

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No.

1527 W

DATED

13 June 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Telephone, Encl^d from the Supdt^y of Telephones
Madras by stating that the charge for shipping
is a fixed one & not charged on actual expenditure
Com^d to the Accts General through the Financial
Dep^y with the remark that the charge for ^{transport}
the removal of the instrument to the 2^d floor of the
Office must be accepted.

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Note. The Accountant-General's Office has two telephones, one connecting it with Govt. Offices & the other with private firms, banks &c. Both instruments were

Is. wyl. c. 1910
superior

Dept. charged Rs 20 for the removal, while the Oriental Telephone Co. only charged Rs 15. The Acct. Genl. states that he considers that the amount claimed by the Govt. Telegraph Dept. is exorbitant & he intended protesting against it if the charge had not been accepted in this Dept. He further points out that the charge should not have been accepted without reference to him as the charges of his office are Imperial.

2. The charge for the removal of ~~the~~ a telephone is a fixed one made by the Govt. Telegraph Dept. ^{which is an Imperial Dept.} & is not open to question. The Acct. Genl. might have ascertained the charge before the work was put in hand but having ^{called on the Telegraph Dept.} ~~decided~~ to remove the instrument, he must pay what every other Dept. of Govt. has to pay. The charge made by the Govt. Telegraph Dept. is

made on actual expenditure, at the expense of the Dept.

necessarily, he figures that made by a ^{Company} private with a small fixed paid staff.

As regards the Accountant General's intention that he should have been referred to, it is submitted that all charges on account of the Telephone have been sanctioned in this Dept. ever since the Telephone was erected in Madras. The charge for the removal of a telephone being fixed, no reference to the Accountant General was necessary. That officer ordered the removal of the instrument, & is bound to accept the ~~the~~ usual charge without question.

It only remains to add that the receipts of the Govt. Telegraph Dept.

See to

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Dept's Office are also in-
 general. Practically therefore
 the Accountant General is
 protesting against the transfer
 of Rs 20 from one pocket of
 the Govt. of India to another.

Atk
 12.4.99.

12/4/99

Financial Department

P.W.D. C. No. 2590 + 2910

Note for the C.S.

Subd. That There is no objection
 to the P.W. Dept draft order
 below being counter. initialed.

14/4/99
 15/5/99

Put up 4th G.D. Rs 200.00.
 3.3.99 - Daburwala 1st G.D.
 595 W.D. 27.2.99 is not
 in the file

17.4.99

CA. File Co. No 290 (B) is put up.
 (2) notes. 23.99

17.4.99.

Regd sent
 2.8.99

1. Remd
 4.6.99

CA. 595 W.D. (F) was received
 17.2.99
 only today and the file is
 now resubmitted.

15/5/99.

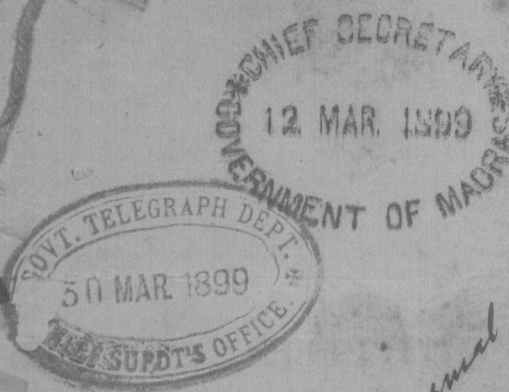
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Sept. 0 + 1

move to

O. W.
Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2590



595 W
2. 298
C.A.
Original obtained and put up.
From
The Accountant General
Madras.

Order

Recorded.

No. 26.
66

Edt. - No 825, of 23-3-99

Transferred to the P. W. Dept.

Dated 11th March 1899

Received 12-3-99

Registered 13-3-99

Enclosures 1

Spare copies

Chief Secretary

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Copy to the P.W.D. (A 10)

SUBJECT.

No: 1831C. of 28th March 99

Stating that the amount charged by

the Government Telegraph Superintendent

Referred to the Supdt. of Telegraphs, Madras Division, for remarks.

for the removal of the telephone to the 2nd floor is exorbitant when compared with that charged by the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co.

Apk 3.99
24.3.99

Am lucas Col. P.S.

0 4 1-2-4 P.W.D.

side on account of expenditure of the Dept.

No 8939 Dated Madras
30th March 99

Returned to the Secy to Govt
P. W. Dept.

The charge for shifting the
Telephone is a fixed one
vide Conditions (1) para 2
of Circular Memorandum
No 6 (Telephone) of 1889.
The charge is the same
whether the telephone be
moved to another building
or not, and is not charged
on actual expenditure -

W. L. L.
Supt of Telegraphs
Madras

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Number	290	Finance	3-3-99

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Correspondence Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
11th March 1899.

No. *Sc*
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From

T. HESKETH BIGGS ESQ.,

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

SIR,

*X This is a
fixed charge
made by
Govt. Telegraph
Dept. for alterations
to telephones.*

*P.W.D. has
always accepted
these charges.*

With reference to your order No. 290, dated the 3rd
of March 1899 communicating Proceedings of the Public Works
Department No. 595 W, dated 26th February 1899 accepting the
charge of Rs. 20, levied by the Superintendent, Government Tele-
graph Department for removing the telephone in my Office to
the 2nd floor on the 4th February 1899 I have the honour to
state that the telephone of the Oriental Telephone and Elec-
tric Co. was removed at the same time to the same place and
the Company charged only Rs. 5 for the work. In the circumstances
I consider that the amount claimed by the Government Tele-
graph Department is exorbitant and I had intended protesting
against the charge. As it has however been accepted by the
Local Government in the Public Works Department, I suppose
I had better allow the matter to drop. I may point out that,
in any circumstances the charge should not have been

Public Works Department *with reference to*

Superi

by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. M. Biff

Accountant-General.

*appears on
his letter
to him to refer
from the
telephone
general but not to
represent the
accountant's
hand had he wished
to charge
before
1. Apr 99*

Public Works (1899) Department.

P. W. CURRENT No. 2910

From The Supt of Telegraphs,
Madras Division

No. 8939

Dated 30-3-99

Received 37-4-99

Registered

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

*Furnishing his remarks
on the accountant
General's letter stating
that the amount
charged for the removal
of the telephone of
office to the 2nd
is exorbitant.*

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2590/99*

*P. W. 2.1
2910/99*

BACK PAPERS.

N. 2018C 7 10-4-99 *Removed & put up*
 N^o 1831C 2/28-3-99 *with C. N^o 4621/2*
 B.N. 595 w/ 27.2.99 *file*

" 1198W " 6-4-96

" 975 W. 18-3-96

" 1310C - 7-3-96

~ 1898 W. 26-6-56

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FURTHER PAPERS.