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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1877, No. 24 R.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

No. 39. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th April 1877.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, dated Camp at Goriattum, 21st April 1877, No. 54.

In my letter to your address, No. 52, dated 20th instant, I brought to the notice of Government that an important and emergent telegram that I had sent to the Goriattum Railway Station for transmission to you had been refused despatch by the Station-master, who had assigned no reason for declining to forward it. In reply to my inquiries on this point, he has now informed me that, under orders from the Traffic Manager, he is only authorised to receive emergent messages from me for transmission to stations within the limits of this district.

2. I was hitherto under the impression that the recent orders of Government restricting the use of the Railway Telegraph were designed to check the undue monopoly of the wires by private messages of comparative unimportance, and that no change was intended so far as the Government are concerned; but it would now appear that the Railway authorities consider that their telegraph is closed even against the Government itself, and that no matter how urgent may be the communication that a Collector has to address to Government, he cannot do so except through the connecting stations at Cuddapah, Salem or Coimbatore.

3. This state of things appears to me to be so very inconvenient that I can hardly imagine the Government really intended it, and it is a manifest anomaly that a Collector may send telegrams up or down the line within his own district to his own subordinates, but may not address the Government in Madras, a few miles further off, the occupation of the time and attention of the Railway Telegraph employés being in both cases identically the same. I beg to be informed whether the orders issued by the Traffic Manager on this subject are correct, and, if so, how I am to send emergent telegrams to Government in future, as the connecting stations are none of them in this district.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, (Railway Branch,) with a request that, if possible, some arrangement may be made whereby Collectors of Railway Districts may be enabled to send service messages to Madras on matters relating to famine relief.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Addl. Secy. to Govt.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1877, No. 24 R.

It is observed that there is a Government Telegraph Office at the head-quarter station of every district traversed by the Madras Railway, when that station is situated

upon the line of rail. In the case of North Arcot, where Chittoor, the head-quarter station, is at a distance from the railway, there is a Government Telegraph Office at Vellore.

2. In the case in point it is observed that the Collector of North Arcot could have sent a telegram from Goriattum to Vellore by Railway wire. At Vellore the message could have been transferred to the Government wire and sent to Madras.

3. The Government are of opinion that further special arrangements are unnecessary.

(True Extract.)

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Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To all Collectors.
To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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