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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th May 1865.*

No. 257. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Financial Railway Department :—

Communicating letter from the Directors
of the Madras Railway Company to
their Agent at this Presidency on the
subject of the damage occasioned to the
Company's works by the breaching of
Government tanks, &c., in November
1864. (Here enter 4th May 1865, No. 280.)

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1865, No. 1,294.

RAILWAY, No. 1.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers,
who will be instructed to take measures for ensuring all
works of irrigation in the vicinity of the several lines
of Railway in this Presidency being maintained in a proper state of repair.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Department, 4th May 1865.*

No. 36. Proceedings of Government, dated 4th May 1865, No. 280.

Ordered that the copy of the letter from the Directors of the Madras Railway Company to their Agent at this Presidency, No. 356, and

Forwarded by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the list of packet, dated 3rd April 1865

dated the 3rd March 1865, be forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and, also, to

the Public Works Department, in reference to paragraphs 19 to 22.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Public Works Department

From J. WALKER, Esq, Managing Director, to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, Madras; dated London, 3rd March 1865, No. 356.

* I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, Nos. 618 to 622, with their enclosures, Indents Nos. 217 to 222 South-West Line, and Bills of Exchange for £125-5s, £114-5s, £23 7s, and £15-3s, in repayment of advances made by the Board on account of the servants mentioned by you, which have been realized.

2 The following documents are forwarded herewith.—

Statement of expenditure in this country on account of stores, for the half-year ending 31st December last.

Statement showing the amount paid for passage-money, for the half-year ending 31st December last.

List of bonds received from the European Assurance Society, for guarantees effected in Madras, in continuation of list forwarded with my letter No. 354.

3. The remarks on caste designations, in paragraph 2 of your No. 616, have been communicated to the above Society, and the last guarantee premium of Mr. G. F. Cockburn, referred to in the 13th paragraph of the same letter, has been returned by them on our application.

4. My letter No. 354, paragraph 11, will have replied to paragraphs 25 and 26 of your No. 616, respecting the payment to H. F. Bristow's wife in January last. An arrangement has now been made with him for repayment of the balance due to the Company.

5. Mr. R. Carew, Assistant Engineer, has reported his return home on sick certificate. The amount advanced to him at Madras, Rupees 385-8-0, will be deducted from the first payment made to him here, as requested by paragraph 14 of your letter No. 618. I am, however, desired to point out that an advance of this description is unusual, and, unless under very peculiar circumstances, should not be required or allowed.

6. The Locomotive Superintendent's letter of the 23rd December last, and your No. 621, paragraph 24, respecting a monthly payment of £5 to the wife of George Major, commencing 4th January 1865, has been acted upon.

7. Mrs. Innis having decided to join her husband per ship *New Era*, a last payment of £8 was made to her for the 4th ult.

8. I note the return of John Summer to this country, advised in your No. 621, and, as requested, no payment will be made here on his account after that of the 4th of last month.

9. The Locomotive Superintendent's letter and sketch relating to Waggon Iron-Work, received with your No. 616, were communicated to Mr. Hawkshaw, a copy of whose reply, dated 9th February, is herewith transmitted for Mr. Wright's information and guidance.

10. The Board approve of the contract into which you have entered with Messrs Gay and Soobrama, as reported in paragraph 2 of No. 618, for the annual supply, for three years, of

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60,000 sleepers, prepared by Boucherie's process, and we look with interest to the result of the experiment. We observe that the sleepers so prepared by our Engineers have been laid down in various situations to test their durability, and these should continue to be reported on periodically by the officers in charge of permanent way.

11. The sanction of Government having been given to your proposal, mentioned in No. 614, to subscribe, on behalf of the Company, the sum of Rupees 1000 to the Masulipatam Relief Fund, to which the Madras public were so generally contributing, the Board authorise this disbursement, as arranged by yourself and Government, with an expression of their deep sympathy with the sufferers in the appalling calamity that has overtaken them. The Board learn with satisfaction that their officers and servants cheerfully contributed a day's pay for the same benevolent object.

12. The Board regretted to learn, by paragraph 10 of your No. 616, the robbery of the five Government Currency Notes of Rupees 1000 each, from the Cashier's peon who was bringing stances of the case; they presume that the strictest investigation has been made into the circumstances, and as the amount of the notes is large, and payment of them has been stopped, they are led to hope that eventually the notes will be recovered.

13. It is satisfactory to know that the contents of the cash bag, the abstraction of which by a discharged guard is reported in the same letter, were speedily recovered, with the exception of Rupees 1½, and the delinquent placed in the custody of the Police. The conduct of the guard in permitting this man to have access to the bags appears to have been highly reprehensible and deserving of punishment.

14. The receipt of your letter No 620 has supplied full information respecting the late Inspector John Molyneux, whose claim on us for passage money, referred to in paragraph 6 of my No. 350, is thereby effectually disposed of. The man's departure, without communicating with any one at Madras, explains so far the absence of the information we wanted in his case; but no Covenanted Servant should be allowed to leave the service without our being advised of his having actually done so, and of the arrangement with him as to his passage home, if entitled to one under his agreement. We have heard no more since from Molyneux, or his Solicitor, on the subject of his claim, nor has he come to receive the money due to him remitted by you, of which we advised him.

15. Referring to paragraph 14 of my No 354, I have to inform you that, in reply to the Board's representations against the proposed scheme for a Railway to our Tripatore Station from Pondicherry, we have been informed by the Secretary of State that the Madras Government has been requested to give no encouragement to an undertaking so much opposed to the interest, both of Government and of this Company. Copy of the correspondence is transmitted.

16. The Board are gratified to learn that a project is on foot for connecting Cochin by railway with our line at Shoranoor, and that the Government of Madras are disposed to favor it, or any practicable scheme for effecting this object. We shall be glad to hear that the project is obtaining consistency, as an extension of Railway to Narikal and Cochin cannot but be serviceable to our traffic. We regret to have heard nothing lately of the rail or tramway that was projected some time ago between Calicut and Beypoor, to which my letter 320, para. 9, referred. The Board are ready, as they then were, to assist the promoters of these useful undertakings in any way they can with propriety, and to consider any arrangements for working them which may be proposed.

17. The information of paragraph 5 of 618, respecting the improved condition of the Stations, in a sanitary point of view, is satisfactory, and we have no doubt that the subject will continue to have the attention of our officers.

18. The Board were pleased at receiving your favorable report of the way in which the duties of Traffic Manager were conducted by Mr. Dartnell, during Mr. Church's absence on furlough. The engagement of the former as Assistant Traffic Manager having expired, you have recommended his re-engagement as Goods' Manager, on the increased salary of £750 per annum,

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of which the Government have approved, and the Board concurring in the opinion that the appointment of a Manager for the Goods' traffic specially will conduce to its more rapid and successful development, I am directed to convey their sanction to Mr. Dartnell's appointment in that capacity, and to his re-engagement on the salary of £750 a year, as proposed by you.

19. Your letter 614 reported the interruption of the traffic of the N. W. line, from breaches caused by the bursting of two tanks, under the influence of the heavy rains in last November. The damage, happily, was not so great as to involve long interruption, or a heavy outlay in repairing; but following as it did on the more extensive destruction caused by the failure of the embankment of the Malabar tank, it is calculated to raise serious apprehensions for the future safety of our works in the vicinity of the numerous tanks of the districts through which our lines pass.

20. In the case of the destruction of the bund in Malabar, which entailed so considerable a loss on the Company, and for which the Madras Government declined to entertain your claim for compensation, the Board regret to say that their application to the Secretary of State, though supported by the opinion of our Consulting Engineer, and of Counsel, has proved equally unsuccessful. As the Board have not judged it expedient to carry the claim into a Court of Law, this case must now be considered settled, and you will proceed to charge the expense of the new bridge erected at Perpenengady, stated by our Chief Engineer at Rupees 35,269-0-5, to the Capital account of the South-West line, to which the Secretary of State's letter of the 28th of October last gave assent.

21. A copy of the entire correspondence on this question is forwarded for your information, by which you will observe that, in the opinion of Counsel, the right of the Company to recover at law in such cases, turns on our being able to prove neglect on the part of the Government or others, whose duty it may be to keep such embankments in proper repair. You will see, therefore, the importance of having the state of all works, the failure of which may endanger the safety of those of the railway, carefully watched by our Engineers, and any neglect in keeping them up reported at once to you. This supervision will naturally fall to the Engineer in charge of the permanent way, where the line is open for traffic. You will in turn give immediate notice to the parties responsible of the liability they are incurring.

22. You will observe that we have called the attention of Government to the necessity which appears to exist of a more vigilant supervision being exercised than heretofore, over those tank bunds by their officers.

23. In reply to a communication from the Secretary of State, dated 9th ult., the Board have expressed their concurrence in opinion with the Government of Madras that the masonry works on the branch railway to Bellary from Gooty should be constructed for a single line of railway only. This conclusion, which is in accordance, we observe from your letter No. 621, with your own and the Chief Engineer's opinions, will accordingly be acted on in the execution of the works.

24. We have also been informed that the Government of India have adopted the unanimous recommendation of the railway authorities, that the junction of the Madras and the Great Indian Peninsula Railways shall take place at Raichoor.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Railway no 1294

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Under date the 12th May 1865

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