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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th December 1865.*

No. 284.

Read the following :—

No. 601.

Application from the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, requesting the sanction of Government to the following expenditure incurred on "Capital" account in the month of September 1865, on the—

ERRODE EXTENSION.

<i>Agency.</i>		RS.	A.	P.
Stores purchased	...	14,284	15	5
<i>Electric Telegraph.</i>				
Construction...	...	200	10	3
<i>Engineer Department.</i>				
Contingencies	...	280	0	5
Construction...	...	54,475	0	8
		54,755	1	1
		69,240	10	9

sixty-nine thousand two hundred and forty, Annas ten, and Pice nine.

1. The accounts call for no remark.
2. The work executed in the month of September is satisfactory, viz. :—
 Earthwork, total number of cubic yards ... 1,38,604
 Masonry, do. ... 2,591
 Permanent Way, District 1, lineal yards ... 3,480
 Ballasting, Districts 1 and 3, cubic yards ... 4,044
 Fencing, Districts 1 and 3, lineal yards ... 4,225

3. In respect to the non-commencement of earthwork on District No. 4, alluded to in paragraph 3 of application of the 6th ultimo, No. 550, the Chief Engineer affords the following explanation :—

"In May last the Assistant Engineer in charge of District No. 4, wrote "I am using my utmost efforts to find Contractors for earthwork, in order to commence work if possible as soon as the land is made over by the Government. The lowest offer I have had made to me by men who understand it, has been one Anna six Pies per cubic yard, this I have had from one or two of them, &c. &c." On the 13th of July he writes again, "I have not yet succeeded in obtaining Contractors for any portion of the earthwork, although I have been in negotiation with several"

"All my experience goes to show that there is nothing for it, but having fixed fair rates for the work to stand by them, and by patient persistent efforts to collect labor get gradually under weigh. As a proof that I am right in this, the earthwork is beginning to forge ahead at rates nearly 25 per cent. less than those named by Mr. Dibblie."

"I had precisely the same trouble on District 3, till I was almost in despair; suddenly the labor supply took a turn, and now the earthwork is all but finished, at rates 25 and 50 per cent. less than were demanded when land was made over to the Company."

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"In short, delays arise either from (1) combinations for high profits; (2) "labor being scarce, not more than sufficient for the ordinary requirements of cultivation; and in either case the only resources are patience and tact on the part of "the Company's Officers."

4. I consider this explanation to be satisfactory. Major Prendergast will shortly inspect the works in progress on the Errode Extension, and report on them for the information of Government.

5. With these remarks, I would recommend for sanction the expenditure incurred amounting to Rupees 69,240-10-9.

MADRAS,
8th December 1865. (Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1865, No. 3,772.

RAILWAY, No. 28.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the expenditure incurred on "Capital" account of the Great Southern of India Railway, under the heads, and for the period, specified in the foregoing application, amounting to Rupees (69,240-10-9) sixty-nine thousand two hundred and forty, Annas ten, and Pice nine.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with one Enclosure.
Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 601. Madras, 8 December 1865. 32

Application from the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, requesting the sanction of Government to the following Expenditure

incurred on "Capital" account in the Month of September 1865
on the

Errode Extension -

Stores purchased Agency Rupees 14,284.15.5

Electric Telegraph -

Construction Engineer Department " 200.10.3

Contingencies Rupees 280.0.5
Construction " 54,475.0.8 54,755.1.1-

Rupees - 69,240.10.9-

Sixty nine thousand, two hundred and forty, Annas Ten and Pice nine.

1 The Account Call for no remark.
2 The work executed in the month of September is Satisfactory. viz: -

Earthwork - Total number of Cubic Yds = 138,604 -

Masonry do 2591.

Permanent Way - Dist 1 Lin 1/2 Yds - 3,480.

Ballasting - Dist 123. Cub. Yds - 40,444 -

Fencing - Dist 123. Lin 1/2 Yds - 4,225 -

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Madras

8 December
1865

J. C. Anderson Esq. Colonel R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

To
The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

No. 287.

103772-15th Decr/65

Application from
the Agent of the
Great Southern India
Railway Company, requesting
the sanction of Govt. to
the expenditure incurred
on Capital Account in
the month of Sept/65,
amounting to Rs 69,240-9

Rs 691-
Rupees 11

Date 5th Decr/65
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To
The Secretary to Govt.
for Railways
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
P. W. Dept.

1865
Amounting to Rs 69,240-9

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FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 15th Decr/65

Read Application from the Agent of the
Great Southern India
Railway Company, submitted through the
Consulting Engineer.

(Here enter 601-8 @ Decr 1865.)

ORDER THEREON.

His Excellency the Governor in Council
sanctions the expenditure incurred on
Capital Account of the Great
Southern India
Railway under the heads and for the period
specified in the foregoing application,
amounting to Rupees (69240-10-9)

Sixty nine thousand
two hundred and
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3 To the Consulting Engineer for Railways (with 1 enclosure)
3 " Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

Decr 16th December 16

MP
Financial
Department

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No. 0772

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 10th Decr 1860

Capital & accounts
of the S. & B. India Railway
The expenditure incurred
on the 10th Decr 1860
1860 Accounts

No. 204. 205