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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
25th October 1865.*

No. 134. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 19th October 1865, No. 3113.

Requesting that the Telegraph Department may be called upon to pay the amount expended by the Department Public Works in removing the debris caused by the Telegraph operations along Trunk Road No. 4, in the Malabar District. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 19th October 1865, Nos. 441 & 442.)

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1865, No. 1114.

The Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division, will be good enough to comply with this requisition.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 441. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Angadipooram, 10th October 1865, No. 149 :—

1. In G. O. No. 2,814 of 22nd September, my attention is requested to paragraph 4 of a letter from the Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division, in which that gentleman submits that the bill sent him for payment should be submitted to check, in comparison with the work performed.

2. It is not very clear to me what is hereby meant. The bill is with Mr. Blissett, already checked and passed by me, and there is nothing to hinder him from making any further scrutiny that may be possible, after so long an interval. But he cannot expect me to detail even an Overseer to attend on Mr. Breniffe in his inspection, after Mr. Breniffe's previous treatment of the Overseer sent him by Major Norton; still less can I order Major Norton to place himself in communication with an Overseer of another Department. If Mr. Blissett thinks fit, I shall be happy to accompany him myself to the spot in question, viz., from the 26th to the 34th miles of Trunk Road No. 4; but how we are to check work done some months ago, and of which from the very nature of it no traces should be left, I am at a loss to conjecture. All the check that the bill can be subjected to now, is to ascertain whether it be true or not that five days' work of an elephant (or of elephants) at Rupees 8 a day, of two axemen at 8 Annas, of a Maistry at Annas 5-4, and ten days' labor of eight Coolies at 4 Annas has been actually disbursed by this Department for removal of obstacles caused by Mr. Breniffe's proceedings.

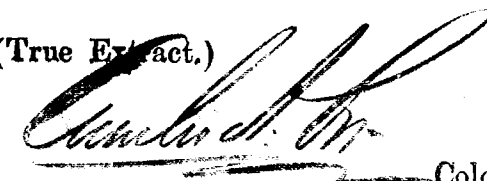
3. The Director of Telegraphs overlooks the fact that it was against a guess charge of Rupees 300 that his subordinate made an out-cry; whereas the bill actually submitted for payment amounts only to the moderate sum of Rupees 69-12-0. The Telegraph Overseer's desire "to see personally what was done for it," might have been gratified if he had only been civil to his equals, and respectful to his superiors in the Government service. How his wish and that of the Head of his Department are now to be gratified, I repeat that I cannot see. At any rate the bill is still outstanding in the Advance account of my Division; and I would again respectfully solicit the decision of Government as to which Department its amount is ultimately to be debited to. I do not think the question is capable of solution otherwise than by such a decision, on the plain facts of the case as already set forth; subject to any practical objections to the bill that may be, but have hitherto not been, shown by the Telegraph Department.

No. 442. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1865, No. 3,113.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 61.

Communicated to the Public Department, with a request that the Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division, may be instructed to disburse the amount which has been expended by the Public Works Department in removing the debris caused by the operation of the Telegraph Department along Trunk Road No. 4, in the Malabar District.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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The Director of Telegraphs, 1865

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