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(Subject.)

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for private persons.

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the Com. & affairs of the proposed extension of  
between the district of a telephone line between  
Kipis and Salomon's estate

at me.  
H. J. R  
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copy sent to Com. 3/22/05  
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In reply, I am to say, for Mr. Secretary Lyttelton's information, that this Department provides on rental terms telephone circuits for the use of private firms, whether such circuits are or are not led into Post Office premises. This part of the Post Office business is carried on at a profit, and a public need is not on reasonable terms. There is the further advantage that the erection of poles on the public highways is kept in the hands of the Administration which has to carry out such works for the public telegraph and telephone services.

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Mr. Ellis 19/8/01

Mr. Antrobus.

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Jones.

Mr. Graham.

Mr. M. Osmanney

The Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Lytton.

24 August 01.

Dear Sir  
I have the pleasure to  
ack the receipt of your  
dep. No 312 of the 27  
of June, and to inform  
you that I approve  
the terms on which  
it is proposed that the  
pub. shall meet  
a telephone line between  
Houses of Lord Duke  
on one side.

I enclose for your  
info copies of correspondence  
with the B.P.O. on  
the subject.

0 to B.P.O. 9 Aug 01  
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