
*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Railway
Department, 28th October 1864.*

No. 144. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department,
dated 20th October 1864, No. 3011.

Declining again to undertake the construction }
of a line of Railway from Shoranoor to } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department,
Narakal and Cochin, and asking the meaning } dated 20th October 1864, Nos. 350 and 351.)
of "countenance and support" as used by }
the Resident, and in the letter of Messrs. }
Scott Brothers & Co. }

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1864, No. 700.
Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th October 1864.*

No. 350. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Officiating Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 24th September 1864, No. 63:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, copy of a communication received from Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co., in which they propose a scheme for the formation of a Railway between Cochin and the Madras Railway, which may ultimately, if found desirable, be extended to Trevandrum; but before introducing it to the public they are desirous to learn if they may rely upon the countenance and support of the British Government as connected with the Native States, and those States themselves in support of the scheme.

Dated 21st instant.

2. I have already had occasion to refer to the advantages of connecting Cochin by a line of rail with the Madras Railway at Shoranoor, and it seems unquestionable that the interests of these States will be greatly promoted by the adoption of the scheme which Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co. are now prepared to place before the public, if it is assured of the countenance of the British Government.

Letter No. 49, dated 5th August 1864.

3. I shall at once place the matter before their Highnesses the Rajahs of Cochin and Travancore, and there can be no doubt that from the enlightened policy which has guided the Governments of these States, the beneficial results of this important measure will be duly appreciated, and their Highnesses' sanction and support accorded to the scheme.

4. If the scheme is matured under the sanction of Government, the terms on which the work is to be carried out between Cochin and Shoranoor, may then be adjusted between His Highness the Rajah of Cochin and the Company to be formed.

Transferred to the Public Works Department in reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated 26th September last, No. 2,785.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th October 1864.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1864, No. 3,011.

The Government have already intimated in their Proceedings of the 26th September 1864, No. 2,785, that they are neither prepared to undertake the construction of a line of Railway from Shoranoor to Narakal and Cochin, nor to guarantee the interest on the outlay upon the work. They now request that the Officiating Resident of Travancore and Cochin will state what definite meaning is attached to the expression "countenance and support," used in the first paragraph of his letter, as well as in the communication of Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.
" Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Financial Railway Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.