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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th February 1864.*

No. 522. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector and Special Agent, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cam. Kalacoorchy, 6th January 1864, No. 1:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Governor in Council, the accompanying application in original with translation, addressed to His Excellency by certain merchants and others, residents of Pondicherry of high respectability and status.

2. The application prays for the permission of Government to survey the country between Pondicherry and the Madras Railway, in order to determine which of the three projected lines of route specified by the applicants is to be preferred as a connecting branch between the Settlement of Pondicherry and the main line.

3. The application is made under the provisions of Section VI of Act XXII of 1863, and I think it is deserving of favorable consideration.

4. I feel there may be possible objections to the project of connecting this part of the country with the Madras Railway at the Tripatore Station, but this would not seem either the time or the place to discuss those objections; and in the belief that the Act in question imposes no restriction in regard to those who may desire to engage in promoting works of public utility, I have not considered the fact of the present applicants being foreigners offered any bar whatever to the entertainment of their request. They came into the field like all other enterprising individuals; and if they be willing to expend a large capital in opening up the country through British territory in the hope to promote their own mercantile interests, the risk would seem exclusively theirs while the gain must be unquestionably ours.

5. I hardly anticipate objections on the part of Government to the preliminary survey which the French Railway Committee desire to make. Without a survey they could not be in a position to come forward with any definite schemes or proposals for the Government approval under the terms of the Act; and the Act itself clearly contemplates the necessity for such preliminary survey by providing specially the ways and means of carrying it out in all great projects originating under its sanction; and with the authority of Government I shall, of course, be prepared to do my part as required by Law and by any subsidiary instructions with which I may be favored.

6. In January of last year, when reporting on the then Draft Bill, now Act XXII of 1863, I ventured the opinion that it would greatly stimulate the French and others to active efforts to bring this part of the country into connection with the Madras Railway; and, in my belief, the present move greatly owes its origin to the facilities afforded by this Bill for carrying out the important undertaking, of which the application now submitted is the precursor; and in view of the interests involved no less British than French, I confidently hope that the request of the Pondicherry Railway Committee may be favorably received by His Excellency in Council.

7. A copy with translation of M. Lande's letter to my address forwarding the application to Government is also enclosed.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George,
26th January 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary,

No. 523.

ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1864, No. 562.

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- 1. From Pondicherry via Villapooram, the valley of the Pooneaur, Trenamalay, Chengamah to Tripatore.
 - 2. " Do. via Tindivanum, Gingee, Trenamalay, Chengamah to Tripatore.
 - 3. " Do. via Tindivanum to Conjeveram.
- survey the country between that Settlement and the Madras South-West Railway, in order to decide on the relative advantages of three lines* of light Railway proposed to connect them.

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2. The application is made under the operation of Section VI, Act XXII of 1863, which vests the local Government with authority, if satisfied of the expediency of the undertaking, to issue a certificate acceding to such proposal under certain stipulations. Considering the great advantage conferred on the country by the opening out of lines of improved communications, and keeping in view the lively interest which the Home Government has manifested in undertakings of the present character, the Governor in Council has determined on complying with the wishes of the promoters of the scheme now before him; and viewing their communication, dated 21st December 1863, as the preliminary application required by Section IV of the Act just quoted, he resolves to issue the certificate provided for by Section VI, and, with this view, the Government Solicitor will be requested to prepare and submit, on receipt from the Collector of the names of the persons to be included in it, a draft of such a Certificate embodying the following declarations:—

The Certificate shall, in the first place, specify the names of the projectors of the scheme and of all those entitled to use it. The time for which it shall be in force will be fixed at eighteen months, and the Districts for which it shall be held valid will be South Arcot, Salem, North Arcot and Madras. The parties mentioned in the Certificate shall give the Collectors concerned timely notice of their intention to commence their investigations, and they shall be empowered, by virtue of the Certificate, to enter upon any lands within the limits of those Districts for the purpose of surveying, or prosecuting such enquiries as may be necessary, and, whilst so engaged, they shall be regarded in the same light as Public Servants engaged on similar duties. The Certificate should state that if the persons employed under it have occasion to complain of hinderances to the satisfactory accomplishment of their work, they should report the circumstance to the officials duly nominated by the Collector of the District to aid in the settlement of such difficulties, who will take prompt steps for the adjustment of all disputes, acting, when the nature of the case may demand it, under the instructions of the Collector. It will be an essential portion of the obligations of the promoters and their party to fulfil strictly the requirements of the concluding clause of Section VI, a breach of which will entail the penalties prescribed by the Penal Code.

3. Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

(Here enter No. 563, dated 25th February 1864.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collectors of South Arcot, Salem, North Arcot and Madras.

„ Government Solicitor.

„ Board of Revenue.

Supd. Eng. H. V. S. J. J.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th February 1864.

No. 524.

No. 563.

From

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

To

*The President of the Committee formed at Pondicherry to consider
the feasibility of connecting that Settlement with the Madras and
South-West Railway by a line of light rails.*

SIR,

1. I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt, through the Collector of South Arcot, of a letter addressed by you and certain other gentlemen, residents of Pondicherry, requesting permission, under the provisions of Section VI, Act XXII of 1863, to survey the country between that Settlement and the Madras South-West Railway, in order to decide on the relative advantages of three lines for the formation of a Light Junction Railway.

2. His Excellency fully appreciating the great advantages of opening out improved communications throughout the country, and regarding with much gratification the public spirit which has actuated the gentlemen who have initiated the undertaking, has pleasure in resolving to comply with the application you have laid before him on their behalf, and in directing that measures be taken for facilitating the prosecution of the requisite preliminary survey. His Excellency is of opinion that perhaps it will be advisable that the survey of the line towards Conjeveram should first be undertaken.

3. It will be necessary, under Section VI of the Act, to issue a Certificate authorizing the survey and the proposed preliminary investigations to be commenced, and the Government Solicitor will be requested to prepare a draft of such a document, and when ready it will be transmitted to you through the Collector of South Arcot.

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.

Pondichéry le 21 Décembre 1863.

Monsieur le Collecteur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre dépêche du 16 courant N° 210 & des pièces qu'elle contenait.

Le Comité du Chemin de fer s'est immédiatement conformé à l'intention que vous manifestez, et j'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre une pétition signée par tous ses Membres et adressée au Gouvernement des Port & de Georges. Nous vous prions, Monsieur le Collecteur de la transmettre à Son Excellence le Gouverneur et de solliciter de lui une prompte solution à la demande que nous lui adressons. Nous serons heureux d'obtenir votre bienveillant appui, et nous vous remercions d'avance du concours dont vous voulez bien nous assister dans cette circonstance.

Le Comité du Chemin de fer s'est trompé dans l'interprétation qu'il a donnée à l'act N° 22 de 1863. Il pensait que l'autorisation du Gouvernement n'était requise que dans le cas d'une demande définitive, et non lorsqu'il s'agissait des études préalables & préparatoires à son projet. L'opinion du Comité sur le tracé le plus convenable et le plus utile aux intérêts Anglais & Français, n'est point encore arrêtée, elle en pourra l'être qu'après l'inspection des territoires par

un ingénieur qui lui soumettra ses observations. -

Nous avons pensé qu'il nous suffi-
rait d'obtenir votre autorisation pour ces études
préliminaires, sans à nous adresser ensuite par
votre intermédiaire, au Gouvernement du Port,
St. Georges.

J'ai l'honneur de vous ren-
voyer l'Act. N° 22, qui vous a été en la bonté
de me communiquer.

J'ai l'honneur de vous
Signé / Laide
Le Président du Comité.

Translation

Pondicherry 21st December 1863

Monsieur le Collecteur,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant N° 210,
with its enclosures. -

The Railway committee had taken
immediate steps in conformity with your sug-
gestions, and I have now the honor to submit
to you an application signed by the Members
of the said committee addressed to the Govern-
ment of Fort St. George. - We request
you will be good enough to transmit the
same to His Excellency the Governor of
Madras & to solicit a prompt solution of
our request. We shall feel happy in
obtaining your kind support, and present
you our best thanks for your kind coopera-
tion on the subject. -

The Committee had misunderstood
the construction of the Act N° 22 of 1862, their
impression being that the sanction of
Government was only requisite in case of
demand of a definite concession & not for
preliminary survey of a project.

The opinion of the Committee as
regards the matter is now under consideration
and will be presented to the interests of both the English &
French, as not as yet determined, which depends

Tanjour, Annamallee, Changanah, Trapatore.

upon an inspection of the Country by an
Engineer officer, by whom a report will be
ultimately submitted to the Committee.

Our belief was, that your sanction
for a preliminary survey was sufficient,
intending at the same time to submit to
you a formal application to be transmit-
ted by you to the Government of Fort
St. George.

I have the honor to return
you the act No 22 of which you have
kindly allowed me a perusal.

I have &c
/Signed/ Lande
President of the Committee.

/True Copy & Translation/

Charles Read
Collector & Spec agent

Translation Copy sent to
the Eng. P. 22: 24 June 1864

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Pondichery le 21 Decembre 1863.

M. Son Excellence

Le Gouverneur du Fort St. Georges

Monsieur Le Gouverneur

Les soussignés notables
habitants et négociants de la ville de Pondichery
ont l'honneur d'exposer à Votre Excellence, qu'ils se
sont constitués en comité, à l'effet d'étudier les
moyens de relier Pondichery au Madras Railway
par un embranchement, se rattachant soit à
Tripatore, soit à Conjivaram; que trois projets de
Light Railway ont été examinés.

Le premier partant de
Pondichery passant par Viji pouram, la Vallée
de la Tamir, Triamoulee, Changamah, Tripatore.

Le deuxième partant de Pondicherry
passant par Tindivanam, Gingee, Trinamallee, Chengam
Tripatore.

Le troisième partant de Pondicherry
passant par Tindivanam & Cingivaram:

Qu'ils estiment que le coût
d'un light railway, élèverait à la somme de 40 Lacks
que les dépenses exigées pour l'établissement de cette
ligne de communication soient faites par une Compagnie
qui se formera ultérieurement.

En conséquence, les soussignés
ont l'honneur de prier votre Excellence de leur donner
l'autorisation de faire procéder par un ingénieur
de leur choix aux études préliminaires et préparatoires
d'un tracé par les localités indiquées, afin qu'ils
puissent ultérieurement décider du choix de la ligne
qui offrira le plus d'avantages aux intérêts anglais et
français.

Vous avons l'honneur d'être
avec un profond respect,

Votre Excellence,
les très-humbles et très-obéissants
Serviteurs

Laide
Président de la Cour.

J. Lacombe
m.a

M. J. Lacombe
maire de la ville

L. Lacombe

M. J. Lacombe
maire de la ville

Pondicherry 27^e December 1862.

His Excellency
The Governor of Fort St George

Monsieur le Gouverneur,

The undersigned principal
inhabitants & Merchants in the Town of
Pondicherry, have the honor to represent
to your Excellency, that they have constituted
a Committee to consider the
means best adapted to unite Pondicherry
with the Madras Railway, by a point of
junction either by Tripatore, or Cingivaram,
and that three projects of Light Railway
have been examined.

The first starting from Pondicherry,
passing through Tindivanam, the valley
of Poncar, Trinamallee, Chengam &
Tripatore.

The second from Pondicherry,
passing through Tindivanam, Gingee,
Trinamallee, Chengam, Tripatore.

The third from Pondicherry
passing through Tindivanam & Cingivaram.

The Committee estimate the
Cost of a light Railway to be 40 Lacks, &
the requisite Expenses to maintain the
Establishment of the line of Communica-
tion will be borne by a Company, which
will

will be hereafter farmed.

Under the above circumstances,
the undersigned have the honor to solicit,
your Excellency's sanction, for a preli-
-minary inspection & survey of the above
localities to be made by an Engineer
who will be selected by them in view
to the choice of the line which may
prove most advantageous to the inter-
-ests of the English & the French
respectively. —

We have 8.8.

/ Free translation /

Charles Leach

Collector & Special Agent -

B. Padmanabhaiah

Beulah Hyman

Sumner J. Bayl

De la Maison Motte/ Bernou Cie

A. Ermy

de la maison Edouard Emory No

Elizabethtown

St. Michael's Church, New York

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Agent des Messageries Impériales

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Encl. No 2

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29th Dec 1854

For the Honble S. J. Abbott
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South Arcot District
J. J. Camp
Palacoorchey
6th January 1864

Charles Seade
Attorney & Special Agent

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th July 1864.
Read the following

Transferring letter from the Collector
& Special Agent, S. A. Croft, forwarding for
favorable consideration, an application
from certain inhabitants of Pondicherry
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From the Editor
Dear to Good

Oct 26 } Day
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Drawing also from
 the Bldg. Service Dept. I meet for-
 warding, for general con-
 sideration, an application from
 certain inhabitants of Pinebluff
 praying for permission to bury
 the cemetery between their house &
 the Adams Railway in view to
 the construction of a terminal
 to connect both.

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I can see no prospects
of action for this (1889)

Ministry of Government.

submitted for the

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Copy in a Letter to England
of 22. April 1864 No 12

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No 562
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of 25 Feb 1864

Further No 1409/64

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Colaba
25th Feb 1864

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De Morgan & Co. to Long?
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Geo. of Geo. & Co. Secy

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At the residence of the
Commander of the
Army to consider
the feasibility of connecting
the Railroad with
the Railroad & of the
Railroad by a line of light
Railroad.

27 28 July 1864

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of connecting the
with the Railroad
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by a line of light
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grant compliance to
the application for
permission to build
a certain portion
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