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No. 134. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Railway Department, dated 30th September 1858, No. 529.

Read the following

No. 244.

On a letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, No. 669, dated 23rd September 1858.

Observations by the Officiating Consulting Engineer.

The Agent referring to his letter No. 511, of the 3rd July last, forwarded with my observations No. 187, of the 8th Idem, expresses a hope that the improvement of the Port of Beypoor, and the Back-water communication with Cochin may receive the early consideration of Government.

2. The letter calls for no remark from me, the Government having already given the subject their consideration,* and forwarded† Mr. Lovell's suggestion for improving the Harbour accommodation at Beypoor to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.

* Ex. Mins. Cons. Financial Railway Dept. No. 470, dated 1st Sept. 1858, para. 3.

† Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 403, dated 20th July 1858.

MADRAS.
25th September 1858.

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

Letter from N. B. ACWORTH, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 23rd September 1858, No. 669.

SIR,-

1. The Board having in a letter‡ which I have lately received, expressed their great regret that nothing had yet been done for the improvement of the Port of Beypoor or of the Back-water communication with Cochin, and recommended to my unceasing attention the prosecution of these highly important objects, I trust that I shall be excused for again calling your attention to my letter No. 511 of the 3rd July, in the hope that these subjects may have the early consideration of Government.

‡ 17th June.

2. It is, I think, fair to look to the landing of the Mails and Passengers for Madras and Calcutta at Beypoor, as the necessary consequence of the completion of the Railway to that Port, since it will effect a saving of several days time in their reaching Madras. If I am right in this expectation, the importance in the present state of the Railway works of doing early what is required to make Beypoor a fitting Port for these purposes, cannot be exaggerated.

3. It is of interest to mention that on the occasion of my late visit to Beypoor, the Resident Engineer informed me that there had not been one day during the last monsoon on which Mails and Passengers could not have been landed.

4. With reference to the other subject to which the Board direct my attention, the improvement of the Back-water communication with Cochin, I would refer you to paras. 13 and 14 of Mr. Heppel's letter of the 28th June last, to my address, which accompanied my letter to you of the 3rd July.

5. On this subject, the further information which when at Beypoor I received from Mr. Lovell was, that by the Teroor River (which is tidal as far as the Teroor Station) water communication is open at all seasons between the Teroor Station and Ponany, but that it requires deepening for from 5 to 6 miles north of Ponany, the shallowest part being between from 2 to 3 feet in depth at half tide between the 6th mile and Ponany, whereas, at about the 6th mile, deep water is gradually obtained and runs up to Teroor 8 and 9 feet deep. Mr. Lovell further informed me that that portion of the water communication south of Ponany which wants improving, is the Canal for about 25 miles to the Cochin Back-water, at or near, Chetwye.

6. However the mode in which this water communication can be best and most readily made available as well as the means by which the Port of Beypoor can be best improved, will no doubt be determined by the Government upon the information which they will receive from their own Officers, but I hope that you will deem both of them, matters of sufficiently urgent necessity, to induce you to request for them the early attention of Government.

Submitted with observations for the orders of Government.

Madras,
25th September 1858.

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

Ordered to be brought to the notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors in reference to para. 3 of their Despatch dated 21st July No. 17 of 1858. The Railway Agent's present letter. with extract of the above Despatch and of the letter from the Board of Directors therein referred to, will be forwarded to. the Public Works Department in communication of the correspondence communicated to it under date 20th July last, No. 403, in view to early attention being given to the subjects of which they treat.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 21st July No. 17 of 1858.

Para. 3. We have to draw your particular attention to the questions discussed in letter, No. 159, more especially that relating to the improvement of the Port of Beypore, a measure which seems indispensable if that is to constitute the Terminus of the South-western line of Railway, and to the improvement suggested, of the communication between that place and Cochin.

Extract from a letter from the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company, to their Agent at Madras, dated 17th June, No. 159 of 1858.

Para. 4. The Board cannot quit the subject without again expressing their great regret that nothing so far as they can learn should yet have been done for the improvement either of the Port of Beypoor or of the Back-water communication in question, objects to which they have repeatedly endeavoured to obtain the attention of the Government, as well through the medium of your Predecessors as by addressing the Honorable Court. They recommend to your unceasing attention the prosecution of this highly important object.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, No. 2125; dated 12th October 1858.

1. The foregoing Extract communicates correspondence regarding the improvement of the Port of Beypoor, and of the water communication between that place and Cochin, in view to early attention being given to those subjects.

2. With an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Railway Department, dated 20th July 1858, No. 403, was transmitted to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, a Chart of the Beypoor river, with an extract from a letter from Mr. Lovell, the Resident Engineer, suggesting certain works for improving the harbour accommodation of that Port.

3. On the 5th June 1858, the Chief Engineer was furnished by this Department with an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Raiway* Department, in which the Government, on a consideration of all that had been urged by the Cochin Chamber of Commerce, regarding the advantages and the trade of

* 7th May 1858, No. 238.

the Port of Cochin, recorded their opinion that the water communication between that place and Beypoor, should be improved, and every effort made to perfect it. Colonel Faber was accordingly requested to lay before Government a complete report on the whole scheme, showing the past expenditure, the amount calculated for the works sanctioned but the execution of which had been suspended, and the sum required for opening the communication between the two places throughout its entire length of 92 miles.

4. The Honorable Court having in para. 3 of their Dispatch of the 21st July last, drawn the particular attention of Government to the improvements referred to, the Governor in Council now resolves to communicate the Extract from the Financial Railway Department, above recorded, together with the correspondence received with it, to the Officiating Chief Engineer, with a request that he will take the earliest opportunity to report on the works suggested by Mr. Lovell for improving the Beypoor Harbour, and furnish at the same time the information called for in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 5th June 1858, connected with the water communication between that Port and Cochin.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 10

Extract from a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 21st July No. 17 of 1858.

Para 3. We have to draw your particular attention to the questions discussed in letter No. 59, more especially that relating to the improvement of the Port of Beypore, a measure which seems indispensable if that is to constitute the Terminus of the South Western Line of Railway, and to the improvement suggested, of the communication between that place and Cochin.

Extract from a Letter from the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company to their Agent at Madras dated 17th June No. 59 of 1858.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Nassau Lees
Secretary

/True Extracts/
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Chief Secretary

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Financial Railway Depart.

№ 529.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 30th September 1858.

Read the following

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On a letter from the Agent and Manager
of the Madras Railway Company
№ 669 dated 23d September 1858.

Observations by the Offg. Consltg. Engineer

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* Fin: Railway Cons: 7th Oct. № 4470 of 1 Sept. 58 para 3.

** Fin: Railway Cons: № 403. dated 20th July 1858.

at Beypoor to the Chief Engineer Department Public Works.

Madras 25th Sept. 1858 — Signed C. C. Johnston Capt. Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways

No. 669

From, N. B. Ackworth Esq. Agent and Manager

To, Captain C. C. Johnston Offg. Const. Engineer for Railways

Sir.

1. The Board having in a letter which * 17th Inst. I have lately received, expressed their great regret that nothing had yet been done for the improvement of the Port of Beypoor or of the backwater communication with Cochin, and recommended to my increasing attention the prosecution of these highly important objects, I trust that I shall be excused for again calling your attention to my letter No. 811 of the 3rd July, in the hope that these subjects may have the early consideration of Government.

2. It is, I think, fair to look to the landing of the Mails and Passengers for Madras and Calcutta at Beypoor, as the necessary consequence of the completion of the Railway to that Port, since it will effect a saving of several days time in their reaching Madras. If I am right in this expectation, the importance in the present state of the Railway from Beypoor of doing early what is required to make Beypoor a fitting Port for these purposes, cannot be exaggerated.

3. It is of interest to mention that on the occasion of my late visit to Beypoor the Resident Engineer informed me that there had not been one day during the last Monsoon on which Mails and Passengers could not have been landed.

4. With reference to the other subject to which the Board direct my attention, the improvement of the backwater communication with Cochin, I would prefer now to paras 13 & 14 of Mr. Stephens' letter of the 28th June last to my address, which accompanied my letter to you of the 3rd July.

5. On this subject the further information which I drew at Beypoor I received from Mr. Lovell was that by the

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for them the early attention of Government.

Madras
23d September 1858

I have &c
Signed N. B. Ainsworth
Agent and Manager

Submitted with observations for
the orders of Government.

Madras
25th Sept. 1858.

Signed C. C. Johnston Capt.
Offg. Const. Engineer
for Railways

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in reference to para 3 of their Despatch dated
21st July Nº 47 of 1858. The Railway Agent's
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of Directors therein referred to, will be for-
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in continuation of the correspondence
communicated to it under date 20th July
last Nº 403- in view to early attention being
given to the subjects of which they treat.

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Chief Secretary

To,
The Public Works Department

Fort St George

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No 2125- C.W.D.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th October 1858.

Read the following Extra
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2 Written Extract
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Bombay 21st August 1858
Sir,

Public Works Dept.
Secy. to Govt.
No. 2287

Ex: Inund: Labourers in the

Financial Railway
Depmt.

Dated 30th } Depy. Secy. to Govt.
Recd 30th } No. 56
S.C. No. 2125. 12th October 1858.
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No. 2529.

Forwarding Letter from the Railway Agent & Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Board, & Extracts from the Minutes of Consultations of the Honble the Governor in Council, dated 21st ultimo, No. 2288, relative to the improvement of the Port of Beypore & the communication between that Port & Cochin, & requesting that early attention may be given to the subject of both letters.

Recd 24.

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The Officiating Chief
Engineer to report at an early
date on the works suggested by
Mr. Lowell for improving the
Bayfoot Harbour.

No. 1848/86.