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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th August 1867.*

Read the following:—

No. 108. Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India; dated Simla, 20th July 1867, No. 2525.

Home Department.

In reply to your letter, No. 1983, dated the 22nd ultimo, I am directed to state that the Governor General in Council has been pleased to approve of the rules submitted therewith, regarding messages entitled to precedence.

2. I am to request that to the list of messages always to be transmitted under the "precedence" signal, those may be added with respect to which the privilege has been conceded to Mr. Collins, the Agent of Reuter's Telegram Company, "Limited," at Calcutta, as you have been informed in this Office Endorsement, No. 2524, of this day's date, viz:—

Reuter's bi-weekly commercial messages from Calcutta to Kurrachee; and Reuter's daily commercial telegrams from London, addressed direct from Kurrachee to the Company's Agent at Calcutta.

No. 2526.

Copy of the above, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded, for information, to the Government of Madras, in continuation of No. 44, dated 7th May.

(Signed) J. T. WHEELER,
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Lieutenant Colonel T. G. GLOVER, R. E., Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 22nd June 1867, No. 1983.

With reference to the concluding portion of my No. 4961, of the 28th December 1866, and in reply to your No. 269, of the 15th May last, I have the honor to submit a revised copy of Appendix B, which embraces the modifications necessitated by the curtailment of free messages under the Orders of Government, No. 43, of the 7th ultimo.

2. The omission of the Calcutta Chamber's fortnightly message to Reuter's Agent at Bombay, and the reduction of the number of stations from which meteorological reports are telegraphed, has been in communication with the two Secretaries concerned, as directed in the 6th and 12th paragraphs of your letter above referred to.

APPENDIX B.

Revised copy, prepared in accordance with the Orders of Government, No. 43, of the 7th May, 1867.

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Precedence messages tendered between 8 and 16 hours on Sundays, Christmas day, New Year's day, the Queen's Birthday, and Good-Friday, when Telegraph Offices are closed by authority, must await the re-opening of the office before being transmitted.

Messages of the following description will always be transmitted under the "precedence" signal:—

- 1.—Service messages received at Bombay or Galle by mail steamers for transmission to places in India or Ceylon.
- 2.—Free fortnightly commercial reports received at Galle by mail steamers from Hong-Kong, for transmission to Chambers of Commerce at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay.

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- 3.—Free bulletins of public news compiled in the Telegraph Office at Galle from the China and Australian newspapers on the arrival of the China and Australian steamers, and telegraphed to Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay.
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- 6.—Free weekly commercial reports interchanged between the Chambers of Commerce at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, and Kurrachee.
- 7.—Reuter's telegrams of European intelligence addressed to the Viceroy and Governor General.
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Vingorla, Carwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Cochin, and Tuticorin.
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(Signed) T. G. GLOVER, Lieut.-Colonel.

No. 109.

ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1867, No. 998.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 2525.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, ESQUIRE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

MAJOR R. MURRAY, R. A.,
Offg. Dir. Genl. of Tels. in India.

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