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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th December 1870.*

No. 183. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Ganjam Division, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 28th November 1870, No. 2,311:—

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Order, No. 1,823, Proceedings of the Madras Government, on reports from the Officiating Collector and Acting Principal Assistant Collector of Vizagapatam, regarding the late cyclone, I have the honour to state that every assistance has been rendered to me by the authorities. I am glad to say that, considering the extent of the damage to the telegraph lines, communication was quickly restored.

2. I beg to enclose an extract of my letter to the Director-General of Telegraphs, reporting to him the actual repairs executed on the line to restore communication after the cyclone.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1870, No. 1,979.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Ganjam Division.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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General 8th 2808. 21
 From the Superintendent of Tel.
 Ganjam Division.
 To The Director General of Tel.
 in India, Calcutta.

Vizagapatam 28th Nov. 1870

21/8. On the morning of the
 5th Instant, I informed you
 that a cyclone passed over
 Vizagapatam on the previous
 night and that the telegraph
 lines in the vicinity of this
 station had been washed
 away or destroyed. On the
 8th I telegraphed that the
 lines between Vizagapatam and
 Similipatanam were considerably
 damaged and that travellers
 reported the destruction of
 the lines more or less for
 62 miles south of this station.
 I now have the honor to sub-
 mit a report on the action
 taken by me

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated December 1870.

Recd.

G. O., 5th December 1870, No. 1,970.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 183-184.

Telegraph lines damaged by cyclone in
 Vizagapatam. Letter from Superintendent of
 Telegraphs in Ganjam reporting that every assist-
 ance was rendered to him by the authorities
 towards their restoration, communicated to Board of
 Revenue.

working parties to repair the line and a summary of the actual repairs executed to restore communication on

the interrupted sections. A Memo of the interruptions and their duration is marginally noted.

2. On the 5th laborers were not to be had at any price,

even had they been forthcoming it would have been impossible to work in the swamp at the back of the town. On this day orders were issued to the Assistant Superintendents of the Dowlaish, as well as

Berhamford Sub Divisions to render assistance with every available man at their disposal.

The Assistant Superintendent of the Vizagapatam Sub Division who happened to be near Bimilipatnam was directed

to be near Bimilipatnam with his inspectors

and on local at 7 hours 20 min. then to join me on the 3rd on same day. Duration 8 1/2 hrs. or 3 days 12 1/2 hours on main and 7 1/2 hrs. or 3 days 6 1/2 hrs. on local. The Sec. Master in charge

of Coconada was desired to send out one of his Deputies with men and tools to work up the line until such time as communication was restored. Arrangements were made here for the organization of three gangs, each under a Signaller to work according to my directions. The general instructions to Assistant Superintendents, Inspectors and Signallers were to the effect that the light wire (5 1/2) only was to be run up and that where the supports were weak or where the heavy wire was likely to jeopardize the other it was to be dismantled. That the parties were to move on as rapidly as possible with the one object in view, namely, to restore telegraph communication on the light wire only.

3. Mr. Windle at Chicacole saw my telegram to you of the 5th and without waiting for orders he started off on the interrupted

Between Vizagapatam & Coconada.
Main and local lines interrupted at 2 hours on the 5th.

Communication restored on main at 13 hours 30 min. on the 13th and on local at 15 hours on the 18th. Duration, 20 1/2 hours or 8 days 11 1/2 hours on main, and 22 1/2 hours or 13 days 13 hours on local.

Between Vizagapatam & Bimilipatnam.
Main and local lines interrupted at 2 hours on the 5th.

Communication restored on main at 15 hours 20 min. on 9th and on local at 9 hours on the 19th. Duration, 109 1/2 hours or 4 days 13 1/2 hours on main, 26 1/2 hours or 14 days 7 hours on local.

Between Bimilipatnam and Vijayanagarum.

Single line interrupted 0 hours 50 min. on the 5th.

Communication restored at 8 hours 35 min. on 14th. Duration 55 1/2 hours or 2 days 7 1/2 hours.

Between Bimilipatnam & Chicacole.

Main and local lines interrupted at 0 hours 50 min. on 5th.

Communication restored on

or even trained workmen. He assisted in restoring communication at Canada (16 miles north of Simlipatan) and then marched on here. His party was increased to 30 men and assisted by Signaller Syme they worked on the section between Cassimcothah and Yellamunchy. (the former place is 24 and the latter 36 miles south of Vijayapatnam) Mr. Browne was unfortunately 56 miles south of Dowlaishram and did not receive my letter until communication had been restored. Mr. Smyth after restoring communication at Chitturmla remained there for 2 days longer to strengthen the line where it had been washed away. He then marched in here and assisted in doubling the line between Cassimcothah and Vijayapatnam.

Signaller Wilkinson restored communication between Vijayapatnam and Simlipatan; assisted by Signaller Simpson he afterwards worked on the section Yellamunchy to Jonico, a distance of 24 miles. Inspector Randle worked at Canada and afterwards on the line Simlipatan to

Mr. Master Willey met Signaller Wilkinson's party near Jonico, from Coconada to that place the line was in order. Signaller Morston worked between Vijayapatnam and Cassimcothah. On this section the damage to the line was very great, miles of line in some places were on the ground. My particular attention was given to Morston's party, they had the heaviest work, but it was only 2 hours after communication was right from Cassimcothah to Coconada that the wire was raised on the last support in front of the bungalow at the former mentioned place. The line was tested at 13 hours 30 minutes on the 13th and it was found that communication had just then been restored. It had been interrupted between Chicacole and Coconada for 20 3/2 hours or 8 days 11 1/2 hours.

4. The following is a summary of the work actually done on the line between the 5th and 13th or more properly speaking between the 6th and 13th.

From Nagapattam to Soorie	62 miles.	
Between Office and Junction post 2 1/2 miles		46
Do Junction & Cassimettah 22 1/2 miles		365
Between Cassimettah and Yellaumchily 12 miles		191
Do Yellaumchily to Kuckapilly 12 miles		210
Do Kuckapilly to Soorie 12 miles		58
		866
From Junction at Nagapattam 2 1/2 miles		40
Between Pinnilipattam, Kizhannagaram & Chinnacole		40
From Office to Chittinvala 6 miles		46
From Chittinvala to Kizhannagaram		27
From Chittinvala to Conada crossing		46
Crossing at Conada		
Total		1115

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Sigs. Wilkison & Marston.
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M. A. Supt. Winkle and Sigs. Syme.
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the line the repairs were commenced

or on an average 148 per man. As many
parties as I could organize were formed
and each one in charge was provided
with funds according to the amount of work
he had to perform. I drew Rupees 1000 from
the Treasury and up to the 19th Instant about
Rupees 600 have been expended. The permanent
repairs of the line have been commenced
and I hope in one month they will be
finished. At present the lines at this station
and in many other places have a very deplorable
dated appearance.

I have &c.
G. S. P. Gordon
Inspector

(True copy)
W. J. Gordon
Inspector

New 375 1/2
From 8 Dec 1853

Revenue 1040 kept
No 3757. 6

From
The Supd. of Telegraphs
Ganjam Du

Dated 20th Nov.
1853 Dec 1040
No 3757

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assistance was rendered
to him by the authorities
at Vizagapatnam during
the late cyclone -

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