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2nd August 1866.

No. 3. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 16th July 1866, No. 2053.

Political Department.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of two messages, dated the 6th and 8th instant, from Colonel Kemball, Political Agent in Turkish Arabia, being answers to questions put by His Excellency the Governor, as to whether Bagdad was in telegraphic communication with Malta, *via* Alexandria, and inquiring the cost of messages, average of time, and character for punctuality.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires me to remark that, should it be necessary to use the Syrian line as an alternative to the Turkish line, it will apparently be well to telegraph the message to Colonel Kemball at Bagdad, to guard against its rejection by the Turkish officials.

From Bagdad.

To Bombay.

From Kemball.

To Sir Bartle Frere.

Message received last night. Communication with Alexandria constant and punctual; average time twenty-four hours; but Turks refuse messages by that line, because Egypt will refer question Central Director. Cost of messages from Bombay to Alexandria (one thirteen) half *france* (fifty-six three-quarters). Average time of five messages from England to Fao, *via* Alexandria, eighty-five hours. [Sic].

Gunesh } 6-50 P. M.
Khind, 8-7-66. } 6-18-25.

Constantinople replies: Sir Bartle Frere may send messages, exceptionally, *via* Alexandria, to Malta—that route otherwise closed beyond Egypt. Valona route working well. Cost messages to Malta *via* Valona, (one three six) and Castallastna (one forty half) francs. [Sic].

Gunesh } 8-8 P. M.
Khind, 8th July 1866. } 8-12-10.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1866, No. 758.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

From Bagdad. To Bombay ^V
 From Kemball. To Sir Bartle Thre

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Secretary to Government,

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Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant,

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Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle, Z
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ing the telegraph
communication between
Bagdad and Malta
and Alexandria

2nd August 1886 No 2053.

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