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Secretary of the
Home Dept
No 2450

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1 Enclosure

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communicating correspondence
respecting the opening of new
Telegraph Offices on the line
between Antioch & Cochin
& between Cannanore and
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With a. order

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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G.O. No. 1103

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Dated 21-10-1965

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st October 1865.

No. 119. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Director General of Telegraphs in India; dated Simla, 14th June 1865, No. 1472.

Electric Tele-

I d to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin, and, in reply, to forward the accompanying copy of a communication from the Madras Government, No. 446, dated the 28th April, with the following observations.

No. 3955, dated 14th February 1865.
No. 3472, dated 21st March "

2. With regard to the line from Tuticorin to Cochin, I am directed to state that any proposal for the establishment of additional offices which you may think it proper to make must be founded on a reasonable expectation of a profitable return, and that, in the absence of such expectation, the Governor General in Council is not prepared to sanction any addition to the existing number of offices.

3. In respect of the line from Cannanore to Goa, for which one additional office is stated to be required for Departmental purposes, the Governor General in Council would wish you to exercise your own judgment in the selection of the place which may appear to be the most advantageous with reference at once to departmental convenience, probable local revenue, and the opinions expressed by the Madras Government, and the authorities consulted by it.

4. I am to add, generally, that wherever an office is required for departmental purposes, respecting the location of which there is any doubt, a direct reference to the local Government, or local Authorities, might, with advantage, be made before submitting the matter to the Government of India.

From the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated Landour, 8th September 1865, No. 23A.

In reply to your No. 1472 of 14th June last.

The office at Mangalore is necessary for departmental purposes besides being useful commercially and politically.

2. Offices have already been established at Palamcottah, Trevandrum, and Koompta, in anticipation of sanction.

3. The average monthly returns from Palamcottah are not yet received but those from

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Koompta...	82	4	6

respectively, from which it may be inferred that Palamcottah, which stands first on the list, would give a better return than either of the above.

Although these returns do not equal the office expenses, experience has shewn that traffic, especially from new offices, annually increases. It appears, therefore, desirable to at least continue these offices for three or four years, by which time their real value will be established, and their retention or abolition can be determined on.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India; dated Simla, 3rd October 1865, No. 2479.

Home Department.
Electric Telegraph.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 23A, dated 8th ultimo, relating to the establishment, in anticipation of sanction, of the Telegraph offices named in the margin, and, in reply, to communicate the following remarks.

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| 1. Mangalore. | 3. Trevandrum. |
| 2. Koompta. | 4. Palamcottah. |

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21st October 1865.*

2. Of the four offices in question, one (at Mangalore) is stated to be required for "Departmental purposes," and in respect of this office it is only necessary to point out that the requisite Tabular Statement must be submitted, to obtain formal sanction for such charges as there may be on account of the office, over and above the signalling establishment, which it is presumed has been drawn from the general establishment of the Department.

3. ~~These offices appear to have been established on general grounds arising out of the probable income to be derived from them; and it was with reference to such cases that the intimation was made in this office, No. 1472, dated 14th June last, to the effect that any proposals for establishing offices not required for departmental purposes, "must be founded on a reasonable expectation of a profitable return, and that, in the absence of such expectation, the Governor General in Council is not prepared to sanction any addition to the existing number of offices."~~

4. The information submitted in regard to the average monthly returns of the offices at Trevandrum, Koompta, and Palamcottah, and as to their cost, is so vague and imperfect as to render it quite impossible for the Government to form any opinion on the merits of the proposal to continue them.

5. The passage quoted on the margin, relative to the Palamcottah office, is unintelligible without explanation, for though Palamcottah was mentioned by the Government of Madras and the Collector of Malabar before the Governor General in Council can see, the least ground for supposing that there was any intention to convey an opinion that the office at Palamcottah was likely to be the more profitable of the two.

6. The date or dates of the establishment of the offices in question are not moreover given, nor has any indication been afforded of the periods on which the so called monthly averages are based.

7. Again, no sufficient information is afforded as to the actual cost of the offices (*i. e.* house-rent, Peons, and Servants, as well as Signallers, &c). The statement that the cost is greater than the receipts contains all the information which you have given on this point, although it is obviously necessary for the Government to know the exact relation between the present income and expenditure, if it is to form any opinion on the merits of your proposal.

8. Having regard to the fact that the offices in question have actually been established, the Governor General in Council is willing that they should remain for six months from the date of their establishment, at the close of which period any of them which do not show such an increase in the receipts as to afford reasonable grounds for believing that they will shortly cover the cost, should be at once abolished by you, in anticipation of orders, a full report being also submitted showing the monthly cost of each of the offices which it may be proposed to retain, and the receipts of each for the several months during which they have existed, explaining, also, in respect of the receipts, the principle on which they have been calculated, for it is not quite understood whether they represent the calculated cost of the messages despatched, or the half or whole cost of the messages despatched and received, or the actual cash collections of the offices.

9. A Tabular Statement should be at once submitted showing the establishment, or charges, which may have been specially entertained, or incurred, on account of the offices in question, in view to the obtaining of specific temporary sanction to them for the period above indicated, viz., six months.

10. In conclusion, I am desired to observe that the offices under notice should not have been opened* without sanction, and I am especially to point out that the remarks in the concluding paragraph of your letter would justify the opening of fresh offices all over the country, which, in the present state of the Department, would be an unmitigated evil, besides being in direct opposition to the views of Government expressed in the letter of the 14th June, and recapitulated in the 3rd paragraph of this letter. The

*It is not clear whether they were opened by your orders, or those of your predecessor.

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Governor General in Council desires that no fresh offices may be opened without the previous sanction of the Government.

No. 248^a

Copy forwarded to the Governor
General, No. 446, dated 28th April last.

Tras with reference to its communi-

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1865, No. 1103.

Communicated to the Collectors noted in the margin, to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, and to the Madras Chamber of Commerce, with reference to their respective letters on the subject.

Collector of South Canara.
Do. Malabar.
Do. Tinnevely.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Canara.

„ do. Malabar.

„ do. Tinnevely.

„ Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

„ Madras Chamber of Commerce.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH—JUNE 14, 1865.

No. 7. From A. M. MONTEATH, Esquire, Under Secretary to the Government of India, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. DOUGLAS, Director General of Telegraphs in India,—
No. 1472, dated Simla, the 14th June 1865.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin, and in reply to forward to you the accompanying copy of a communication from the Madras Government, No. 416, dated the 28th April, with the following observations.

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