

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	177	Press Mis.
Dated	19-2-	1966

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No. 60. Read the following letter from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India ; dated Calcutta, 19th January 1866, No. 2424.

In reply to your No. 341 of the 11th May last, forwarding a proposal for the opening of an office at Ramnad, and the construction of a line from that Station to Madura, I have the honor to report as follows :—

2. The probable receipts from Offices established at Ramnad and Madura, based on an estimate of the number of letters received at, and sent from, those Stations, gives an income of Rupees 188 at the latter, and Rupees 34 at the former Station. Assuming that for every message sent, one is received, the revenue derived from opening these offices may be estimated at, Madura Rupees 376, Ramnad Rupees 68, monthly.

3. It is not desirable, on Departmental grounds, to remove the office from Paumben, the point of connection with Ceylon, to Ramnad. If, therefore, the Government decide that an office shall be opened at Ramnad, it would be necessary to alter the present route of the main line, diverging at Davidpatam to Ramnad (7½ miles), and returning thence to the main line again to Autincurry (11 miles).

4. The cost of the proposal would be as follows :—

Line.	Miles.	Cost of construction.	Monthly cost of maintenance for office open for limited day service only.
Changing direction of main line to pass through Ramnad.....	18½	RS. 18½ miles of line @ 600..... 11,100 Add 5 per cent.... 555 Rupees...11,655 Less value after deducting labor for removing 15 miles of the present line..... 6,434 5,221	RS. A. P. Office at Ramnad 183 0 0
Ramnad to Madura.	68½	RS. 68½ miles of line @ 600..... 40,800 Add 5 per cent.... 2,040 Rupees...42,840	RS. A. P. Office at Madura..... 139 8 0 Extra expense in the Ramnad Office.... 58 8 0 Conservancy of 68½ miles of line, @Rs. 1-8. 102 12 0 Total...300 12 0

5. With reference to the guarantees offered by the Zemindary of Ramnad, and the residents of Madura, for the monthly cost of working a Telegraph Office at those Stations, some error would appear to have occurred as to the cost. No office

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could be worked for Rupees 90 a month, however small, and the amount given as above is the minimum.

6. I do not, however, think it desirable to enter into the construction of any new lines until the existing lines are brought into a thoroughly efficient state.

No. 962.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in reply to No. 403, dated 21st April last, with an intimation that the Government of India concurs in the remarks made in the last paragraph.

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
29th January 1866.

(By Order).

(Signed) A. M. MONTEATH,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1866, No. 177.

Communicated to the Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division, and, also, to the Collector of Madura, with reference to their letters, dated, respectively, 25th January and 4th April 1865, Nos. 1556 and 638.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Telegraphs, Southern Division.
„ Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

N. 2424

A. M. Monteath Esq.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

D/ Calcutta, the 19th January 1866.

Sir,

In reply to your 341 of the 11th May last, forwarding a proposal for the opening of an office at Ramnad, and the continuation of a line from that station to Madura, I have the honor to report as follows:

2. The probable receipts from offices established at Ramnad and Madura, based on an estimate of the number of letters received at, and sent from, those stations, gives an income of Rs. 138 at the latter, and Rs. 34 at the former station. Assuming that for every one page sent, one is received, the revenue derived from opening these offices may be estimated as, Madura Rs. 376; Ramnad Rs. 68 monthly.

3. It is not desirable, on Departmental grounds, to remove the Office from Ramnad, the point of connection with Ceylon to Ramnad. If, therefore, the Govt. decide that an office shall be opened at Ramnad, it would be necessary to alter the present

route of the main line Diverging at David's pa.
 to Ramnad (7 1/2 miles), and returning
 thence to the main line again to Antineury
 (11 miles).

The cost of the proposal would be as follows:

Line	Miles	Cost of Construction	Monthly cost of maintenance for office open for limited day service only.
Anglo-Division main line to pass thro' Ramnad 18 1/2	18 1/2 miles of line @ 6000 add 5% Rs. 11,655	Rs. 11,100 555 Rs. 11,655	Office at Ramnad 183...
Less value after deduction labor for removing 15 miles of the present line		Rs. 6434	
		Rs. 5221.	
Ramnad to Madura 18 1/2	18 1/2 miles of line @ 6000 add 5% Rs. 42,820	Rs. 109,300 5200 2060 Rs. 116,900	Office at Madura 187.3.0 Extra expense in the Ramnad Office 58.2.0 Preservation of 60 1/2 miles of line @ 1/8 = 102.12.0 309.12.0

With reference to the guarantee offered by the Zemindars of Ramnad and the Residents of Madura for the monthly cost of working a Telegraph Office at those stations, some error would appear to have occurred as to the cost. No Office could be worked for Rs. 90 a month, however small, and the amount given as above is the minimum.

I do not, however, think it desirable to enter into the construction of any new lines until the existing lines are brought into a thoroughly efficient state.

I have the honor to be
 Sir D. P. Robinson M.A.
 Dir. Genl. of Telegraphs in India

No. 962

Copy forwarded to the Government of East India, in reply to No. 103, dated 21st April last, with an intimation that the Government of India concurs in the remarks made in the last para.

East William
 Home Depart.

By Order
 A. M. Munro

The 29 Jan'y 1866 Mr. Secy. to the Govt. of India

2nd 21st April 1885 No. 700/23.

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From
Secretary of the
Home Dept
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Communicate with
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of the Dept
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at the same time.

With an answer

19 February 1885 No. 1794
Communicate to

The Secretary of the
Division, and, also, to the
of the same, with reference
to the letter dated 25/1/85
25 February 1885
No 1556 & 1558.

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To the Secretary of the
" Secretary of the same & 22/2

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No. 61.