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No. 93. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., Secretaries and Agents, Indian Tramway Company (Limited), to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 22nd April 1864:—

SIR,

With reference to the Order of Government No. 1,059 of 31st March, and to the circumstance of Major Harington's services being no longer available for temporary employment by the Indian Tramway Company, we have now the honor to request that Mr. W. Fraser may be permitted to report to us upon the progress of the works at Arconum, also to visit them occasionally when he can do so without prejudice to his other duties, and to advise with us generally upon the construction of the Arconum and Conjeveram line.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1864, No. 1,290.

As the Government consider that the duties entrusted to Mr. Fraser are sufficient to occupy the whole of his time and attention, they cannot make his services available for the purpose for which they have been applied for by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

(True Extract.)

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

To Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.,
Secretaries and Agents, Indian Tramway Company (Limited).

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Indian Tramway Company, Limited.
Madras, 22nd April, 1864.

The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works,
Fort St George.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government No 1059 of 31st March, and to the circumstance of Major Harrington's services being no longer available for temporary employment by the Indian Tramway Company we have now the honor to request that Mr W. Fraser may be permitted to report to us upon the progress of the Works at Arconum, also to visit them occasionally when he can do so without prejudice to his other duties, and to advise with us generally upon the Construction of the Arconum and Conjeveram Line.

We have the honorable,
Sir,
Your most obedt servants,

Arbuthnot & Co
Secretaries and Agents.

No 1290

As the Government consider that the duties entrusted to Mr. Fraser are sufficient to occupy the whole of his time and attention, they cannot make his services available for the purpose for which they have been applied for by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

Messrs Arbuthnot
& Co.
Secretaries & Agents
Madras Presidency
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Chairman
1st May 1864

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Mr Fraser is willing to undertake this work for Govt. Since it is for Govt to give permission & issue orders - Mr F's reports will be made, & cheques drawn to Messrs R & Co - If Sir M Stephenson's anticipations are realised the tramway will be completed in a few months

It seems to me not only that Mr Fraser must have quite work enough of his own on hand at present, but that it would be very undesirable for Govt to be giving instructions with regard to Company's affairs which would be liable to conflict with the orders issued by the Directors of the Company

c. 23rd April 1864. O.R. 25th

No 1791

From the Secretary & Agents Indian Tramway Company (Limited) Madras

Dated 22 April
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No 1290 - 1st May 1864

Requesting that Mr H. Fraser may be permitted to report on the progress of the Company's works at Cocanada, and to visit them occasionally without prejudice to his other duties -

No 93-94.

William Dyer

Submitted for the orders of Government

As, on Mr Kennedy's departure for England, Mr Fraser took charge of the Coast Canal, both North and South of Madras in addition to his special duties, his hands ought to be full enough -

Arthur Cotton

Arthur Northern Canal is not to be considered this year perhaps, yet Fraser is of opinion that Fraser ~~should~~ must test the works occasionally without detriment to his own special duties permission allowed to do so - weight to have monthly reports of Fraser's work - Messrs R & Co have I presume