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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th October 1864.*

No. 350. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Officiating Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 24th September 1864, No. 63:—

SIR,

Dated 21st instant.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, copy of a communication received from Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co., in which they propose a scheme for the formation of a Railway between Cochin and the Madras Railway, which may ultimately, if found desirable, be extended to Trevandrum; but before introducing it to the public they are desirous to learn if they may rely upon the countenance and support of the British Government as connected with the Native States, and those States themselves in support of the scheme.

2. I have already had occasion to refer to the advantages of connecting Cochin by a line of rail with the Madras Railway at Shoranoor, and it seems unquestionable that the interests of these States will be greatly promoted by the adoption of the scheme which Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co. are now prepared to place before the public, if it is assured of the countenance of the British Government.

3. I shall at once place the matter before their Highnesses the Rajahs of Cochin and Travancore, and there can be no doubt that from the enlightened policy which has guided the Governments of these States, the beneficial results of this important measure will be duly appreciated, and their Highnesses' sanction and support accorded to the scheme.

4. If the scheme is matured under the sanction of Government, the terms on which the work is to be carried out between Cochin and Shoranoor, may then be adjusted between His Highness the Rajah of Cochin and the Company to be formed.

Transferred to the Public Works Department in reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated 26th September last, No. 2,785.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th October 1864.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1864, No. 3,011.

The Government have already intimated in their Proceedings of the 26th September 1864, No. 2,785, that they are neither prepared to undertake the construction of a line of Railway from Shoranoor to Narakal and Cochin, nor to guarantee the interest on the outlay upon the work. They now request that the Officiating Resident of Travancore and Cochin will state what definite meaning is attached to the expression "countenance and support," used in the first paragraph of his letter, as well as in the communication of Messrs. Scott Brothers & Co.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.
" Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Financial Railway Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From
Messrs Scott, Brothers and Co.
Cochin

To
H. Newill Esquire,
Resident of Travancore and Cochin
Trevandrum

Sir,

We have the honor to submit to you before introducing it to the Public, a scheme for the formation of a Railway between Cochin and the Madras Railway Company, which might ultimately if found desirable be extended to Trevandrum.

There are of course more accurate data such as the cost of construction, amount of Capital required &c to be entered into, and which we are at present obtaining, but we are anxious as early as possible to learn if we might rely upon the countenance and support of the British Government as connected with the Native States, and those States themselves in support of our scheme.

Awaiting the favor of an early reply.

Cochin
21st Sept 1864

We remain
Yours
Messrs Scott Brothers & Co.

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Cochin, 21st Sept 1864.

As to the advisability of connecting the important sea port town of Cochin and the large States of Cochin and Travancore with the rest of the continent of India by Railway there can, we presume, be no two opinions. The Madras Railway Company having for some unaccountable reasons made the terminus of their Line at Bussport, where a very indifferent Port exists, instead of at Cochin where there

is a capacious and easily improved one. it has been determined to remedy this fault by the formation of the Cochin and Travancore Railway Company.

2 Trade. It requires only a glance at the exports of the Port of Cochin, which for the official year 1863, amount to 24,000 Tons and which have been gradually increasing for the last ten years to feel sure that a sufficient carrying trade exists to give occupation to a Railway. The imports are not sufficiently known to quote, but it may be remarked, that during the year 1863, 520 square rigged vessels yielding 109,669 Tons and Pattimars, Dhories &c amounting to 24,279 Tons showing a grand total of 1390 vessels called at Cochin. This business would, it is very naturally presumed, be indefinitely increased, if a Railway connected the safe and commodious Port of Cochin with the neighbouring important Native States to the Malabar Railway and thus directly with Malabar, Kynnaad and the rest of the Continent of Southern India.

3. Post. The Oorland mail which at present passes Cochin and via Galle reaches Madras and Calcutta, would, in the event of a Railway connecting this place with the Madras Railway be necessarily left here and forwarded by a Rail, by which a saving at least of 5 days would be effected.

4 Passenger. Not would passengers be slow to avail themselves of this route, and thus save themselves for most parts of Southern India the tedium of an additional week's sea voyage.

5. Outlay. As to the expense of construction, it is not calculated, it would be high. On the contrary, with the cordial support of the Cochin and Travancore Sirkars, which may be confidently anticipated and taking into consideration that the River Ponany which separates Cochin from British Territory and Madras Railway has already been spanned by a magnificent Bridge very nearly completed, the promoters are sanguine that this line would be one entailing a comparatively small original

outlay. The late Chamber of Commerce estimated the cost at Rupees 3,20,000 on what data we are not informed but it may be well admitted even the outlay of Rupees 5,00,000 would not be more than could be profitably expended in the useful and important work under consideration.

1/21/97 Scott Brothers & Co.

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M. M. M.
Offg. Resident.

[Handwritten signature]

N^o 63

President's Office, Travancore

Travancore, 24 September 1864.

To
H. G. Nevill Esquire
Off. President of Travancore & Cochin

The Hon^{ble} J. J. Belcher Esq
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

8/21st Instant.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, copy of a communication received from Messrs Scott Brothers & Co., in which they propose a Scheme for the formation of a Railway between Cochin and the Madras Railway, which may ultimately, if found desirable, be extended to Travancore; but, before introducing it to the public, they are desirous to learn if they may rely upon the countenance and support of the British Government as connected with the Native States, and those of States themselves, in support of the Scheme.

Letter N^o 49 of 5 Aug^r 1864.

I have already had occasion, to refer, to the advantages of connecting Cochin by a line of Rail with the Madras Railway at Thoranor, and it seems unquestionable that the interests of these States will be greatly promoted by the adoption of the Scheme which Messrs Scott Brothers & Co. are now prepared to place before the public, if it is approved of the countenance of the British Government.

I shall at once place the matter before Their Highnesses, the Rajahs of Cochin and Travancore, and there can be no doubt that from the enlightened policy which has guided the Governments of these States, the beneficial results of this important measure will be duly appreciated and Their Highnesses' sanction and support acceded.

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Recd a letter from the off^r dividing of Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 26 Sept 1864

From

Messrs Scott Brothers & Co

To

The off^r President of Travancore & Cochin

17/9/64

Submitted a scheme for the formation of a Railway between Cochin and the Madras Railway

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ended to the Scheme.

4. If the Scheme is matured under the sanction of Government, the terms on which the work is to be carried out between Cochim and Thoranoor, may then be adjusted between His Highness the Rajah of Cochim and the Company to be formed.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most Obedt^{ly} Servant,

Merrill
Offg President

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