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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th January 1864.**

No. 334. Read the following letter from C. MURRAY, Esq., Acting Agent, Indian Tramway Company (Limited), to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras — October 1863 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 292, dated 3rd June 1862, I have the honor to send herewith a Survey, Plan and Section of the road from Arconum to Conjeveram, and have to request His Excellency the Governor in Council will have the goodness to issue instructions that the Indian Tramway Company may be allowed to lay their rails on the road. I may mention that the road from the crossing at Wallajahpett road to Conjeveram is not made or metalled, and I have the honor further to beg that His Excellency will be so good as to postpone any contemplated measures for completing it.

2. The Resident Engineer of the Company, G. Hardinge, Esq., has arrived, and active operations will be commenced so soon as the weather permits.

3. It is intended to work this line with Steam engines which have been ordered out from England, and it is believed they are now on the way.

4. I beg to state that no one in this Company has a Power of Attorney from the Company, but orders have been received to commence this line at once, and I believe the Power of Attorney will shortly be received; and it is hoped that the fact of the Company being about to lay out money on the line will be a sufficient guarantee that the Company is in existence and means to carry out the undertaking.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with copies of the previous correspondence as per annexed Memorandum :—

Proceedings	3rd June	1862, No. 292.
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(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st October 1863.

No. 335.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1864, No. 165.
Recorded, with reference to G. O. No. 12, dated 4th January 1864.

(True Extract)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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**FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Railway Department, dated Fort William, 18th September 1862, No. 3,611.

Having reference to former correspondence noted in margin,* on the subject of the Indian Tramway Company, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of correspondence with the Government of Bengal and of the conditions approved of by the Government of India for the construction of Branch Railways on certain roads in Bengal.

2. His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that any agreements in general conformity with those thus approved for Bengal, into which the Madras Government may desire to enter for the construction of specific lines of Railway, will be sanctioned by the Government of India, unless some financial obstacle stands in the way.

3. The Agent of the Tramway Company has specially proposed to take up a line of Railway on the road leading from the Arconum Junction on the Madras Railway to Conjeveram, a distance of about 22 miles. This proposal the Madras Government will deal with at its discretion.

4. I am further to remark that it will be well to follow as far as practicable the form of the conditions proposed for the Bengal lines in all agreements entered into in Madras, as uniformity in such matters is greatly conducive to convenience. Of course the precise terms of special stipulations will be liable to vary.

5. I am to request particular attention to paras. 14 and 15 of my letter No. 3,609 to the Government of Bengal, as explaining the financial bearing of outlay for these objects, and the manner in which the Government of India desires that it may be dealt with.

ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1862, No. 596.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter and its enclosures be furnished to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
(with the enclosures.)

Exd. T. McMootry.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, in the Railway Department, dated Fort William, 26th September 1862, No. 3,762.

Railway.

Your letter No. 460, dated 25th August, having been submitted to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, I am directed in reply to observe that, after the full exposition of the views of the Government of India relative to the nature of the arrangements that in its estimation might properly be made with the Tramway Company, contained in the correspondence sent to the Madras Government with my letter No. 3,641, dated 18th September 1862, H. E. in C. believes that no further general discussion of these matters will now be necessary.

2. At the same time, with reference to the observations contained in your letter under acknowledgment, I am to remark that the Government of India continues to consider it to have been unadvisable that general pledges, including a guarantee against competing lines, should have been given to any one Company, as such pledges might hamper the Madras Government in the event of more favorable terms being proposed at any future time and for any special project, from any other quarter.

3. The Agent of the Tramway Company, however, having now referred his specific proposals regarding the projected lines in the Madras Territory to the G. G. in C., it may be understood that his direct communications with the Government of Madras have not been looked on by him as conclusive, and no further action seems called for in reference to Mr. Arbuthnot's letter No. 292, dated 3rd June last.

ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1862, No. 606.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 18th November 1862, No. 16.

No. 55. I transmit herewith for your Excellency's information a copy of a letter* dated the 13th instant, addressed by me to the Government of India, regarding negotiations that have taken place with the Agents of the Branch Railway and the Tramway Companies, from which you will perceive that I have approved of the conclusions on the general subject arrived at by the Government of India and communicated to you by Lieutenant Colonel Strachey's letter to your Secretary, No. 3,641 of the 18th September last.

From the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 18th November 1862, No. 56.

1. I have received and considered in Council your letter of the 20th September last, No. 48, upon the subject of the negotiations which have taken place between your Excellency's Government and the Agents of the India Branch Railway and Indian Tramway Companies.

2. I have observed with satisfaction the care which has been bestowed upon these negotiations with the view of affording every proper encouragement to the investment of private Capital in laying down and working light lines of Railway in India; and I approve of the general conclusions at which your Excellency has arrived, and which are very clearly expressed in Lieutenant Colonel Strachey's letter to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, of the 18th September last, and in the draft agreement which accompanied it.

3. Your attention has, I have no doubt, been specially directed to the necessity of providing adequate protection to the public from any danger or inconvenience which might arise from the traffic on those lines of Railway or Tramway which may occupy a portion of the ordinary roads of the country, and it is indispensable that the local Government should be perfectly satisfied upon this point before any other such lines are sanctioned. I am glad to observe that ample power has been reserved to Government in the draft agreement to secure the erection of proper fencing where necessary; and I rely upon the local authorities in enforcing this condition.

4. It has been properly determined that the pecuniary contributions of Government in aid of Railways of the description proposed shall form part of the ordinary Public Works expenditure, and that, subject to the general rules as to their power of authorizing expenditure, the Local Governments will be competent to accept or reject any particular projects, and to enter into contracts regarding them, subject however for the present, to your previous sanction.

5. The further development of this important subject I commit with confidence to the care of your Excellency's Government. By the course which it is proposed to adopt, great inducements will be held out to the investment of Capital in the undertakings in question, and I trust that the success of the first experiments will be such that at no distant time, contractors may be found ready to bear a larger proportion of their cost, and that private enterprise may thus become a most valuable assistance to Government in the improvement of the internal communications of India.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1863, No. 5.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and its enclosure be furnished to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 25th October last, No. 596.

(True Extract.)

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. T. McMootry.

Chief Secretary.

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FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. 16.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

TO

MESSRS. HODDINGS, TOWNSEND AND Co.,

LONDON,

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th June last, (received on the 25th October) requesting the aid of the Madras Government to a project for the construction of a light Railway from Madras to a point of junction with the Great Southern of India Railway, with a Branch from Chingleput to Conjeveram and thence to Arconum.

2. In reply I am desired to transmit to you for the information of the promoters of the undertaking, the accompanying printed copy of a selection of papers on the subject of constructing light Railways in India, and to refer you to pages 20 at 29 for the conditions approved of by the Government of India for the construction of light Railways on certain roads in Bengal.

From Lieutenant Colonel R. Strachey, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Department, 18th September 1862, No. 3,641.

3. It will be seen from the letter of the date noted in the margin and printed at page 36, that any agreements in general conformity with those approved for Bengal, into which

this Government may desire to enter for the construction of lines of Railway, will be sanctioned by the Government of India, unless some financial obstacle should stand in the way.

4. The Madras Government, I am to observe, while anxious to support the construction of Railways of the description of those to which you refer by every legitimate means, and fully sensible of their importance, would not consider themselves justified in taking any shares in the Capital.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

10th January 1863.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T: McMootry.

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FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 25th June 1863, No. 8.

Herewith are transmitted for your Excellency's information and guidance, copies of a correspondence between this office and the Secretary of the Indian Tramway Company, Limited, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Light Railway from Conjeveram to the Arconum Junction of the Madras Railway.

From M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary Indian Tramway Company, Limited; to the Under Secretary of State for India, &c., &c., India Office, S. W., dated 62 Moorgate Street, E. C., 12th June 1863.

I am desired by the Directors of the Indian Tramway Company, Limited, to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council, that pending the negotiations for terms, on which to construct lines generally, the Board proposed to proceed at once to construct a line of light Railway from Conjeveram to the Arconum Junction of the Madras Railway on the terms granted by the Madras Government and modified by those specified in Colonel Strachey's letter, so that there will be no difference of opinion on this point, the object being to make a commencement and show the people of India and the Home public what these lines can accomplish. The Board only request that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council will give them an assurance, that the Madras Government has authority to conclude, without further reference Home, the necessary arrangements with the Company's Engineer who is about to proceed to India for the purpose.

From J. COSMO MELVILL, Esq., to M. R. SCOTT, Esq., dated India Office, 18th June 1863.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, No. — and to acquaint you in reply that in the event of proposals for the construction of a light Railway from Conjeveram to the Arconum Junction of the Madras Railway being made by the Directors of the Indian Tramway Company to the Madras Government, the latter have authority to deal with them, without further reference to the Secretary of State in Council in such manner and on such terms as may have received the approval of the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1863, No. 379.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and its enclosure be furnished to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th January last, No. 5.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 30th May 1863, No. 6.

Herewith is transmitted a copy of a letter from the Directors of the Madras Railway Company, to their Agent, No. 320. I have informed the Directors that I have no intention of guaranteeing interest for the line to Conjeveram; and that the paragraphs in the letter which relate to the Pier at Beypore, do not express my views on the subject, which were detailed in my Public Works Despatch of the 1st December 1859, No. 40.

From J. WALKER, Esq., Managing Director; to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, Madras, dated London, 1st May 1863, No. 320.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, Nos. 524 to 526 with their enclosures, Indents Nos. 176 to 178 South West Line, and Bills of Exchange for £97 10s., £61 10s., £52 10s., £10 3s., and £10 2s. 6d., which have been realized.

2. A statement for the quarter ending 31st March last, showing the sums advanced and paid in this country on account of servants in India, was forwarded to you by the Mail of the 20th ultimo.

3. With reference to your letters Nos. 514 and 518, paragraph 21, the Board have appointed Mr. Thomas Edward Jackson, formerly a Sub-Assistant Engineer on the line, to be a third-class Engineer, on the usual terms and conditions. He will proceed to join by the Steamer of the 20th instant.

4. Adverting to paragraph 6 of your letter, No. 524, forwarding two parts of a Bond for £1,000, signed by Mr. Peele, for execution by the People's Provident (now the European) Assurance Society, I have to state that they do not execute joint documents of this description, but give their separate Bond under corporate seal for the amount required. To meet future cases I enclose two forms of Bond for your office, No. 1 for the employé with a private surety; No. 2 for the employé giving a Guarantee Society as surety. You will be good enough to have two copies of the latter completed by Mr. Peele, and transmit one to me, when the two parts above acknowledged will be cancelled. The £1,000 guarantee policy of the European Assurance Society in Mr. Peele's favor is dated 10th November 1862. For your guidance I send a list of servants providing guarantee sureties, with the amounts and dates of the Bonds respectively.

5. In reply to paragraph 3 of your No. 524, the Board approve of the Chief Engineer having declined, for the reasons stated, to support Mr. T. M. H. Johnston's claim for further promotion; and the notice given by that gentleman of the termination of his engagement in the Company's service has been accepted.

6. In reference to paragraphs 7 to 10 of the same letter, the Board agree with you in considering that the time has not arrived for a further increase of Mr. Peele's salary.

7. Referring to the explanation given in paragraph 2 of your No. 526, respecting the dismissal of Platelayer Boardman, that it was founded upon a personal representation made by the Chief Engineer, I am to observe that it is desirable such representations should be in writing, so as to form a record for reference if need be. The first copy of your letter of the 20th October, giving the man notice of dismissal, was duly received, but it failed to afford the desired information as to the nature of the misconduct for which he was dismissed; and we were thereby placed at a disadvantage in resisting a claim made by Boardman on his arrival to be reimbursed his passage money.

8. No copy of the estimate referred to in paragraph 9 was received with that of the Accountant's letter of the 24th October last, in your packet of the 27th of that month. The copy sent with your letter under reply supplies the deficiency.

9. In reference to your suggestion in paragraph 8 of No. 522, that to ensure the success of the scheme for constructing a tramway to Calicut, this Company should become Shareholders, in the proposed Beypore Tramway Company, to the extent of Rupees 20,000, I am to inform

you that the Board have no power to enter into an arrangement of that kind, however desirable it may be for the interest of the Railway that the undertaking in question should be carried out. We hope, however, that the want of so small an amount as you have mentioned will not arrest its progress; and if any other way can be suggested in which the Board could with propriety assist the promoters of this useful work, their best consideration shall be given to it.

10. We are glad to learn by paragraph 12, that Colonel Ouchterlony had been deputed to complete his survey of the line for a Tramway from Coimbatore to the Hills, and to look to the repairs in progress on the carriage road, which we hope will be ready for the running of the Carrying Company's coaches on it this season.

11. With regard to the undertaking referred to in paragraph 10 of a Tramway to Conjeveram by the Indian Tramway Company, the Board regret to say that there appears little probability of this work being entered on by that Company for the present. Under these circumstances, and considering the large population of Conjeveram and its neighbourhood, and the great numbers of pilgrims that resort to it periodically—numbers that will certainly be much increased on the extension of the North West Line, and the completion of the Bangalore branch—it becomes a question whether the construction of the short and easy branch from Arconum Junction to Conjeveram should not be undertaken by the Railway Company, subject, of course, to the approval of Government.

12. The Board will be glad to have your opinion and that of the Chief Engineer on this question, based on the probable cost of the branch, the population of Conjeveram and its adjoining District, and the amount of traffic, both regular and occasional, that might be expected to come upon the branch. In estimating the value of such a feeder, it is of course to be borne in mind that every pilgrim passenger by it will travel for a greater or less distance on the main line also, to or from his place of abode.

13. When you have obtained the necessary data, it will be desirable that you should submit them, with your opinion, to the Government, in view to obtaining an expression of their sentiments on the proposal.

14. The decision of the Government, communicated in your letter, No. 522, against the erection at present of the pier at Beypore, for which our Chief Engineer, at His Excellency the Governor's suggestion, had submitted a plan and estimate, has caused the Board great disappointment, not so much for the rejection of the proposed plan (of the merits of which they have not the means of judging), as for expressions in the Government order adverse to the execution of any such work "until the increasing trade of the port proves that there is a demand for it." That the trade is at present inconsiderable, appears to the Board a strong reason, not for leaving the port as it is, but for endeavoring to attract traffic by improving it, if that can be done at a reasonable cost; and this view of the case will yet, we trust, commend itself to the judgment of the authorities. The estimate of the pier submitted by Mr. Smart was under Rupees 47,000, we observe.

15. It can hardly be necessary to point out that the Government is as much interested as the Company in making this Railway pay, at all events, its guaranteed interest; and that the establishment of a through traffic upon the line in connection with steamers on the two sides of the peninsula, offers one of the most promising sources of improvement in its revenue. But to accomplish this object successfully, it is essential that means of safe and ready communication between the ship and the shore should exist at both termini; and as far as possible at all times of the year. For this purpose, as well as for the benefit of the general trade of the country, something might surely be done with propriety and advantage for the improvement of the port of Beypore, as for other ports. Whether that should take the shape of a pier, or of a breakwater on the reefs outside the natural boat harbour, both of which schemes have at different times been proposed by our Engineers, it is not for the Board to say; but in discharge of their duty to their shareholders, and as they believe in the interest of the public also, they would earnestly deprecate the conclusion that because of the little trade of the port in its unimproved state, nothing should be done to improve it, and they would respectfully urge the question again on the consideration of the Government.

16. The Chief Engineer's report for the half-year ending 31st December last, having been communicated to Mr. Hawkshaw, he has offered on it some observations in a letter of the 20th ultimo, of which a copy is enclosed for Mr. Smart's information, in regard to the permanent structure to be provided for the Kuddlehoondy viaduct, and the arrangement proposed by him in laying the Iron sleepers of the permanent way of the line. The additional tie bars, &c., required are being provided. In his observations on the proposal to utilize the old chairs by recasting them into sleepers, Mr. Hawkshaw appears to us to have misunderstood Mr. Smart in supposing that he contemplated reducing the weight of metal in each sleeper.

17. When the plan of the permanent viaduct over the Kuddlehoondy estuary is finally determined on by the Chief Engineer, he will prepare a requisition for what is wanted from this country, which you will submit as usual for the sanction of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1863, No. 456.

Communicated to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. McMootry.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT,

No. 292.

From

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

CHARLES MURRAY, Esq.,

Honorary Secretary to the Indian Tramway Company.

SIR,

Adverting to the proposals which were submitted to His Excellency the Governor by the Deputation of the Indian Tramway Company which waited upon His Excellency on the 24th ultimo, and with reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that the Government of Madras will be prepared to accede to those proposals to the following extent:

- 1st. It will give the land required for the construction of Tramways free of all payment.
- 2nd. It will exempt from the payment of duty all Materials and Machinery that may be imported for the Company's works.
- 3rd. It will guarantee the Company for a certain time, to be settled hereafter, against competing lines.
- 4th. It will allow the Company to lay their rails upon existing public roads when these are wide enough to admit of Tramways being constructed on them without interfering with the ordinary traffic, and in cases in which the Government proposes to construct a road, it will be prepared to transfer the construction of such road to the Company, paying to the latter either at once or by instalments the amount estimated as the cost of the said road. It will also be prepared to grant to the Company when one of their lines of rail is laid upon a Government road, a proportion of the amount estimated for its annual maintenance.
- 5th. The Government will not interfere with the arrangements of the Company until the profits exceed 15 per cent.
- 6th. All payments from the Government will cease as soon as the profits amount to 5 per cent.
- 7th. Government will give every information in its possession which may be calculated to aid the Company in carrying on its work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd June 1862.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From Lieutenant Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 28th June 1862, No. 2,453.

Railway.

At a recent interview between His Excellency the Viceroy and the Calcutta Local Committee of the Indian Tramway Company, it was mentioned that His Excellency the Governor of Madras had, in reply to an application from the Agent of that Company, named certain terms on which the co-operation of the Government of Madras in the objects of the Company was promised. A copy of the letter in which these terms were stated is now before His Excellency the Governor General in Council, and he directs me to remark that they appear far more favorable than those he would be disposed to accord to offers so vague as those of the Tramway Company, or than the Secretary of State is likely to sanction. His Excellency is of opinion that, in proportion as the proposals of a Company are definite, the terms offered by the Government may, in like degree, be liberal; but that indefinite offers on the part of a Company must of necessity be met by extreme caution on the part of the Government. In the former case the Government of India would be prepared to accord the most favorable terms to encourage Capitalists to come forward to carry out any approved proposal of a definitive character; whereas in the latter case there could be little more said than that the Government would generally be willing to encourage such enterprise, and might be disposed for the present, under ordinary circumstances, to grant the necessary land free of cost. The Government of India has already acted in this sense in dealing with a gentleman who proposed to lay down Rails on a Road in Bengal, and will be ready in like manner to give cordial support to any well considered scheme that the Government of Madras may desire to recommend, within the limits of prudence.

2. His Excellency the Governor General in Council must remind the Government of Madras of the serious financial responsibility that will attend any general promises on the part of the Government to support such undertakings as these, and until some established basis is laid down on which the co-operation of the Government of India can be promised, it will be better that the Madras Government should refer for the approval of the Government of India any proposals of this nature that it may desire to see sanctioned, and that may be likely to involve the outlay of funds not already at its absolute disposal.

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 6th August 1862.

I have read the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Strachey, R. E., on the subject of terms which the Government of Madras expressed its willingness to grant to the Tramway Company.

I cannot see that the definiteness of the proposals of a Company should be any guide to the Government in determining the principles upon which that Government would be disposed to act for the encouragement of a particular class of undertakings. It is of importance to Capitalists, or to persons willing to form Companies for the construction of any kind of Public Works that they should be aware of the amount of assistance which the Government is disposed to accord to them.

If they are to be told generally that the Government would be willing to encourage such enterprise—this is too vague a statement to justify the formation of a Company or the subscription of funds; but if they know exactly the extent to which the Government is willing to go in encouraging the undertaking, the promoters are in a position to make their calculations with reference to any particular scheme or schemes and to submit them for approval.

I think that the Government of India has misconceived the effect which the Proceedings of the Madras Government with reference to these proposed Tramways is likely to have.

The Government is in no way pledged by the expression of opinion in the letter to Mr. Murray to any particular scheme or to any particular outlay. Each proposal for the construction of a Tramway would have to be considered on its own merits, and an estimate of the expenditure entailed upon the Government would be submitted in the regular Budget.

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It does not appear to me that it is at all necessary that the Government should make any reference to the Government of India upon such matters, until it is in a position to state the probable effect which the proposed scheme would have upon the finances.

(Signed) W. DENISON.

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, dated—August 1862.

I think that this Government has certainly pledged itself in the letter addressed to Mr. Murray, to grant him, or his Company, all the privileges particularized in it, to any scheme brought forward by the Company that the Government may approve of. If this is not to be considered to have been done, of what value is the letter to the Company. Our proceedings were necessarily subject to the approval of the Supreme Government, and this has not been accorded; consequently, I presume, the terms we consented to, must be considered to have been set aside by the Supreme Government. We are therefore no longer able to fulfil our promise made to Mr. Murray—perhaps it would be right to communicate this to Mr. Murray, unless we deemed it well, first to submit an explanation to the Supreme Government, such as the President suggests, also asking them if they meant that we should set aside the Proceedings already recorded.

(Signed) W. A. MOREHEAD.

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE E. MALTBY, dated—August 1862.

It seems to me necessary to conform to the instructions which we have received, since if the Government of India disapprove of such a course we have no authority to grant land to a private Company or relieve its materials from customs duty. A communication modifying or superseding our late orders should be made to Mr. Murray. Those orders were in my opinion too vaguely expressed—they seem to pledge us to give land wherever the Company decide to have a Tramway, though an approval of the line by Government in the first instance was, I understood, intended.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1862, No. 459.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(True Extract.)

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T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From
L. Murray Esq.
Acting Agent Indian Tramway Company
The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

With reference to the proceedings of Government
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herewith a Survey—Plan and Section of the road from
Arcorum to Conjiveram and have to request His
Excellency the Governor in Council will have the
goodness to issue instructions that the Indian Tramway
Company may be allowed to lay their rails on the
road—I may mention that the road from the crossing at
Wallajahpett road, to Conjiveram is not made or
mattalled and I have the honor further to beg that
His Excellency will be so good as to postpone any
contemplated measures for completing it.

The Resident Engineer of the company
G. Harding Esq. has arrived and active operations
will be commenced so soon as the weather permits.

It is intended to work this line with
Steam Engines which have been ordered out from
England and it is believed they are now on the way.

I beg to state that no one in this Company
has a Power of Attorney from the Company but orders
have been received to commence this line at once and
and I believe the Power of Attorney will shortly be
received and it is hoped that the fact of the Company
being about to lay out money on this line will be a
sufficient guarantee that the Company is in existence
and means to carry out the undertaking.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedt

and humble Servt

Madras
October 16th

W. C. C. C.

Acting Agent Indian

Tramway Company

As: June 1882

Paul H. 1883

1883

Ag. Agent of the
Western Railway Co.
(Seattle)

Sept 1883
Henry
Cross Street

No 105

Washington, D.C.
Plan of the Wood form
Specimen of (specimen)
I request that you should
may be seen, so that
the Company may know
of the West Rail

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No. 38 June 1882 \$292.
- 35 Aug. - 459.
- 24 Sept. - 530.
- 25 Oct. - 596.
- 29 Nov. - 606.
- 6 January 1883 5.
- 10 Feb. - 16.
- 30 July - 379.
- 10 Sept. - 456.

Wm. George
at Seattle, 1883
to the U.S. of Public Works.
A. J. Culbertson
Chief Secretary
to Government

W. H. 1863
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