98
Registered 21/3/98

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding
Consideration in the Finance
the file re - proposal to extend
telegraph line between Badrachalam
and Palaveram

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

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT. Extension of the
Telegraph to the Agency Tracts
of the Johore district.

FOR ORDERS.

In his letter of
the 19th May 1897, printed
with G.O. No. 1844 W dated
8th July 1897, the Collector
of Johore strongly
urged the extension of
the telegraph to
Bhadraachalam from
Rajahmundry, via Gokarna
Chodavaram & Kummamuru
and in letter to the
Director Genl of Telegraphs
No. 1845 W of 8.7.97, the
proposal was forwarded
with the remarks that
this Govt. agreed with
the Collector that the
Agency Tracts should
be connected with the
telegraph system in

+ Flagged O.

This proposal should go to the
Public Dept. for consideration.

Yes - a letter, A.H.
to F.D. - The file 12.1.98
had been sent on H.S. note

By Jg
15/1/98
17/1/98

CURRENT No. 224

No 341C dated 19th January 1898

Forwarded to
the Financial Department.

L. B. Chintu
ag. Secy to Govt.
P.W.D.

with file.

respect to the question of cost - The Dir. Genl was at the same time requested to state the terms on which the line could be constructed & worked by the Telegraph Dept.

The Director Genl now reports that he has inquired into the matter, & finds that the best route to follow would be from Kovur (a Railway Station on the South bank of the Godavari opposite Rajahmundry) via Polavaram, to Bhadrachalam, crossing the river at the Gorg.

He states that the estimated cost of the line is Rs 38,000, and requests that as the amount is beyond his powers of sanction, the authority of the Govt. of India may be obtained to its construction -

The guarantee

required from the Govt. is stated to be about Rs. 3960 per annum, and the point for consideration now is whether, in addressing the Govt. of India willingness to accept such a guarantee may be intimated.

No estimate of the revenue likely to be yielded by the proposed line has been furnished to Govt., but the Collector in his letter of 19th May 1897, stated that the Manager of the Coal Mining Company working in the Bhadrachalam taluk offered to guarantee Rs 30 ^{per annum} towards the expenses. The Collector also thought that a combined post

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& telegraph office at
Shadrachalam would
be more or less self
supporting, but it
seems certain that even
if the receipts from
such an office covered
its working expenses,
the amount realised
would still be con-
siderably less than the
sums required by
the Telegraph Dept.,
which includes interest
on capital outlay &c.

If however the
Govt. adheres to its opinion
that the line should be
constructed irrespective
of the question of profit,
the decision must

apparently be accepted -
The object to be attained is clear
communication in time
distress or disturbance, *W. S. S.*
10.1.98

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 27

From The Director Genl. of Telegraphs

No. 10530

Dated 28th December 1897

Received } 3rd Jan'y 1898

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SUBJECT.

Remarking on the proposal
to extend telegraph line
between Shadrachalam
& Palaveram.

BACK PAPERS.

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S.O.	2377W	P.W.	26-8-97 ✓
"	18445W	"	8-7-97 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 10530

FROM

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS,

To

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. H. Mysore

Director General of Telegraphs.

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