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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th February 1864.*

No. 567. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandum, 8th January 1864, No. 3:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government dated 7th December 1863, No. 647, on Proceedings of Government Financial Railway Department, in which my attention is called to paragraph 4 of the Acting Consulting Engineer's remarks.

2. These remarks refer to the construction of a Light Railway from Shoranoor to Kurroopadnah in Sircar Cochin territory.

3. His Highness the Rajah has already given his consent to the construction of a Railway from Shoranoor to Trichoor, and that consent would be as willingly given,

I imagine, if the line was continued to Kurroopadnah or even to Narrekul.

4. In considering the question of extending the Railway in the direction of Cochin, arrangements have always been confined to connecting the Madras Railway with the head of the navigable backwaters leading to British Cochin.

5. As observed in the papers which accompanied the Order of Government noted above, British Cochin already possesses direct water communication with the Railway, and though the latter may be extended to a point much nearer Cochin than Tircoor, it appears to me that the improvement made will be only in degree, and that Cochin would still have the disadvantage of a change in the mode of transit at such a distance from the port, as would cause serious inconvenience to the merchants there.

6. Whilst this is the case, Narrekul offers what is so much required for a terminus on the Western coast, a harbour safe at all seasons and accessible in all weathers. This port is within five or six miles of Cochin, has backwater communication with it, and might with ease have Railway communication also, the terminus being at Vypeen.

7. This port would, it appears to me, afford the Madras Railway exactly what is wanting at Beypore, and would not perhaps be an inconvenient port of arrival and departure for Mail Steamers on the Suez Line.

8. As no mention has ever been made of Narrekul as a Railway terminus in the discussions which have taken place regarding the extension of Railways southwards from the main line across the Peninsula, there may be obstacles to the formation of such an extension with which I am not acquainted.

9. Commercial arrangements with the Cochin State will shortly be such to do away with all objection to Narrekul as a port situated in foreign territory, and unless engineering difficulties or the costliness of the undertaking interfere with the completion of a branch line from Shoranoor to the coast at the point indicated, I do not see that it would be advisable to take a half measure, when a more comprehensive one would not only effect more completely the objects of the first, but combine with it advantages which promise greater utility as far as the public is concerned, and it may be hoped equal, if not superior prospects of a dividend to those willing to engage in the undertaking.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Financial Railway Department, under date the 7th December last.

Fort Saint George,
16th February 1864.

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

No. 568. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 584.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter from the Resident of Travancore and Cochin be forwarded to the Indian Tramway Company (through its Financial Agents, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.) with reference to Sir Macdonald Stephenson's letter dated 22nd December 1863,

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wherein it is stated that the Company contemplated making an application to Government for certain concessions in order to the establishment of a light line of Railway from the Shoranoor Station by Trichoor to Keeryapatnam.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Malabar.

" Indian Tramway Company, through Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

• Resident of Travancore & Cochin

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Resident's Office,
Travancore, 8th January 1864.

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W. Malloy's letter
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

J. F. M.
Resident.

E. J. M.
J. F. M.

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Remitted to the
 Mr. W. H. Smith
 with reference to the
 proc. of the 7th Decr.
 1863.

W. H. Smith
 Chief Clerk

W. H. Smith
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of the President of
 the American Academy
 of the Arts & Sciences
 to the Government
 of the 1st Decr 1863

No. 3.

Enclosure one.

No. 28

Acknowledges receipt of the
 order of Government No. 647,
 dated 10th Decr 1863, re.
 paying the construction
 of a depot building from
 the 1st Decr 1863.

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James Henry letter

from the Quaker gentlemen
and Collier saying, He & Co.
of 17-18's relative to the
construction of a light rail-
way from Chancery &
Finsburyal-
e No 581-29th St. Chancery

Ms. A. 9.2. 587

Ordered that a copy of the

foregoing letter from the President
 of Treasurers and Cashier be
 forwarded to the Indian Survey
 Commission (Mr. Stinson's Agent,
 Mr. Arthur T. Co.) with reference
 to Sir Macdonald Stephens's
 letter dated 23 December 1863 -
 wherein it is stated that the Com.
 survey conducted making an
 application to Government for
 certain concessions in order to the
 establishment of a right line of
 railway from the Shamrock Station
 by Trichie to Keryapacton.

The Collector of Malabar & Cochin
 " — Passes of the Government
 " — Indian Company
 X-38 Calcutta & Co. Messrs. Messrs.
 29th May 1865

St. John's
Director of Malabar Division

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