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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th September 1861.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 7th September 1861, No. 1,289:—

Communicating Order of the Government of India and certain correspondence, relating to the inutility of transmitting telegraphic messages for payment of money. (Vide Public Proceedings, 7th September 1861, Nos. 28, 29.)

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1861, No. 1,806.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from M. J. SHAW STEWART, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 27th June 1861, No. 533.

Financial Department.

Instances having occurred in which requests for the payment of money have been made to this Government by means of ordinary messages transmitted by the Electric Telegraph, I am directed to request you to lay before the Government of India the opinion of this Government, that this practice is inconvenient and unsafe. In cases where payment of money to Government servants or private persons is the object, the necessity can never be so urgent as to require recourse to this mode of communication, and in all cases where the wants of the State demand that orders for remittances or payments of cash be transmitted by Telegraph, the use of the code of secret signals will obviate the risk which attaches to the ordinary Telegraphic communication.

2. His Excellency in Council will therefore recommend to the Government of India, that it should be notified that no orders for the payment of cash be sent by Electric Telegraph, or if sent, that they should not be attended to; the only exception being orders in cipher sent by the Financial Department.

Telegram from Financial Secretary, Calcutta; to Mr. Under Secretary STEWART, Bombay, dated 16th July 1861.

Please say what is meant by "requests for the payment of money" in paragraph one of your letter, No. 533, dated 27th June. Do they refer to orders to remit money from one Treasury to another, or what?

Telegram from Under Secretary, Bombay; to Financial Secretary, Calcutta, received 23rd July 1861.

July twentieth. One of the requests referred to in your telegram of eleventh* instant, ran as follows:—From Nynee Tal, from Under Secretary, North Western Provinces, to Bombay, to Secretary to Government.—Please pay to Mr. Braybroke, late Adjutant of the Military Police in these Provinces, the sum of eight hundred Rupees, the half of which is four hundred Rupees, as a gratuity. The payment will be adjusted by a remittance. This and similar requests are referred to.

* *Sic and original.*

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

From C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; to M. J. SHAW STEWART, Esq, Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, 26th July 1861, No. 9,962.

Financial Department.

Your letter, No. 533, dated the 27th ultimo, with the subsequent telegraphic communications, noted on the margin, having been laid before His Excellency the Governor General in Council, I am directed to inform you, in reply, that His Excellency quite concurs in the opinion of the Bombay Government, that the use of the Electric Telegraph for the transmission of ordinary messages of the description referred to, requesting the payment of money, is objectionable.

Telegram to the Bombay Govt., dated 16th instant.
Ditto from ditto ditto, dated 20th ditto.

2. A copy of this correspondence has this day been sent to the several Governments and Officers concerned, for their guidance.

No. 9,966.

Ordered, that a copy of the above letter, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, and also a copy of the two telegrams noted in the margin, be forwarded to the Governments and Civil Paymasters of Bengal, the North Western Provinces, the Punjab, and Madras, and to the Civil Paymaster, Bombay, for information and guidance.

ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1861, No. 1,289.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract.)

C. J. Macnee

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works do.
" Military do.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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