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Fort Saint George, Financial Railway Consultation, 9th Feby. 1858.

No. 16. Observations by the Officiating Consulting Engineer on a letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated 25th January 1858, No. 17.

The Agent, in the letter now submitted, intimates that he has requested his Chief Engineer to pay the sum of Rupees 692 to the Collector of Chingleput, for some land to be made over to the Railway Company, but states that he makes the payment under protest, being of opinion that the Government should provide the land; and further intimates his intention of bringing the subject to the consideration of the Railway Board.

2. As the Government have not had before them the whole of the correspondence, connected with the land in question, I beg to bring the same to their notice, in the following brief summary.

3. On the 19th November last, the late Agent and Manager wrote stating, "that his Chief Engineer had brought to his notice that Extra land was indispensably necessary, to enable his department to obtain earth requisite for raising the ground on which the Locomotive Workshops are being constructed at Perambore to a level with the line of Rail," and he submitted, at the same time, a Sketch of "some waste land * * and a shallow tank coloured blue," adjoining the Locomotive Workshop ground, and requested the sanction of Government, to permit soil to be excavated from that piece of ground and tank, &c.

4. This communication was referred to the Collector of Chingleput on the 21st November, and that Gentleman in replying to my letter wrote as follows, "that the Shrotriendar and inhabitants of Inaveram have refused to part with any portion of the land * * as they want the whole of it for their burying ground and thrashing floors," and added, that some land adjoining the Railway Workshops belonging to Satani Lutchmy, might be made over to the Railway Company at Rupees 250 per cawny, if it suited them to take it."

* Letter No. 1099.

† Letter No. 9, sent to Chief Secretary with Memo: dated 11th January 1858.

5. This letter was communicated to the late Agent on the 17th December,* and on the 9th January,† the present Agent informed me that the land belonging to Satani Lutchmy would answer the required purpose, and took occasion to allude to the question of payment.

Letter No. 15, dated 8th January, sent to the Chief Secretary.

Letter No. 5, dated 8th January 1858.

6. He was informed in reply, that the course heretofore obtaining, i. e., the Railway Company paying for all land other than that required for the Way and Works would be conformed to in the present instance also, while the Collector of Chingleput was requested to enter into the necessary negotiation for the transfer of the land.

7. On the 18th Instant, Mr. Shubrick, informed me that the party to whom the land belonged consented to part with it for Rupees 692, and that the Railway Authorities could enter into possession of the same, on the Agent remitting him the amount. The Agent and Manager was advised of the circumstance, and his reply is the letter appended.

8. In other case, but almost similar to the one under reference, Government observed, "that according to the existing practice at Madras, land beyond the limits of that required for the Way and Works, needed for brickmaking, ballast, &c., must be paid for by the Railway Company," the same being in conformity with the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors. This order having been communicated to the Agent on the 23rd Instant, the present letter from that Gentleman does not, I am of opinion, call for any further order from Government.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Fort Saint George, Financial Railway Consultation, 9th Feby. 1858.

From N. B. ACWORTH, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 23rd January 1858, No. 63.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st and have requested the Chief Engineer to pay to the Collector of Chingleput, Rupees 692 on the land of Satani Lutchmy therein mentioned being made over to the Railway, but I beg to state respectfully for the information of Government that I make this payment under protest, on the ground that the East India Company are bound under the Contract with the Railway Company to provide the land in question at their own expence, and I shall bring the subject to the consideration of the Board in my next letter.

(Signed) N. B. ACWORTH,
Agent and Manager.

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, No. 72; dated 6th February 1858.

Resolved that the above letter be reported to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the next Mail.

No. 72.

*It is reported that the above letter be
reported to the Hon. the Court
of Directors by the next Mail
6th February 1858.
Cons. Eng. for Railways - Sept. 10th*