

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Public* DEPARTMENT.

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Not to be folded or roughly handled

*9th April 1867.*

No. 29. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calcutta, 16th March 1867, No. 7035.

It has hitherto been the custom to afford a copy of the Telegraph Gazette to

|                                           |   |
|-------------------------------------------|---|
| His Excellency the Governor.....          | 1 |
| Private Secretary to H. E. The Governor.. | 1 |
| Chief Secretary to Government.....        | 1 |
| Revenue Do. ....                          | 1 |
| Military Do. ....                         | 1 |
| Inspector of Ordnance.....                | 1 |
| Brigade Major.....                        | 1 |
| Superintendent of Marine.....             | 1 |
| Custom Office.....                        | 1 |
| Marine Office.....                        | 1 |
| Observatory.....                          | 1 |
| Times Press.....                          | 2 |
| Athenæum.....                             | 2 |
| Post Office.....                          | 1 |

the different public Offices stationed at Madras, as per list in the margin.

2. For the preparation of this Gazette, the services of the Lithographer attached to the Office of the Telegraph Superintendent have hitherto been available, but, owing to late reductions in the strength of that Officer's Establishment, a Lithographer is no longer allowed, and

all printing work is executed in the Bazaar.

3. In order, therefore, to continue the publication of the Gazette, the Superintendent, on his own responsibility, retained this man, and has now requested me to obtain the sanction of the Supreme Government. Before doing this, however, I wish to obtain your opinion whether it is necessary to continue the publication and distribution of this Gazette, as has hitherto obtained.

4. It appears that this Gazette is not published till 6½ p. m., and is, therefore, too late to be of use on the day of publication, while the information it contains is afforded in different Newspapers of the following day, which are published at an early hour. It would, therefore, seem that, in its present form at all events, the Gazette is useless, and I would, therefore, recommend its entire abolition, with the exception of a few copies, which may be furnished to His Excellency the Governor and to the Local Newspapers, and one copy which should be hung up outside the Telegraph Office, which limited number can be provided for by filling up a printed form with merely the names of Vessels and dates, in columns specially provided for the purpose.

5. Should you agree to this, the services of the Lithographer will no longer be required, and it will only be necessary to apply for sanction for his entertainment for the time during which he has been employed unauthorizedly.

6. I trust you will favor me with an early reply, as I am retaining this man on my own responsibility until I may hear from you.

No. 30. To the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated Fort Saint George, 9th April 1867, No. 365.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Madras Government sees no objection to the arrangement proposed by you, under which the present practice of lithographing the Telegraph Gazette will be discontinued, and a few copies only will be prepared for the use of His Excellency the Governor and the Local Newspapers, one copy being hung up outside the Telegraph Office.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Madras 28<sup>th</sup> March 1867 Latest date and  
 Maximum and Minimum time intervals of messages  
 received by telegraph at the Madras Signal Office from 6<sup>th</sup>  
 yesterday to 6<sup>th</sup> this day

| From                   | Date                   | Time occupied in trans-<br>mission by telegraph |         |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                        |                        | Maximum                                         | Minimum |
| From United Kingdom    | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | no messages                                     |         |
| " Government of Bengal | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | no                                              |         |
| " Constantinople       | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 40-30                                           | 27-14   |
| " Calcutta             | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | 7-15                                            | 5-43    |
| " Bombay               | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | no messages                                     |         |
| " Kurrachee            | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | no                                              |         |
| " Galle                | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | no                                              |         |

| To        | Date                   | Weather Reports                                 |                                                               |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|           |                        | Barometer                                       | Wind and sky                                                  |
| Galle     | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 9 <sup>th</sup> 81                              | calm and fine day Thermom.                                    |
| Bombay    | 28 <sup>th</sup> "     | 12 noon                                         | Light northerly winds wea-<br>ther fair.                      |
| Kurrachee | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | Public News                                     | Direct line interrupted beyond<br>Bagdad. Russian line right. |
| Bombay    | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | Steamer Reports                                 | 11-0 am English mail signalled at                             |
| Galle     | 27 <sup>th</sup> "     | 7 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> | 2-10 pm India Mail steamer "Sultan"<br>sailed for Bombay.     |

C. S. Office  
 Madras  
 28<sup>th</sup> March 1867

Wm. Doughty  
 Asst Supt in charge

Madras 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1867 Latest date and maximum and minimum time intervals of messages received by telegraph at the Madras Signal Office from 5pm yesterday to 5pm this day

Time occupied in transmission by telegraph.

Latest date - Maximum - Minimum

|                     |                        |        |        |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|
| United Kingdom      | no message             |        |        |
| Continent of Europe | do                     |        |        |
| Isle of France      | do                     |        |        |
| Calcutta            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | 19. 17 | 12. 3  |
| Bombay              | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | 21. 5  | 20. 50 |
| Poorbanch           | no message             |        |        |
| Galle               | do                     |        |        |

Weather Reports.

|           |                        |           |                                                                                        |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Poomben   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | 12 noon   | Light south<br>easterly wind do                                                        |
| Tuticorin | 22 <sup>nd</sup> "     | 12. 25 PM | Weather fine<br>Moderate easterly<br>winds. Thermometer<br>84. Weather fair            |
| Calcutta  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> "     | 1. 15 PM  | Scattered cumuli<br>Wind S. S. W.<br>Barometer 29.857<br>Thermometer 89<br>Wet bulb 78 |
| Galle     | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | 9 am      | Calm and fine<br>day. Thermometer 81                                                   |
| Poomben   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> "     | 12 noon   | Light southerly<br>winds. Weather<br>fair                                              |
| B. S. ... | ...                    | ...       | ...                                                                                    |

Madras 25<sup>th</sup> March 1867 Latest date and  
Maximum and Minimum time intervals of mes-  
sages received by telegraph at the Madras Signal Office  
from 6 P.M. yesterday to 6 P.M. this day.

Time occupied in trans-  
mission by telegraph.

United Kingdom  
Continent of Europe  
Constantinople  
Calcutta  
Bombay  
Kurrachee  
Galle.

| Latest date            | Maximum     | Minimum |
|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| no messages            | do          | do      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | 5-58        | 3-52    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> "     | no messages | do      |

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### Weather Reports.

|           |                        |           |                                                                                                                         |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kolapore  | 24 <sup>th</sup> March | 12 noon   | Further cloudy and calm -<br>this morning strong S.W.<br>winds and light rain with<br>thunder and lightning.            |
| Calcutta  | 24 <sup>th</sup> "     | 4 P.M.    | Wind N. covered with cu-<br>muli Barometer 29.937<br>Thermometer 87 Wet bulb<br>78.                                     |
| Galle     | 25 <sup>th</sup> "     | 9 A.M.    | Calm and fine day Ther-<br>mometer 81.                                                                                  |
| Galle     | 25 <sup>th</sup> "     | 11 A.M.   | Calm and fine day Ther-<br>mometer 82.                                                                                  |
| Calcutta  | 25 <sup>th</sup> "     | 1-26 P.M. | Wind N. scattered cirro<br>cumuli rain since yester-<br>day 1.5 inch barometer<br>29.957 Thermometer 84<br>Wet bulb 75. |
| Negapatam | 25 <sup>th</sup> "     | 1-38 P.M. | Steamer "Travia" from<br>Colombo anchored at 6 A.<br>and sailed for Madras<br>at 11 A.M.                                |

G. J. Officer  
Madras  
25<sup>th</sup> March 1867

John Douglas  
Asst Supt in charge.

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 mission by telegraph  
 Latest date Maximum Minimum  
 From United Kingdom 25<sup>th</sup> March 1867 57-84  
 " Continent of Europe 25<sup>th</sup> " 50-82  
 " Constantinople 25<sup>th</sup> " 45-80  
 " Calcutta 25<sup>th</sup> " 42-78  
 " Bombay 25<sup>th</sup> " 40-76  
 " Surpacher 25<sup>th</sup> " 38-74  
 " Galle 25<sup>th</sup> " 36-72

Galle 25<sup>th</sup> March 9 A.M. Weather B. & C. rather cloudy  
 Thermometer 82.  
 Tuticorin 26<sup>th</sup> " 10 A.M. Moderate easterly winds. Ther-  
 mometer 81. Weather fair.  
 Pambier 26<sup>th</sup> " 12 noon Light north easterly winds weather  
 fair.  
 Belgaum 25<sup>th</sup> " 12 noon Bitter fair wind S. E. Ther-  
 mometer 89.  
 Surpacher 25<sup>th</sup> " 19<sup>th</sup> Direct line interrupted beyond  
 beyond. For narrow line right  
 in date from London Sea  
 under 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Steamer Report.  
 Calcutta 25<sup>th</sup> " 6 P.M. English mail steamer  
 " Bengal" went to sea at 3-7  
 P.M.

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 Madras 3  
 26<sup>th</sup> March 1867 3  
 Oliver Douglas.  
 Asst. Supt. in charge

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N<sup>o</sup> 365. Public Department.

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The Officiating Director General  
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Fort St. George }  
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I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most Obedt. Servt.  
J. G. Allen Lieut. Col. R.E.  
Offg. Director Genl. of Tels. in  
India

N<sup>o</sup> 7035.

From

Lieut. Col. J. G. Glover R. E.

Officiating Director General of Tels. in India

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government  
Fort St. George

Dated Calcutta the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1867.

Sir,

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| Military ————— D <sup>r</sup> ————— | 1 |                                                                                                                                                      |
| Inspector of Ordnance               | 1 |                                                                                                                                                      |
| Brigade Major                       | 1 |                                                                                                                                                      |
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Public Works Dept

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Director Genl of Telegraphs  
in Illinois  
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With the opinion of the  
Board as to the advisability  
of constructing the bridge  
between the two points  
of the Red growth  
between the two  
points of the Red growth

Wm. H. Shepard.  
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to  
the Hon. Sec. of the  
War Dept.

Wm. H. Shepard.