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21st August 1866.

No. 120A. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 28th July 1866, No. 194.

Indo-European Telegraph Department.

I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Traffic Manager, Indo-European Telegraph Department, bringing to notice that messages from India have lately been received for transmission to Europe, some directed by routes not yet available, and others by unusual lines at extra cost, and at the expense of certain delay—and furnishing, for the information of the public, the main routes between India and England.

2. This Government has caused this communication to be published in the Official Gazette, as suggested by Mr. Brasher.

From A. BRASHER, Esq., Traffic Manager, Indo-European Telegraph Department, to the Acting Director, Mekran Coast and Sub-Marine Telegraph, Kurrachee; dated Kurrachee, 9th July 1866, No. 774.

I have the honor to report that a certain number of messages from India have lately been received for transmission to Europe, some directed by routes not yet available, for which the senders have doubtless been charged more than the ordinary rates, and others directed by unusual lines, at extra cost, and at the expense of certain delay.

2. As this would probably not continue, if the public were possessed of more information respecting the lines between India and England, I have extracted the main routes from the different Telegraph Maps, Traffic records, and other papers in this office, and beg to subjoin them, with the view of their being published, if considered expedient.

3. Commencing from the Sub-Marine Line, they are

		Kurrachee	
		Basra	
	Fao		Ispahan
	Busreh		Teheran
		Bagdad	
		Diarbeker	
		Constantinople	
		(then)	
1	2	3	4
(Hague or Amsterdam route.)	(Ostend route.)	(Swiss or French route.)	(Italian route.)
Belgrade	Belgrade	Belgrade	Salonica
Buda	Buda	Buda	Aolona
Vienna	Vienna	Vienna	Otranto
Dresden	Munich	Munich or Insprutek	Ancona
Berlin	Stutgard	Bregenz	Parma or Genoa
Hanover	Frankfort	Basle	Turin
Amsterdam	Cologne	Dijon	Lyons
Lowestoft or Yoxford }	Ostend	Paris	Dijon
			Paris
	Dover	Dieppe, Boulogne	Dieppe, Boulogne
		Calais	Calais
		Staplehurst, Folkestone, Dover	Staplehurst, Folkestone, Dover.

4. It will be of value to have statistics of the separate working of the above routes, so that senders might direct their messages by those which generally work the quickest. Until obtained, however, it is better for senders not to specify the route. Messages are then more likely to be transmitted from Constantinople by the one which is for the moment working best.

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5. The routes *via* Russia are as follows:—

	Bushire	
	Teheran	
	Tiflis	
1	2	3
Stavropol		Stavropol
Charkow		Charkow
Pattawa		Moscow
Kief		Petersburg
Jitomir		Eudkumen
Radziwillow	Warsaw	Thorn
Myslowitz	Berlin	Berlin
Berlin	Amsterdam	Amsterdam
Armsterdam	Lowestoft, Yoxford	Lowestoft, Yoxford.
Lowestoft, Yoxford		

6. The Russian route was first used in the transmission of messages *to* India in May and June 1865; but the messages were so seriously delayed that the route was discontinued. It has, however, been lately employed again, and with more success. Messages came by it, in June last, in from 5 to 6 days; the average being only half a day more than the average of messages *via* Constantinople, during the same month. Government sanction has not yet been received to employ the Russian route for messages *from* India.

7. The following is the route *via* Alexandria:—

Fao
Bagdad
Diarbeker
Latakia
Beyrout
El-Arish
Cairo
Alexandria
Malta
Modica

and by the Italian and French Lines to Dieppe, Boulogne, and Calais.

8. The branch between Diarbeker and El-Arish, connecting the main Indo-European Line with the Egyptian Lines, and the Malta and Alexandrian Cable, was finished in the early part of 1865. It was constructed for traffic between Turkey and Egypt. Last month, however, a few messages from Europe reached India *via* Alexandria; but the replies to them, directed to be returned the same way, were refused by the Ottoman Department, which transmitted them *via* Constantinople.

9. Before the Alexandria route can be employed, except in very rare cases, not only must the objection of the Ottoman Department be overcome, but the tariff much reduced. As it at present stands, it would cost Rupees 16-8-0 more to send a message to England *via* Alexandria than *via* Constantinople.

No. 120B. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1866, No. 831.

Ordered that the enclosure of the foregoing letter be re-published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, for general information.

(True Extract).

J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

194 of 1866.

Indo European Tel. Department.

Bombay Castle, 28th July 1866.

From,

The Acting Secretary to Government.

To,

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

for,

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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	13-7-	1867.

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by W. Brasher.

Have the honors be,

Yr,

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. Mendenhall Major

Acting Secretary to Govt

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th July 1867.

No. 133. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th July 1867.

We have the honor to submit a statement by our Acting Collector, showing the amount collected under head of "tax on professions and trades" for the past year, and the amount collected to 30th ultimo, for the current year.

2. With the smallness of the latter sum we are much dissatisfied, but there can be no doubt but what the Acting Collector, with an estimated income of Rupees 1,83,000, and only Rupees 19,839-8-0 collected up to the 31st of December 1866, had a very difficult task before him in endeavouring to wipe off the arrears allowed to accumulate by his predecessor, and the collection of Rupees 38,794-8-0 up to 30th of June 1867, against Rupees 19,839-8-0 up to 31st of December 1866, shows that he has not been idle; but we should have been better pleased had we seen a considerably larger balance in hand of the current year's taxes; for, at this rate, there would be always heavy arrears. The Commissioners have impressed on the Acting Collector the absolute necessity of leaving no stone unturned in his endeavour to collect the arrears of 1866 and current year's taxes, and a statement will be published, monthly, showing amount still due on 1866, and what is collected for the current year.

MEMORANDUM.

Agreeably to the Board's order of Thursday last, the Acting Collector begs to submit the following abstract statement of the collections of tax on professions and trades:—

		RS. A. P.		
Of the arrears of 1866:—				
The amount collected to 31st				
December 1866... ..		19,839	8	0
Do. to 30th June 1867....		38,794	8	0
		58,634	0	0
Of the current year:—				
Amount collected to 30th				
ultimo... ..		8,251	0	0
Making an aggregate of... ..		66,885	0	0
The amount collected to 30th				
June 1866... ..		3,494	0	0
Do. to 30th				
June 1867... ..		47,133	0	0
Showing an excess in the cur-				
rent year of... ..		43,639	0	0
over the collections of 1866.				

The sum of Rupees 8851, as collections for six months of the present year, requires explanation before sending up the report to Government, for it shows bad management somewhere.

(Initialed) C. D.

2. The estimated income of Rupees 1,83,000 is evidently much in excess of the correct sum. Several parties have had two and even three bills made out against them as they were assessed on reports brought in by Conicopolies both with respect to their residences and places of trade. Already 1427 bills have been cancelled, and as the demand for the payment of the tax is being vigorously pressed, it will doubtless bring several other bills under the same category.

3. But this is not the only cause of the excess in the estimate. When the department was organized the Conicopolies were required to bring in daily 30 names, each, of persons liable to the tax, failing which, they were liable to fines or dismissal. The Acting Collector is now convinced,

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from Haffa Manager, Dr. do
European. Tell: dopt. bringing
to notice that Indian agents
have been lately been seen
for the purpose of
some of the routes not
yet arrived. Others by sea
and some by a coast
under the expense of certain
clergy and furnishing for
information the main
routes between India &
England.

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since he has been out with the Conicopolies to see to their collections, that not a few of the names brought in by the Conicopolies were fictitious—inserted, no doubt, in their daily lists with a view to evade the penalties for neglect.

MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
MADRAS,

4th July 1867.

To the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

(Signed) N. BAZELY, Junior,
Acting Collector.

MEMORANDUM.

In explanation* of the short collections of the current year's tax on professions and trades,

* Vide remark in margin of Acting Collector's Memorandum, dated 4th July 1867.

the Acting Collector begs to state that he was compelled to direct his attention almost exclusively to the collection of the arrears on which

the collection of the current year's tax depends.

2. The collection of the tax is at all times attended with considerable difficulties, which the Acting Collector can certify from personal experience, but when they have been allowed to fall in arrears the difficulties increase in proportion to the time elapsed. As soon, however, as the

This should not have been allowed to occur, but arrears and current taxes collected together. It must be done some time; otherwise, there will be arrears for ever.
(Initialled) C. D.

arrears are all got in, the Acting Collector will, without sparing any effort, attend to the current year's bills, a good portion of which he guarantees shall be collected before the year closes. It is almost impracticable to attend to both arrears and current; and it will press very heavily on the tax-payers to demand the payment of both arrear and current bills within the short period of six months.

3. The Board will not fail to see that the undersigned has had no little difficulties to contend with, and he feels constrained to beg that the very unfavorable results of allowing almost the entire bulk of the tax to fall in arrears may not be laid to his account.

MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
MADRAS,

5th July 1867.

To the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

(Signed) N. BAZELY, Junior,
Acting Collector.

No. 134.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1867, No. 831.

The Government consider the returns submitted by the Municipal Commissioners of the amount collected under the head of "tax on arts, professions, trades and callings," Section 43, Act IX of 1865, for the past year and the first six months of the current year, most unsatisfactory. The original estimate of the amount to be realized from this tax for the year 1866 was Rupees 1,83,000. Of this sum Rupees 19,839-8-0 were collected up to 31st December 1866; a further sum on account of the year 1866, amounting to Rupees 38,794-8-0, has been collected up to 30th June 1867; making a total of collections for 1866 of Rupees 58,634. This would leave a balance due of Rupees 1,24,366 on the year's estimate. During the first six months of 1867 only 8251 Rupees have been collected of the current year's demand. The Commissioners have not stated whether they purpose framing an amended estimate for the year 1866, or what is the estimated demand on account of this tax for 1867. The Government wish to receive information on these two points.

2. They also desire to be informed of the exact method pursued in collecting the tax on arts, trades, and professions, especially as regards the following points:—

1st.—The total number of persons of each class of Schedule C entered in the list prepared under Section 47 for the year 1866, and in that prepared for the year 1867.

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2nd.—The number of bills actually made out on account of the tax for the years 1866 and 1867, respectively.

3rd.—The number of bills presented for each of these years under Section 66.

4th.—The number of notices of demand served for 1866 and 1867, under Section 67.

5th.—The number of cases in which warrants of distress have been issued and executed, on account of the tax during the year 1866 67.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Being
 Agreeably to the Board's order
 of June 24, last the Acting Collector
 begs to submit the following abstract
 Statement of the Collections of Tax on
 Professions & Trades.
 Of the amount of 1866.
 The amount collected to 30 June 1867 Rs. 38,943.8
 to 30 June 1866 Rs. 28,742.8

This sum of
 Rs. 251.00
 Collections for
 six months
 of the present
 year require
 explanation.
 Report standing
 up the Report
 to Govt. for
 is shown
 that Managers
 should not.
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Of the Current year:-
 Amount collected to 30 June 1867 Rs. 38,943.8
 Making an aggregate of Rs. 67,686.6
 The amount collected to 30 June 1866 Rs. 28,742.8
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 Showing an excess in the current year, of Rs. 38,943.8
 over the collections of 1866.
 2. The estimated income of Rs. 1,00,000
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 correct sum. Several parties have had
 two & even three bills made out against
 them as they were selected on reports
 brought in by Commissioners both with
 respect to their residences & places of trade.
 H. J.

Madras, 6 July 1867

Sir

Vide remark in
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payment

Already ~~many~~ bills have been cancelled, and as the demand for the payment of the tax is being vigorously pushed it will doubtless bring several other bills under the same category.

3. But this is not the only cause of the error in the Estimate. When the Department was reorganized the Commissaries were required to bring in 100 names each of persons liable to the tax - failing which they were liable to fines or dismissal.

The Acting Collector is now convinced, since he has been out with the Commissaries to see to their collections, that not a few of the names brought in by the Commissaries were fictitious, inserted, no doubt, in their day books with a view to evade the penalties for neglect.

A. B. L. S. /
Acting Collector

The Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Madras.

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To the Hon^{ble} Commissioners
of the Land Revenue
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