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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of April 1860.

No. 51. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1860, No. 1,737.

Read the following:—

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 2nd April 1860, No. 95.

Para 1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that the line of the Electric Telegraph which has been established between Madras and Ceylon and which passes through this District, is now conveyed across the Agraháram belonging to the village of Rajahumarambápuram, in the Pattukotai Táluq, by which the passage of the pagoda car of the village, at the annual feast, is obstructed, and the villagers are prevented from celebrating the feast itself as usual.

2. I would here observe that, till lately, the wire had been placed in a different direction at this locality; and for about three quarters of a mile distance to the South of the Agraháram in question, it is even now carried under ground. It was pointed out by the villagers before the line was fixed, that the wire may be conveyed in the same manner until it crossed the street, but the Subordinate Officers of the Electric Telegraph Department refused to listen to their representations, and notwithstanding their remonstrances, have fixed the wire in the manner abovementioned.

3. I, therefore, made a reference to the Deputy Superintendent of the Ceylon and South-east Coast Circle, with a view to the inconvenience complained of being removed, but that Officer has declined to comply with my request on the ground that "the line has just been put in thorough "repair at a heavy expense of time and money and that any alterations now would cause serious "inconvenience to the communication, &c."

4. The Board will at once observe that if the alteration now required to be made be such as would cause inconvenience, that inconvenience must only be ascribed to the fact of the remonstrances made in time and on reasonable grounds not having been attended to, but that it can be no reason for the long-standing rights of the villagers being interfered with. I, therefore, beg to request that, should the Board deem proper, the matter may be referred to Government, in order to the requisite alteration being made in the direction of the wire at the locality indicated.

5. I further beg to state that at a short distance to the south of the village mentioned above, and in the vicinity of the jungle stream called Kolavanar, the wire is carried under ground and intersects the line which has been laid down for straightening the course of that stream. Its diversion in this neighbourhood is indispensably necessary for the safety of the village which, with the houses, pagodas and chattram therein situated, is at present threatened with imminent danger from the severe set of the stream against it, and as the wire as at present conveyed, offers a hindrance to the carrying out of the work referred to, I would take leave to request that the Officers of the Electric Telegraph Department may be directed to remove the wire also from this place.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the Orders of Government.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 52. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs in India, dated 25th April 1860, No. 630.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th instant, No. 1,737, and to convey the request of this Government that you will have the goodness to cause to issue the necessary orders for rectifying the position of the wire at the points indicated, so as to remove the grounds of complaint.

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No. 630

Lt. W. B. O'Shaughnessy R.E.
Supt. of Elec. Telegraphs
in India

Sir

I am directed by the Sec. of State to forward to you the accompanying copy of the Com: of the Rd. of Rev. dated 5th inst No 1737, and to convey the request of their Lordships that you will have the goodness to cause to issue the necessary orders for rectifying the position of the wire at the points indicated, so as to remove the grounds of complaint.

Fort St. Geo. 25 April 1860.

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Appd

Copied 10 May 26

specified by the Col
in his letter 2d inst
& of accorded in
the Grand Prize.

Revenue 1860 Dept.
Pro: of Govt 30th April

No 630

To the Supt. Electric
Telegraphs in India.
Dy 25th April 1860

From the Supt. of the Elec.
Telegraph in India in Ceylon
Dy 1st May/60 C. No 950

Requesting to give
the necessary orders for
rectifying the position of
the Telegraph wire at
certain points in Tanjore
so as to remove the ground
of complaint -

No 51 & 52.

From the Deputy Supt. C. T.
Madras Circle Dy 8th May/60
& Inclosures No 180