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(3) ஆதாரம் குறிப்பவர் கருக்கொப்பம் _____

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Recd
J. I.
15/10/22

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<i>Public</i>	DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED <i>10-2-92</i>	
No. <i>96.</i>	

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*The existing arrange-
ments in charge of
the observing tele-
graph lines connecting
the line with the
M-Group to continue
for the present.*

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C.N. 4161 of 1890
and 507 of 1891

No. 74.

The Observatory
Madras, 4th November, 1891

From
The Government Astronomer
Madras

To The Honorable J. F. Price
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Sir,
With reference to para 13 of G.O.
No. 442, Marine, dated 9th October last,
communicated to me through the Public
Department, concerning the unsatisfac-
tory performance of the Marine Semapho-
phore. I have the honor to submit the
following remarks.

2. As the Semaphore is dropped
twice a day, the 41 failures reported last
year 94.4 per cent. of occasions on which it

Order dated
20 Oct/91 No. 889

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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See my memorandum in
the charge of the Semaphore
Dept. the kind of work
to be done by the
Semaphore Office at St. George
Fort. The instruments are
in the charge of the
officer.

dropped correctly. This is of course from being an ideal state of affairs. I trust that the percentage will in future be much higher. On June 29th I visited the Marine Office at the request of the late Mr. Pagon and carefully adjusted the instrument there. Since that date there have been only 4 failures of which one was due to the Semaphore box Key having been mislaid at the Marine Office and should not be counted. Thus since June 29th the percentage of success has been 97.2 and I trust there will be no reason for complaint in the future.

3. At the same time I would suggest that the time has now come when all the telegraph lines leading from the Observatory should be put under the charge of the Telegraph Department. That Department has always been most ready to give assistance when asked to do so, but if telegraph

telegraph lines are to be maintained in good working order they require to be periodically inspected and tested, and if the lines were handed over to the Telegraph Department this would be done as a matter of regular routine. At present the telegraph arrangements give more trouble than anything else connected with the work of the Observatory.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. Michie Smith.

Offg. Govt. Astronomer.

Public 1891. Dept.

From

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

Int.

Order

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No. 74

Dated

4th

Received

November/91

2. The question sub?
in para: 3 should form
the subject of a separate
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Subject.

Submitting remarks
on the unsatisfactory performance
of the Marine Semaphore.

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10/11. discontinue? What
change of the lines will be
with Tel. Dept?

1891
The Ch. H. S. Bd. / 1891
ag. Govt. astronomer

Ref: 8/21 Nov 1891
with ref. to para: 3 of
his letter of the 4th Nov:
No. 74, the ag. Govt. astron-
omer is requested to
report in whose charge
the telegraph lines referred
to are at present.

75B.

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IN M.S.

THE OBSERVATORY,

Madras, 23rd November 1891.

No. 86

From

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

Madras.

To

The Honible J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Sir,

In reply to your Reference on
Public. C. No. 3242 of 1891, I have the
honor to state that there seems to be con- to
siderable uncertainty as to who has charge of
of the Observatory telegraph lines. hat
The lines were erected at the Govern- es
ment cost by the Telegraph depart-
ment and I believe that department
has never held itself in any way res-
ponsible for their upkeep. As a fur
matter of fact the Telegraph depart-
ment is to look after the lines at
least s. far as they run alongside the
the

their own, but they do not inspect
the telegraph instruments or batteries.

This is of no importance at the
Observatory where the staff is quite
capable of attending to them but
it would be a great advantage
if the whole arrangements at the
Marine Office were directly under
the telegraph department.

2. When I wrote the letter
under reference I was under the im-
pression that the telegraph staff
did not touch the line unless special-
ly asked to do so by the Astronomer,
but Mr. Mahon, the Assistant
Superintendent, informs me that
he has now issued orders that all
the lines shall be inspected periodi-
cally.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

C. Michie Smith,

Ottawa

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From
The Govt. Astronomer
86

D 23rd Nov/91
Recd.



Replying to Reference
is to who has charge of
Observatory telegraph
lines.

7th December 1891
Referred to the Superin-
tendent of Telegraphs,
Madras Division, for
favor of information
whether any & if so
what charge would be
made for looking after
the telegraph lines and
instruments referred to
by the Govt. Astronomer.
It is requested that the
reply may be forwarded
thru' the Presidency
Port Officer.

Submitted
Chief Secretary

35B.
27/11

Government Telegraph Department

From

A. Hullah Esq.
Superintendent of Telegra,
Madras Division

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Govt of Madras thro'
the Presidency Port Officer
Madras.

No. 4958 Dated Madras 30th December 1891.

Sir,

With reference to your memo dat.
the 1st of December 1891, I have the honor to
inform you that the Director General of
Telegraphs has instructed me to reply that
this Department can take over the lines
from the Observatory on the following
terms, from the 1st January 1892.

1. The telegraph Department will refund
to the Government of Madras the amount
originally paid for the lines.
2. An annual rent of Rs 1020/- will be
charged for the maintenance of the
lines and signalling instruments.

Yours
A. Hullah

4. The special instruments such as
the clocks, arrangements for lowering
the semaphore and firing the gun
will still be supervised by the
Astronomer.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

Arthur Mullah
superintendent.

Heading.
Telegraph Lines

No. 1120 9
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 18th January 1892.

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

MADRAS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying letter No. 4958, dated 30th December 1. from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, I have the honor to state, that for the better working of the Semaphore in the Presidency Port Office, it is desirable, that the telegraph instruments &c. should be put under the charge of the Telegraph Department. I would however, point out that the cost of maintenance of the lines and instruments [Rs 1020 per annum] seems high.

2. The amount paid to the
Telegraph

Telegraph Department, on account
of the Instruments and connection
is Rs 1049. 14. 2.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

B. B. B. B.
Captain H. M. S. M.
Offs: Presidency Post Office.

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Public
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From
THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,
To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. $\frac{1120}{22}$ G

Dated 18 } January 1892
Received
Regd 21st

Encls: No 3



Subject.

Informing that it is
desirable that the telegraph
instruments & should be
under the charge of the
telegraph department but
is charge of Rs 1020 per annum
was high.

Hu.
For orders. The rent
mentioned is probably
in accordance with
Tel. Dept scale - but details
are not given. May they
be asked for? We cannot cut
2000 The charge down to all that we
21/1 can say is yes or no.

The increase charge is very high. It
does not seem that we will get
much profit from the reduction of
the instruments at the Marine Office.
I must ask the Chief of Telegraphs
how the charge is calculated.

Ref. of 29-1-92 No 169
with ref. to his letter
of the 30th Dec: No. 4958, the
Supt of Telegraphs, Madras
Division, is requested to
state how the proposed
annual rent of Rs. 1020
is calculated.

/For orders/

2000
25/1

Supt of Telegraphs,
Madras

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Government Telegraph Department

From,
E. O. Walker Esq, C. I. E.
Superintendent, Madras Division.

To,
The Chief Secretary,
to the Government of Madras.
No 5633: dated the 3rd February 1892

Sir,
With reference to your No 169 dated
the 29th of January, 1892, I have the honour
to inform you that the calculations for the
annual rent of the wires are made as follows.

- (I) Rent of the Gun wire from the
Observatory to Fort St George
distance 3.89 miles at Rs 20/-
per half mile of wire per
annum
Rent of two instruments at Rs 60 each 120-
160-
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- (II) - do - Block wire from the
Observatory to the Marine
Office distance 4.63 miles at
above rate
200-
-
- (III) - do - Time Signal wire from the
Observatory to the Marine Office
distance

(14) - do - wire from the Observatory to
Messrs P. Orr and Sons' Shop at - } 220- "- "

above rate. distance 5.33 miles }
Total 1020- "- "

Yours most obedient servant,

REF ID: A66587

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H.M.

From

The Superintendent,
Madras DivisionSubmitted to the
Hon. Member with refer
to his note of the 24th ult.From the distances
quoted it wd: appear that
some of the wires must
follow a very circuitous
route.J.D.B.
5/2

No. 5633

Dated 3rdReceived 4th

Enclosures

} Feby. 1892

SUBJECT.

Replying to memo no. 169

29.1.92 re: the annual rent of the
wires.Order 10 Feb 92 A 96.The Govt. is of
opinion that existing
arrangements may
continue - at any rate
for the present.

(From orders)

J.D.B.
8/2/92