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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd April 1865.*

No. 8. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway
Department:—

Observing that the suggestion made by the Consulting Engineer that arrangements should be entered into with the Railway Companies to undertake the construction of Railway Feeders and Choultries out of their Capital is well deserving of consideration, and proposing to address the Secretary of State on the subject on being furnished with a statement of the views of the local Railway Agents.

(Here enter 24th March 1865, No. 201.)

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1865, No. 892.

CIVIL WORKS.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Railway
Department, 24th March 1865.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 103. From Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, in charge 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 20th February 1865, No. 259.
With reference to G. O., No. 201, of the 21st January 1865, I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, revised Plans and Estimates as follows:—

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Chuttrum for unmarried travellers at Tiroor ...	1,010	0	0
Do. do. do. at Palghaut ...	970	0	0
Do. for married do. at do. ...	1,210	0	0
Do. do. do. at Tiroor ...	1,240	0	0
Do. for unmarried do. at Beypoor ...	1,800	0	0
Total Rupees...	6,230	0	0

Referred to the Financial Railway Department, with reference to the orders in this Department, No. 201, dated 21st January 1865.

CHEPAUK,
28th February 1865.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Referred to the Consulting Engineer, for his remarks.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th March 1865.

No. 140. From Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th March 1865, No. 142.

In reference to my letter of the 10th ultimo, No. 94, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Proceedings* of Government in the Public Works Department, for consideration in the Financial Railway Department.

* No. 592 dated 3rd March 1865.

2. I apprehend that much delay and inconvenience will arise, if the construction of Railway Feeders and Choultries at the different Railway stations is to be dependent on funds being available from the allotment made to the Public Works Department.

3. The Secretary of State for India, in his Despatch to the Government of India, of the 24th July 1860, No. 53, wrote as follows regarding Railway feeders:—

“ I need say little more at present than that Her Majesty's Government fully recognize the necessity of constructing, as early as possible, lines of roads to serve as feeders to Railway advancing towards completion, since, until this is done, the resources of the Districts bordering on the Railways can be only very partially developed, and the Capital invested in the latter must remain comparatively unprofitable.”

4. I am of opinion, therefore, that the Government of India should be moved, as a measure of sound economy, to set aside certain funds for the special purpose of making and maintaining Railway Feeders and Choultries at Railway stations.

5. But if the state of the finances will not permit them to do so, some arrangement may, I think, be made with the Railway Companies to construct the Feeders and Choultries, in the first instance, from their Capital; the money expended being repaid by Government as funds become available. I need hardly point out that the Railway Companies, as well as the Government, will derive benefit from any outlay which will help to draw the traffic of the surrounding country to their lines of Railway.

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Department, 24th March 1865.*

No. 105. From Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th March 1865, No. 146.

With reference to the docket* of the 6th instant, on a letter from Major Farewell, Executive Engineer, in charge 7th Division, I have the honor to state that the Plans of the Choultries proposed at Paulghat, Tiroor, and Beypore, on the Western Coast, having been revised in accordance with the remarks contained in my letter of the 22nd December last, No. 709, they may be sanctioned by Government.

2. Under a recent order of the Government of India, Choultries must be constructed from Local Funds. I believe the Local Funds in each District are barely sufficient for other and more pressing requirements; it is necessary, therefore, that the special sanction of the Government of India should be obtained for funds, for the construction of Choultries. This matter was specially referred for the consideration of Government, in my letter of the 6th instant, No. 142.

No. 106. From Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways; dated Madras, 28th February 1865, No. 5845.

With reference to your letter, No. 92, dated 24th February 1865, I have the honor to inform you that the ruling of the Government of India, that Choultries should be constructed from local funds only, came into operation *after* the receipt of the sanction of Government, for the construction of the Choultries in question, so that the old rules for building out of Imperial Funds will, I presume, stand good in the present case.

2. The local Funds at my disposal in North Arcot and Madras Districts are very limited, and are not nearly sufficient for the roads which require to be made and maintained. Much less can any sum be afforded out of them for building these Choultries.

3. The Choultries are excluded from the list of sanctioned works in the Budget for 1865-66, just received from Government, but application will be made for funds, for their construction out of the 'Reserve' on the 1st May next.

From Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, in charge 7th Division, to Lieutenant Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways; dated Ootacamund, 4th March 1865, No. 221.

With reference to your letter, No. 91, of the 24th February 1865, I have the honor to inform you that no provision whatever has as yet been made for the Chuttrums you allude to. The Government of India having ruled that charges on account of Travellers' Bungalows and Chuttrums should be met from Local Funds, I asked the Collector of Malabar if he could spare any, but, having no funds at his disposal to meet the demand, he has referred the matter for the consideration of Government.

No. 147.

Observation by the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Forwarded to Government, in reference to the remarks in my letters of the 6th and 8th instant, Nos. 142 and 146.

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Lieut. Col.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, 8th March 1865.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1865, No. 201.

The Governor in Council considers the suggestion made by the Consulting Engineer that, with reference to the great difficulty which is at present experienced in providing funds for the

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Department, 24th March 1865.*

construction of Railway Feeders and Choultries, arrangements should be made with the Railway Companies to construct them out of their Capital, to be well deserving of consideration, and he resolves to address the Secretary of State on the subject, on being furnished by Lieutenant Colonel O'Connell with a statement of the views of the local Railway Agents.

(True Extract).

A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

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

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