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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th January 1862.

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 16th January 1862, No. 38:—

Referring letter from the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, with the Consulting Engineer's observations thereon, on the subject of taking laterite from Tanjore to Negapatam on account of the roads leading to the latter Station. } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings, 16th January 1862, Nos. 74-75.)

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1862, No. 32.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle, who is requested to obtain and submit the necessary estimates for forming the roads leading to the Negapatam Railway Station, and for maintaining them in a proper state of repair. Colonel Birdwood will observe that the Agent to the Great Southern of India Railway offers to convey the laterite required for the above roads from Tanjore on payment of Locomotive charges only.

(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 Observations by Lieutenant Colonel C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 13th January 1862, No. 3, on letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, No. 301, dated 8th January 1862.

In this letter Mr. Betts brings to notice the bad state of the roads leading to the Negapatam Station, owing to the absence of metal in the neighbourhood, and to the great cost of such as can be obtained by Railway from Tanjore, in the vicinity of which town the nearest road material, a tolerable laterite, is found.

2. Considering that it would benefit the Railway Company to have good roads leading to the Negapatam Station, the Agent proposes to carry laterite for the Public Works Department on payment of Locomotive charges only. He states that the cost of an Engine per day is estimated by the Chief Engineer at Rupees 60.

3. If the daily delivery were only 192 tons per Engine, which is a moderate estimate, the cost of the carriage of the laterite would be 5 Annas a ton, or about 7½ Annas a cubic yard, I would therefore recommend, in consideration of Negapatam being a Terminal Station of the Railway, that a maintenance allowance sufficient to keep the roads leading to it metalled with Tanjore laterite be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer of Tanjore; the exact amount required for this purpose being determined in the Department of Public Works.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

From WILLIAM S. BETTS, Esq., Agent Great Southern of India Railway; to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 8th January 1862, No. 301.

The roads leading to our Station at Negapatam have for a long time past been in very bad condition, and I am told there is little hope for improvement without the Engineer, who has charge is able to get laterite to spread over them. The nearest at hand is to be found at Tanjore, but the cost of moving it from thence to Negapatam even if brought by Railway, so much exceeds the sum allowed for maintenance, that unless the Railway Company make a concession in their rate, the Department Public Works Engineer will be obliged to leave the roads as they are.

2. I think it so much to the interest of the Railway Company to have good roads leading to their stations, that I feel disposed to carry the laterite upon payment of Locomotive charges only, the Department Public Works to load and unload the trucks, and despatch them in train loads.

3. I have had a conversation with the Collector of Tanjore on this subject, he is anxious to do all in his power to improve the road communication in his district; and if I am able to make him the offer above alluded to, he will strongly recommend the Department Public Works to incur the expense. Will you kindly obtain the sanction of Government to my doing so.

4. The Chief Engineer estimates the cost of an Engine per day at 60 Rupees.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1862, No. 36.

Ordered that the Agent's letter and the Consulting Engineer's Observations thereon be referred to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

From the Chief Engr. 24 Dec 1862 Co. No. 1780 in Pro. 17 Jan 1862 Co. No. 1378

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