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No. 73. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, the 15th March 1872, No. 3,124:—

REFERRING to copies of papers as per margin, regarding a piece of ground for the proposed Telegraph Office at Bellary, I have the honour to state that the site objected to was seen by Mr. Cappel, Deputy Director General, during his late visit to Bellary. It is situated near the Collector's Cutcherry, the Dāk Bungalow, the Railway Station, and is otherwise eminently suited for the Telegraph Office, which should be centrally located.

2. So far as can be judged from the correspondence, the objections of the Municipal Commissioners, on which the Collector bases his refusal to allow the site selected being built upon, are evidently not so important as to be insurmountable and to exclude an important Government office from occupying it. It will be seen from the Bangalore Superintendent's No. 1,132, of the 26th February, that so far from the entire destruction of the tope, as is apparently apprehended by the Collector and the Municipal Commissioners, it will not be necessary to interfere with more than a few trees, and even these few need not be destroyed but shifted; as, however, the Collector has definitely refused the site except under orders of Government, I solicit the favour of your directing such steps being taken in the matter as will secure the ground selected being made over to this department.

3. It was with some difficulty that funds for the work were assigned by the Government of India from the Budget Estimate for the current year, and the whole of the assignment must lapse through the Collector's refusal to grant the site. Funds will be provided for the building from the Budget Estimate for 1872-73, if necessary, by a re-appropriation of grants for other works; in the meanwhile I beg you will kindly arrange for the site, which is the most suitable one for our requirements, being assigned to this department.

From the Superintendent, Bangalore Division, to the Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated Bangalore, 26th February 1872, No. 1,132.

I HAVE the honour to intimate that being under the impression the Deputy Director General had, as he expected to do, met the Collector at Bellary and arranged about the site for the new office building there, I was surprised to receive the enclosed letter marked A, intimating that the Municipal Commissioners objected to the building being erected on that site, and requesting that, as he, the Collector concurred with them, another spot might be selected, or the orders of Government obtained to occupy the tope; on receipt of the above I wrote saying we only required the portion of the tope which I had marked off on the plan, and that I did not think it would be necessary to interfere with more than a few trees, which need not be destroyed but shifted, and requested to be informed if the ground could be made available. In reply, the Collector (letter enclosed, marked B,) intimates that the site selected is altogether objected to, and repeats his request that another site may be chosen.

2. In forwarding copy of the Deputy Director General's telegram of 33 words, dated 22nd instant, I informed the Collector that there is no other site in Bellary so suitable as the one selected, which, I believe, is the opinion of the Deputy Director General also.

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3. I have also forwarded to him your message of the 23rd instant, via Bellary, and will send on his reply as soon as received.

4. I beg to add that the Superintending and Executive Engineers are strongly in favour of the site selected, and that it is not likely the Collector and Municipal Commissioners will consent to its being built upon without a reference to Government.

A.

From the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bangalore, dated Camp at Holal, Huvinhadguly Taluq, 3rd February 1872, No. 160.

THE Executive Engineer, Bellary, has again addressed me, asking me whether the site for the new Telegraph Office at Bellary has been selected upon. I have answered him to the effect that it is not; that you have never yet furnished me with a plan of the ground which you wish to take up.

2. In all applications for sites for buildings, as you may be aware, the chief thing necessary before orders of any kind can be passed or an answer given, is a plan of the land required.

3. As, however, this has not yet been furnished, and as the subject appears important, I have the honour to inform you that I referred the subject of a building being erected at all on the locality selected to the Municipal Commissioners of the Town of Bellary. The majority of them express an opinion against the building being in that locality, and deprecate the destruction of trees in one of the only topes which are left at Bellary.

4. I must say I concur with them, and should regret extremely the removal of any of the trees of the tope.

5. I request, therefore, that you will be good enough to select another spot, or obtain the orders of Government to the occupation of the tope.

B.

From the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bangalore Division, dated Camp at Kottur, Kudlighi Taluq, 22nd February 1872, No. 243.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your letter, No. 1,083, dated 17th instant, and to state that the site selected by you is objected to altogether by the majority of the Commissioners of the Bellary Municipality, whose opinion I sought.

2. It was for that reason that I requested you in my letter No. 160, of the 3rd instant, to select another site, and I have now the honour to repeat that request.

From the Officiating Superintendent, to the Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated Bangalore, 2nd March 1872, No. 1,151.

Is continuation of my No. 1,132, dated 26th February 1872, I have the honour to forward, in original, the Bellary Collector's reply to your telegram of the 23rd ultimo.

From the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bangalore Division, dated Camp at Kudlighi, 26th February 1872, No. 269.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your telegram of the 23rd instant, and, in reply, to state that my final answer has been communicated to you more than once.

2. It is therefore hardly reasonable to suppose that a second or third application will do away with the objections which, in the opinion of qualified persons, do exist to the site selected.

3. I regret that this year's grant should lapse; but this is a necessary consequence, and I should hope that a fresh one will be allowed the ensuing year.

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No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1872, No. 913.

TELEGRAPH No. 3.

COMMUNICATED through the Revenue Department to the Collector of Bellary, with a view to the question of the site for the new Telegraph Office being reconsidered on the grounds urged by the Officiating Director General.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Office

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THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

Dated April, 6th.

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Encl.

G. O., 6th April 1872, No. 913.

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Nos. 73-74

Telegraph Office at Bellary.—Letter from the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India forwarding copy of correspondence regarding the site required for the Telegraph Office at Bellary, and requesting that steps may be taken for obtaining it, communicated through the Revenue Department to the Collector of Bellary with instructions.

*Supd. 26 The S.D. of Bellary
re: report. with sketch
to showing the site selected
9th April 72*

1872 Bellary District Bellary, On 12th June 1872