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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th January 1862.

No. 20. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department dated 6th January 1862, No. 4 :—

Referring for consideration the question of entertaining Traffic Takers to ascertain the existing traffic on the road from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghát. (Vide Financial Proceedings, 6th January 1862, Nos. 7-8.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1862, No. 11.

The Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle will ascertain from the District Engineer Coimbatore, what number of Traffic Takers he considers necessary to ensure a correct return of traffic on the road in question, and the salary which they should receive.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from F. CHURCH, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager; to Lieutenant Colonel C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd December 1861, No. 1,036.

I have the honor to inform you with reference to the Orders of Government, dated the 30th July, No. 557, enquiring whether the Company is prepared to undertake the construction of a Tramway for horse traction from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghat, that the Board have authorized me, if it meet with the approval of Government to have Estimates prepared of the expense of making and working a Tramway for horse traction and also a light Railway at a moderate rate of speed to be worked by steam power.

2. The Board are of opinion that it is desirable that the Tramway and branch Railway should be of the same guage as the trunk lines.

3. The Board observe that, in the absence of any information of the cost of construction and working of the proposed Tramway or Estimate of the probable amount of its Traffic, they are not in a position to say whether it would be for the interests of the Railway or not to undertake its construction.

4. I have therefore to solicit the sanction of Government to be permitted to have Estimates of the expense of making and working the proposed Tramway prepared, and to be allowed to engage the services of eight Traffic* takers in order to ascertain the extent and nature of the existing Traffic.

*At a salary of Rupees 15 per mensem each.

Forwarded for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, No. 557, dated 30th July 1861, in which I was called upon to ascertain from the Agent whether "his Company are prepared to undertake the construction of a Railway for horse traction from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghat, and if so, to send in a plan and estimate for it at once."

2. The question of the advisability of constructing a first class Railway along this line was discussed in my Observations, No. 191, dated 15th August 1859, the concluding paragraph of which was as follows :—

"These certainly are not sufficient grounds at present in a commercial point of view to recommend the construction of the branch Railway from Coimbatore to Mettapolliem, but in every other point of view—Political, Military and Social—its advantages are so great that Government will probably be induced to sanction it."

3. The Acting Agent, on the authority of the Railway Board, now requests sanction "to have Estimates prepared of the expense of making and working a Tramway for horse traction, and also a light Railway, at a moderate rate of speed, to be worked by steam power," and to employ eight Traffic takers at a salary of Rupees 15 per mensem each, to ascertain the extent and nature of the existing Traffic.

MADRAS, (Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Lieut. Colonel,
24th December 1861. *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1862, No. 4.

The Government sanction the preparation of the Estimates to be proceeded with as soon as possible.

2. They would have no objection to sanction the employment of eight Traffic takers as proposed by the Acting Agent at 15 Rupees a month, but they doubt whether it might not be best to entertain fewer men at a higher rate of salary. The point will, however, be more fully considered in the Public Works Department to which it will be referred.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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