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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 97. Read the following letter from Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent Electric Telegraphs in India and Ceylon, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Kúnúr, 1st May 1860, No. 271:—

In reply to your letter, No. 630, dated the 25th April, I have the honor to state that I have issued Orders to Mr. Blissett to enquire carefully into the facts of the case and to do all in his power to meet the wishes of Mr. Cadell, so far as this can be done without interruption to Telegragphic correspondence between India and Ceylon.

2. The question raised is by no meaus a local or a new one. In thousands of cases the Telegraph wire in India passes *above* and across the roads which religious processions use. In every instance where this is brought to notice the wire is elevated by the use of high posts so as to allow the idol cars to pass freely.

3. To insert petty lengths of *subterranean* line in all such cases would prove the cause of innumerable interruptions of correspondence, from the fact that lightning attacks such buried lines by preference, and explodes at their ends with such violence as to cut off all communication.

4. This fact, with which I presume Mr. Cadell is not acquainted, shows the difficulty of dealing summarily with this case. If our wires be kept at such an elevation as to prevent contract with processional cars and banners and Elephants, I think that is all that can be reasonably expected, and that we should not be required to bury our line and thereby endanger the interests of the whole mercantile public as a mere matter of respect for these religious ceremonies.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1860, No. 798.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, 5th April 1860, No. 1,737.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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From the Superint.t of the Elec: Telegraph in India and Ceylon -

Dated 1st May 1860.

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Stating that he has issued orders for the rectification of the position of Telegraph wire at certain points in Tanjore.

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