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COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Government of India, with reference to previous correspondence on the subject of light Railways in this Presidency, the accompanying papers relating to the construction of the several marginally described lines which the Chairman of the Indian Tramway Company, Sir Macdonald Stephenson, who lately visited Madras, has intimated that the Company is prepared to undertake to complete on certain terms.

Arconum to Conjeveram	17 Miles.
Wallajahnugger to Arcot Railway Station ..	6 "
Beyapore to Calicut	8 "
Tinnevely to Taticorin via Palamcottah ..	30 "
Madras to Saint Thomas' Mount, Poonamallee and Avady Railway Station	20 "
Cochin line, viz., Shoranoor Railway Station by Trichoor to Kerryaputnam	42 "
Total	122 Miles.
Or including sidings about	135 "

2. These terms are:—

- (1.) The gauge to be 3' 6," or 5' 6," at the option of the Company.
- (2.) The Government to provide a suitable and substantial substratum, viz., earthworks, culverts, bridges, viaducts and the ballast required for a good metalled road.
- (3.) The Government to provide a maintenance of £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 Company to be permitted to construct, on the same terms, any extension, 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.

3. The proposals thus made having been brought forward in so definite a form by a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the objects and resources of the Company which he represents, this Government was satisfied that it would be expedient to facilitate those objects in every reasonable manner: and having the assurance of Sir Macdonald Stephenson that, as materials for laying down and working Light Railways on the roads from the Arconum station of the Madras and South Western Railway to Conjeveram, and from the Arcot station of the same Railway to the large commercially important town of Wallajahnugger were being prepared, and partly on their way out to this country, any difficulties or delays in accepting his terms would prejudice the power of the Company to raise money in England and cause the indefinite postponement of the introduction of a system of transport which promises such great advantages, the Governor in Council anxious to facilitate and expedite the formation of one or more of these lines of Railway as an experiment, resolved to accept the proposals of the Tramway Company so far as related to the construction of these two lines subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, and to allow the Company in the meantime, and in anticipation of the execution of an agreement and of registry, at once to take possession of half the width of the roads in order to preparing them for the reception of rails shortly expected from England.

4. The Government was the more readily induced to make these partial concessions as they did not differ materially from those formerly offered, or which this Government has been authorized to grant, except as regards the amount of maintenance, and the non-limitation of time for which it is to be granted.

Moreover, the stipulation which appeared most opposed to the views of the Government of India, viz., that the Company should be permitted to construct "on the same terms" other lines, and extensions, to the collective length of 500 miles is waived, and it is probable that, as occupation of land already in the possession of Government is alone demanded, at all events in

See Section XX of the Act.

the first instance, the provisions of Act XXII of 1863, will not require to be brought into operation.

Under these circumstances, I am to request that the proceedings of this Government may be favorably viewed by the Government of India, and that the concessions made to the Tramway Company may be confirmed, pending the submission of a draft Agreement, which the Government Solicitor will be instructed to draw up for the approval of the Governor General in Council.

With respect to the other lines noted in the margin of paragraph 1, the Government have intimated to Sir Macdonald Stephenson that it considered those from Beypore to Calicut and from the Shoranoor Railway Station to Keeriyaputnum the most important, and that the terms on which the Indian Tramway Company proposed to construct them, as well as any other lines which it may be prepared to undertake, would be taken into consideration as soon as Estimates of the probable cost of completing the suitable and substantial substratum, which is to be provided by the State, shall have been received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

To the Secretary to the Government of India
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4th To send a copy of conditions to be otherwise observed -

5th The Company to be permitted to construct, on the same terms, an extension, or other electric lines, to the collective extent of 500 miles, of which the Govt. shall approve, and which the Company may then be

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2 The proposal thus made having been brought forward in so definite a form by a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the objects and resources of the Company which he represents, the Govt. was satisfied that it would be expedient to facilitate those objects in every reasonable manner; and having the assurance of Sir Macdonald Stephenson that, as materials for laying down and working Great Railways on the roads.

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Papers relative
to the proposals made by
the Chairman of the
Indian Railway
Co. for the construction
of certain lines of light
Railway in the Madras
Presidency for use
to the Govt of India.

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