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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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5th June 1867.*

No. 28. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 14th May 1867, No. 218.

Home Department, Electric Telegraph.

With reference to your letter, No. 39, dated the 10th of January last, paragraph 3, extract as per margin, I am directed to forward, for the consideration of the Madras Government, the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 17, dated the 3rd ultimo, from the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, and of its enclosed memorial from certain inhabitants of Vizianagram, praying for a reconsideration of the orders for the closure of the Telegraph Office at that place, issued with this Office No. 1514, dated 13th February.

2. I am directed to state that, if His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram is really willing to make up the deficiency between future receipts and monthly cost, the Governor General in Council would be disposed to retain the Office.

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From the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated Calcutta, 3rd April 1867, No. 17.

I have the honor to forward, in original, a petition from certain inhabitants of Vizianagram, praying that the orders contained in your No. 1514, of 13th February, for the closure of the Telegraph Office at that place, may be reconsidered.

2. The closure of this Office was recommended by me in my letter, No. 1302, of the 29th June 1866, and, with the consent of the Government of Madras, the Government of India, in their letter above quoted, sanctioned my suggestion.

3. My reasons for making the recommendation were, that the Office did not pay its expenses—the cost of establishment averaging about Rupees 240 monthly, while the income was about Rupees 127 only; that it was only 15 miles distant from the Office at Bimlipatam, and that, as the telegraphic communication was so small, it appeared that the latter Office was sufficiently convenient; that Vizianagram was on a branch line, constructed expressly for its own convenience; that this branch line was in a bad state, and, therefore, it was necessary to incur a certain small expense immediately for its repair; and that, if the line was retained permanently, it would be necessary, as soon as means were available, to replace the present wooden supports with Hamilton's standards, involving an expense of not less than Rupees 5000; that, when the traffic was so small, and when the retention of the Office involved a monthly loss in the payment of its establishment alone, it did not appear advisable to continue it, with the prospect of this considerable anticipated expenditure, which would be entirely unremunerative.

4. That, in case of inconvenience being experienced, I was of opinion that the establishment of a few extra dak runners would provide for two or three extra daily deliveries, which would provide for the transmission or receipt of telegrams, with no further inconvenience than the delay of a few hours at the utmost.

5. I must confess that I am still of the same opinion; but, as this memorial has been forwarded to me, I do not like to take the responsibility of replying without referring to Government.

6. Should the Government consider it inexpedient to retain this Office, I would suggest that, for the convenience of the inhabitants of Vizianagram, three dak chowkies, of two men at each, be established, which would, with the present dak arrangements, allow of three deliveries daily, by which telegrams might be sent to and from. This would involve an expense of six men, at Rupees 5 or 6 a month each—at the outside say Rupees 36; and allowing for an extra clerk to

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6 Dak runners, at 6 Rupees each...	36
1 Clerk...	30
2 Peons, at 7 Rupees each...	14
Total...	80

7. The messages might probably be received by the Post Office Establishment ; but as there is some difficulty in counting and charging for messages, it would perhaps be a better arrangement to have a separate clerk appointed by this Department, and hence my recommendation.

8. I do not know the rates of pay prevailing in that part of the country, and I have, therefore, put down the dak runners at Rupees 6 monthly, but it is most probable that they would be procurable for Rupees 5.

9. Should the Government, for political reasons, wish to retain this office, I have no objection to urge. I have merely considered it in a commercial point of view, and, bearing in mind that the Department, in the aggregate, does not pay its expenses, I have endeavoured to abandon all unremunerative offices until the extension of the use of the telegraph may render a chance of returns more probable.

TRANSLATION of Telugu Mahazur from certain inhabitants of Vizianagram, to the Director General of the Telegraph Department in India.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Vizianagram, Merchants, Sowcars, and men of other professions, trades and occupations, beg to submit the following Mahazur for your favorable consideration :—

That the town of Vizianagram is a large commercial place, to supply all the goods to the country and hill tracts of Vizagapatam Districts. It trades with Calcutta, Madras, Moulmein, Masulipatam, Benares, Cuttack, and other places, exporting and importing by steamers, English and Native ships.

2. That it is also the capital of His Highness the Maharajah, K. C. S. I., and is, therefore, stationed by many foreigners serving and waiting in the Durbar.

3. Always there is a great demand to learn and transmit urgent news from and to various distant places on account of commerce and the Maharajah's own affairs and of the Officers and servants of the Durbar ; but the Telegraph Office of this town has been abolished, on the ground that the income thereof was less than the cost of the establishment. This deficiency only occurred by the late famine, dullness of the trade, and the absence of His Highness the Maharajah.

4. We now beg to inform that, as the days are now demanding for good trade, and also that the Maharajah has returned to his capital, hereafter the income of the Telegraph Department of this station undoubtedly will receive more than the expenditure of the establishment ; and should you be pleased to entertain any doubts as to this fact, to assure you, we beg to herewith submit the letter of His Highness the Maharajah, guaranteeing to make up the deficiency, if the receipts come less than the fixed amount of the monthly costs. We, therefore, request that you will be pleased to pass your necessary instructions to re-open the Telegraph Office at Vizianagram, for which act of doing we shall pray for your success and prosperity.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1867, No. 617.

Communicated to the Agent at Vizagapatam, who will ascertain from the Maharajah of Vizianagram whether he is willing to make up the deficiency between the receipts and the monthly cost of the Telegraph Office at that Station.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent at Vizagapatam.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 218.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

Home Dept.

Telegraph.

Simla, the 14th May 1867.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. Bayley

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Public Works
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Request to know of the
National Office of Hygiene
is willing to make up
any deficiency which may
arise from the establishment
of a telegraph office at the
town

No 617 of 5 June 1887

Communicated to the
Agent at Washington
who will ascertain from
the Administrator of Hygiene
whether he is
willing to make up the
deficiency between the
receipts and the number of
of the telegraph office
at this station.

to the Agent at

Washington 16 July 1888

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with an order