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9th September 1865.*

No. 204. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Bangalore, 23rd August 1865, No. 405.

Read the following letter from W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent and Traffic Manager, Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 18th August 1865, No. 1,772 :—

No. 264, 17th July.

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SIR,

Upon receipt of your letters noted in the margin, I sent copy of them to the Chief Engineer, and when his remarks thereon are received, they shall be forwarded for your information. In the meantime, I desire to submit copy of a correspondence (on the subject of the "defensive position of stations") which passed between the Railway Secretary and myself last year. You will observe, that my Directors are under an impression that the cost of constructing defensive works will be borne by Government; but as this point is not alluded to in the papers which you have sent to me, I have to request that you will kindly ascertain from Government their views on the matter.

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Agent to Board, 9th May 1864.

Defensive Position of Stations.

The following Order (No. 24-1,454R, 30th March 1864) of the Government of India, has been communicated to me :—

"The question of the location of Railway Stations at places occupied by European Troops on new lines of Railway having been under the consideration of the Governor General in Council, I am instructed to request the particular attention of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council to the importance of placing such stations in positions in which they will be within command of the troops, and of arranging the buildings in as compact a manner as is practicable, and having regard to the eventual possibility of forming a defensive position in connection with them, by the help of a few towers or other strong points supplemented by earthen parapets, &c., to be formed as occasion may hereafter arise. I am to add, that in dealing with such questions it will probably be convenient that a Committee should be formed to consider the subject, one member of which should be the Commanding Officer of the Station, or some one named by him to represent him, and another a Military Engineer."

As Trichinopoly is the only place on our Erode Extension, where European Troops are stationed, I have asked (as rumours have been rife to the effect that these European Soldiers will be withdrawn on the completion of the Railway) if it is intended to keep Trichinopoly as a European Military Station.

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Secretary to Agent, 20th June 1864.

Defensive Position of Stations.

Should it be deemed advisable to apply the Government Order on this question to the position and arrangement of the Trichinopoly Fort Station, I presume that any extra cost, which might be incurred in consequence, will be borne by the Government, and not be imposed on the Railway Company.

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Secretary to Agent, 10th August 1864.

Defensive Position of Stations.

The remark on this subject, in my letter No. 40, will have informed you of the views entertained by the Directors as to the incidence of any extra expenditure, which may be incurred in carrying out the Order of Government. On the subject being again mooted at the Board yesterday,

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Mr. Danvers stated that in similar cases the additional cost had been borne by Government, so that the assumption in my letter above referred to is correct.
(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. BETTS.

1. I request to be favored with the orders of Government on the point raised by the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, as to whether the cost of providing defences for Railway Stations should be borne by the Railway Company, or by the Government.

Communicated with Order of the 28th March 1860, No. 173.

2. The Secretary of State in his Despatch to the Government of India of the 12th January 1860, No. 80, observed:

"It does not appear that you ever contemplated that the funds of the Company should be applied to the execution of works of defence designed for the general 'security of the country;' but that you simply desired that the different buildings at the station should be so disposed as mutually to afford protection to each other."

"There is no reason why this arrangement should involve extra expense, and I do not apprehend that there can be any objection to it on the part of the Railway Companies."

3. None of the papers received from Calcutta show clearly whether the cost of defending the stations has been borne by the East Indian Railway Company, but it is to be inferred that such is the case.

4. Some extra expense must necessarily be incurred in providing towers, enclosure walls, iron rail, &c. &c., but as the object of the defences is mainly to protect the Railway Company's property, I see no reason why Government should bear any of the extra expense.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1865, No. 2,646.

RAILWAY, No. 22.

On the receipt from the Consulting Engineer of the report and plans connected with defences for the principal Railway Stations, called for on the 7th July 1865, the orders of the Government of India will be obtained on the question raised in the foregoing papers, as to whether the cost of such defences should be borne by the Railway Company, or by Government, or in what proportions each should contribute towards it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Agent to Board 9th May '64

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William D. Beth.

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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 18th August 1865

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

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Yours most obed^t serv^t
William A. Betts
Agent & Traffic Manager

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