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26th August 1867.*

No. 201. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 15th August 1867.

In rendering you our receipt, [dated 18th December last, for Rupees 15-13-3, as charges on a box for Government ex *Clara*, we have the honor to inform you that we omitted, by oversight, to add a further claim, which Messrs. Grindlay & Co. told us to recover on the box, amounting to £ 1-15-7, being the charges they paid for its transmission from the Continent to their address, for shipment per *Clara*. We will, therefore, thank you to favor us with a further sum of Rupees 19-1-4 being the equivalent at 1s. 10³/₄d. per Rupee.

2. The first charge was incurred by them for freight, &c., from London to Madras.

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No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1867, No. 1051.

On Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s presenting a bill for Rupees 19-1-4 to the Examiner of Claims, it will be passed for payment.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.
To the Examiner of Claims.
" Accountant General.
" Superintendent of Marine.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th October 1866.

No. 124. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Simla, 27th September 1866, No. 4914.

Home Department.

With reference to your letter, No. 586, dated the 11th June, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the communication noted on the margin, and to intimate that, under the circumstances stated therein, the Governor General in Council does not think it expedient, for the present at least, to open a Telegraph Office at Guntoor.

From Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India,
No. 2816, dated 11th September 1866.

From the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department ; dated Calcutta, 11th September 1866, No. 2816.

In reply to your No. 2771, of the 14th July last, calling upon me to report on a proposal made by the Madras Government, on the application of certain Memorialists, for the establishment of an Office at Guntoor, I have the honor to report as follows :—

2. Guntoor is situated 20 miles from Bezwarah, and the Telegraph line connecting that station with Madras passes within a distance of about one mile of the Town of Guntoor. To open an Office there, it would be necessary that the line should be carried from its present nearest point to Guntoor, and back again on the same supports to the point from whence it diverged on the Madras road.

3. The total cost of construction and maintaining an Office at Guntoor, limited to day service only, would be as follows :—

Line.	Mile.	Cost of construction.	Monthly cost of conservancy and Office Establishment for full day service only.		
Branch from Main Road to Guntoor.....	1	{ 1 mile of double Line, 2 Rupees..... 750	RS. A. P.		
			{ Conservancy of 1 mile } at 1-8-0... ..		
			750 Office at Guntoor.....		
			250 0 0		
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Monthly interest, at 5 per cent., on Rupees... 750			3 2 0		
			254 10 0		

2. From the above it will be seen that the cost of the office alone would be Rupees 250 monthly, or Rupees 160 in excess of the amount estimated by the Madras Government, in the 2nd paragraph of their No. 37, of the 7th May last.

3. The total average monthly collections, service and private, of the Bezwarah Office, situated within 20 miles of Guntoor, is only Rupees 235. I have no means of ascertaining what proportion of this sum is due to messages sent from Guntoor, but an estimate made from the number of letters sent from that station would show that not more than 96 Rupees monthly can be depended on as the average collection ; but assuming that the collections are as stated by the Guntoor Memorialists, viz., 75 per cent. of the receipts of the Bezwarah office, which I very much doubt, it would then only give a monthly collection of Rupees 174.

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August 15 August 1867

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In replying to your receipt dated 15th December last for Rs 150 13 3 as charges on a box for Government ex "Clara," we have the honor to inform you that we omitted by oversight to add a further claim, which ~~shall~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{be} held no to recover on the box amounting to Rs 10 15 7 being the charges they paid for its transmission from the Continent to their address, for shipment of "Clara." we will therefore thank you to favor us with a further sum of Rs 19 14 4 being the equivalent of 10 15 7. The first charges now incurred by them for freight &c from London to Madras,

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt servant

Wm. H. H. H.

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15th October 1866.

4. On the supposition that, for every message sent, one is received, the office would be worked at a monthly loss of Rupees 43-8-0 on my estimate of the collections, and at a monthly profit of Rupees 95-3-0 on the estimate of the collections made by the Messrs. Messrs. It is, therefore, a very doubtful point whether or not the office would be self-supporting—I am inclined to the opinion that it would not; and with reference to the 2nd paragraph of Home O.L. No. 1172, of the 14th June 1865, in which it is ordered that, unless the proposal for the establishment of an Office is founded on a reasonable expectation of profitable return, the Governor General in Council will not be prepared to sanction any addition to the existing Offices, I cannot recommend that the present application be acceded to.

5. Until we have a second wire between Calcutta and Madras, any additional Office opened on the line must of necessity cause delay to the through traffic, and as Guntur is only 20 miles from Bezwada, where a Telegraph Office is established, I think the Messrs. might easily arrange for special means to convey their messages to and from Guntur, without any material delay or inconvenience.

6. You are aware, from previous representations, that I am very unwilling to increase the number of Offices belonging to the Department at present, as we are already considerably below the strength of Signallers required for working our present number of Offices efficiently; and until a better prospect of a fair return on the capital expended is exhibited, I do not think it advisable to extend our operations until our present lines are doubled, and the Establishment has increased to meet our requirements, and we are able to secure a better class of Signallers, which I hope gradually to do. I would prefer not opening more Offices.

7. The original enclosures of your letter are herewith returned, as requested.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1866, No. 1051

Communicated to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, with reference to their Chairman's letter of the 1st May 1866, and, also, to the Collector of the Kistna District.

(True Extract).

of Secretary.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
" Collector, Kistna District.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Home Dep. A. Sir,

From Off. Dis. of
Tel. in India No. 2816
7/11 Sept. 1866

With reference to your letter No. 586, dated the 11th June, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying copies of the communication noted on the margin, and to intimate that, under the circumstances stated therein, the Governor General in Council does not think it expedient for the present at least to open a Telegraph Office at Guntur.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient servant

Wm. Montagu

Secy to the Govt of India

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From
H. M. Montagu, Esq.
Secy to the Govt of India
To
J. D. Smith, Esq.
Secy to Govt. of South Africa
Simla 27 September 1866

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From

Chas Messrs Arthurthor

Super. Arthurthor & Co.

and Co's presenting a Bill for

Arthurthor

Refers 19-1-74 to the Examiner

of Claims, it will be paid for

payment.

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Recd 16- }

do 1288.

Request sanction for
a further charge of 1000
in account of a 1000 for
Government by 'Class' -

- 1. Super. Arthurthor & Co.
- 2. Examiner of Claims
- 3. Accountant General
- 4. Supt of Enquiry

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of Commerce, Madras, with reference
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the 1st May 1866. and, also,
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District.

A. H. Mum

to the Clerkman
of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras,
Collector, District District. J. B. 19/10

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James
Anderson Secy to Govt of
Indiana, Harrisburg
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1 Enclosure
No 1282
Towards a commence-
ment on the subject of
that it is not dependent
on a Telegraph Office
London.

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