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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1864.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from Sir MACDONALD STEPHENSON, Chairman, Indian Tramway Company (Limited), to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd December 1863 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you with reference to the lines of light Railway in the Madras Presidency, which in the opinion of the Committee of the Indian Tramway Company are most required, and likely to be earliest remunerative, the Company are prepared if approved by the Government to undertake at once, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, the under-mentioned lines :—

1. Arconum to Conjeveram	17 Miles about.
2. Wallajahnugger (Arcot) to Station	5 "
3. Beypore to Calicut	8 "
4. Tinnevely by Palamcottah to Tuticorin	30 "
5. Madras to Saint Thomas' Mount, Poonamallee and Avady Station	20 "
6. Cochin line, viz., Shoranoor Station by Trichoor to Keerryaputnam... ..	42 "
	122 "

Or including sidings about 135 miles, upon the following conditions :—

- (1.) The gauge to be 3' 6," or 5' 6," at the option of the Company.
- (2.) Government to provide a suitable and substantial "substratum," (v.z., earthworks, culverts, bridges, viaducts and the ballast required for a good metalled road).
- (3.) Government to pay for maintenance £25 per mile per annum for a 3' 6," or £50 per mile per annum for a 5' 6" gauge, without restriction of time.
- (4.) Colonel Strachey's draft of conditions to be otherwise observed.
- (5.) The Indian Tramway Company to be permitted to construct, on the same terms, any extensions, or other selected lines, to the collective extent of 500 miles, of which the Government shall approve and which the Company may then be prepared to proceed with.

From Sir MACDONALD STEPHENSON, Chairman, Indian Tramway Company (Limited), to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd December 1863.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you, with reference to the notice required by Colonel Strachey's conditions relative to light Railways, that the object and nature of the works upon the Arconum and Conjeveram line are :—

"To construct, maintain, and work upon the Government road, a light Railway of "3' 6" gauge, with locomotive engines, for the transport of passengers, and merchandize of "all descriptions."

2. As the rails, machinery, engines, and rolling stock, are already nearly completed, and a portion on the way out, the Government will probably consider it advisable, that the necessary forms should be gone through, with all convenient despatch.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1864, No. 11.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched :—

(Here enter No. 12, dated 4th January 1864.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

4th January 1864.

No. 12.

No 24.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

SIR MACDONALD STEPHENSON,

Chairman, Indian Tramway Company (Limited).

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter of the 22nd December 1863, I am directed to inform you that the Government accepts the terms on which you propose to construct light lines of Railway from the Arconum station of the Madras and South Western Railway to Conjeveram, a distance of about seventeen miles, and from Arcot station, on the same line of Railway to Wallajanugger, five miles in length; but, as the terms you demand are in some respects in excess of those which this Government has been empowered by the Government of India to concede, I am desired to state that this acceptance of them is contingent on the approval of the Governor General in Council, to whom the matter will be referred for favorable consideration, with the strongest support of this Government.

2. In the meantime this Government will not object to your taking possession of half the width of the roads between Arconum and Conjeveram, and Arcot and Wallajanugger, on the understanding that in the event of these concessions being disallowed by the Government of India the roads shall be restored to their present state.

3. As regards the other lines which you intimate that the Company you represent are ready to take up, it appears to this Government, that the two from Beypoor to Calicut, as a continuation of the Madras and South-Western main line, and from Shorancor station, by Trichoor, to Keerrysputnam, towards Cochin, are the most important and deserving of the first attention, and I am to say that the terms on which you propose to construct them, as well as any others which your Company may be prepared to undertake, will be gladly taken into consideration as soon as Estimates of the probable cost of completing the "suitable and substantive substratum (viz., "earthworks, culverts, bridges, viaducts, and the ballast required for a good metalled road") which you require to be provided by the Government are submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Colonel W. R. P.
 Secy to Gov. P. D. S.
 Madras.

Madras Dec 22 1863.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to the notice required by Goldstick's Conditions relative to light railways, that the object, and nature of the works upon the Arcotum & Angulam lines are

"To Construct, maintain, and work, upon the"
 "Government Road, a light Railway of 3.6" gauge,"
 "with locomotive Engines, for the transport of"
 "Passengers, and Merchandise of all descriptions."

As the Rails, Machinery, Engines, and Rolling Stock are already nearly completed, and a portion on the way out, the Government will probably consider it advisable, that the necessary forms should be gone thro, with all convenient despatch.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Yours faithfully
 Macdonald Stephens & Co
 Chartered Indian Railway Co.

Colonel Orr. R.E.
 Lieut Col. R.W.D. &c.
 Madras.

Madras 22/1863

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to the lines of light Railway in the Madras Presidency, which, in the opinion of the Committee of the Indian Railway Co., are most required, and likely to be earliest remunerative, the Company are prepared, if approved by the Government, to undertake at once, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, the under mentioned lines -

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| 5. Madras to St. Thomas Mount. | } 20 " " |
| Pornamallee, & Abolish Station. | |
| 6. Coimbatore - viz Shorranor Station | } 42 |
| by Freshor to Keryaputnam - | |
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Or including Siding's about 135 miles

upon the following conditions.

1. The gauge to be 3.6. or 5.6 at the option of the Comp^y.
2. Government to provide a suitable & substantial "Substratum" (viz Earthwork, Culverts, Bridges, Viaducts, and the Ballast required for a good metalled track).
3. Government to pay for maintenance £25 per mile per annum for a 3.6 or £50 per mile per annum for a 5.6 gauge, without restriction of time.
4. Col. Sturges's Draft of Conditions to be otherwise observed.
5. The Indian Railway Co. to be permitted to construct.

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lines, to the collective extent of 500 miles, of which the
Gov^t shall approve, and which the Company may then
be prepared to proceed with.

Respectfully
I have the honor to be Sir

Yours faithfully
Macdonald Stephens
Chairman Indian Branch, & Co.

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more ~~on the same~~
station, by Frickoor,
Kerrigputnam,
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pleting the "Mita"
the said Submarine
Substation (viz:
Pettibooks, Pedvarts
Bridges, Viaducts,
and the Ballast
required for a good
metalled road)

To Mr. Macdonell
Chairman
Indian Railway Co. Ltd.

In reply to your letter
of the 22nd Dec. 1883
I am directed to
inform you that
the Government accept
the terms on which
you propose to con-
struct light lines
of Railway from
the Arcot
Station of the
Madras and
North Western Rail-
way to Coimbatore
a distance of about
seventeen miles
and from Arcot
Station, on the
same line of

Yours
J. D.

Copy in a letter to England
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from the Chairman
Indian Railway
Company Limited
New York

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that this acceptance
of them is contingent
on the approval of
the Finance General
in Council, &
thence the matter
will be referred
for favorable con-
sideration, with
the strongest sup-
port of this govern-
ment.

which you require
to be provided
by the government
are submitted.

W.B.
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Chepauk
4th Jan'y 1864

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To Mr Chairman
Indian Railway
(Limited)

Dated 4 Jany 1864

Letter No. 1402 of 1864

Informing that
the terms on which the
proposes to construct
light lines of Railway
from the Arcanum
Station of the Madras
& South Western Railway
to Conjevaram, &c. are
accepted subject
to the approval of the
Supreme Government.

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