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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
23th May 1866.

No. 661. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 14th May 1866, No. 215:—

1. I have the honor with reference to G. O. dated the 23rd ultimo, No. 1,272, to submit the opinions of the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways with respect to the amendment of Section XIX. of Act XVIII. of 1854; which is the same as Section 33 of the proposed Indian Railway Bill.

No. 245, 26th April 1866.
,, 2,029, 9th May ,,

2. In my opinion the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway has taken a correct view of the matter, and I consider the alteration proposed by the Agent of the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway unnecessary and inexpedient. Section 33 of the draft Bill for Indian Railways gives to the Local Government the power to order the gates to be closed across the Railway, or across the road as they may see fit. The proposed alteration would make it imperative that all gates should close across the road, leaving however to the Consulting Engineer authority to order, in exceptional cases, the closing of gates across the Railway. I cannot see that the alteration would effect any desirable object.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 26th April 1866, No. 245.

1. I had an opportunity to-day to discuss with the principal Officers of the Railway, the Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 23rd instant, having reference to the danger of level crossing gates closing across a Railway, and have now the honor to state that they unanimously acquiesced in the views expressed by the Agent of the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company in his Memorandum dated the 19th September 1862.

2. I shall be glad, therefore, to know that the new Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Railways in India, provides that level crossing gates should, as a rule, close across the public road, rather than the Railway, but power should be given in exceptional cases to reverse this order of things.

From the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 9th May 1866, No. 2,029.

1. I have to observe, in reply to your letter No. 105 of the 25th ultimo, that Section XIX. of Act XVIII. of 1854 provides "that it shall be lawful for the Local Government, in any case, "to order that the gates shall be across the road or across the Railway, as the Government may "think fit." I would not advocate any alteration of this Section.

2. As to the manner in which Government should exercise the power they hold, that is, whether they should order the gates to shut across the Railway, or the road. I think the closing of the gates across the *road* is the better plan, except in the case of roads close to or within the limits of large towns. Along such roads foot passengers and bandies are constantly travelling, and it would a great public inconvenience to be subjected to such stoppages as the opening and securing of level crossing gates generally entails.

No. 662. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1866, No. 1,691.

RAILWAY, No. 67.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their Orders No. 330 R, dated the 31st March 1866.

(Here enter No. 1,692, dated 28th May 1866.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd S, T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th May 1866.

No. 1,692.

No. 663.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 68.

1. I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of the Government of India, No. 330 R, under date the 31st March 1866, and, in reply, to forward copies of the papers marginally noted containing the views of the Acting Consulting Engineer and of the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways on the subject of the proposed amendment of Section 19 of Act XVIII. of 1854.

From Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 215, dated 14th May 1866.
Do. Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, No. 245, dated 26th April 1866.
Do. do. Great Southern of India Railway, No. 2,029, dated 9th May 1866.

2. It will be observed that the Agent of the Madras Railway is of opinion that the Section in question should be so altered as to provide that level crossing gates should as a rule close across the public road, while the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway considers that no modification of the rule as laid down in Act XVIII. is necessary. In this latter view of the question the Acting Consulting Engineer and this Government fully concur.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 245.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 26th April 1866.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqre,

Agent and Manager. of the M R Co.

To

Major H. M. Law Stewart, R.E.

acting *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

SIR,

I had an opportunity to day, to discuss with the principal officers of the Railway, the Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 23d instant, having reference to the danger of level crossing gates closing across a Railway, and have now the honor to state, that they unanimously acquiesced in the views expressed by the Agent of the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company, in his Memorandum, dated the 19th September 1862.

2. I shall be glad, therefore, to know that the new bill to Consolidate and amend the law relating to Railways in India, provides that level crossing gates should, as a rule, close across the public road, rather than the Railway, but power should be given in exceptional cases, to reverse this order of things.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient servant

Agent & Manager

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No. 2029

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 9th May 1866.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

I have to observe, in reply to your letter No. 705 of the 26th. ult., that Section XIX of Act XVIII of 1854 provides "that it shall be lawful for the Local "Government, in any case, to order that "the gates shall be across the road or "across the railway, as the Government "may think fit." I would not advocate any alteration of this Section.

As to the manner in which Government should exercise the powers they hold — that is, whether they should order the gates to shut across the railway, or the road — I think the closing of the gates across the road is the better plan, except in the case of roads close to or within the limits of large towns. Along such roads foot passengers and bandies are constantly travelling, and it would be an

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From The Agent and Manager.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Dated 26th April 1866.
Recd. 27th " No. 2457.

Soliciting that the question of level crossing gates claiming a award of railway returns to the Govt. of Fort St. George may be submitted to Government with the Chief Engineer's opinion thereon.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 705 dated 19th inst. on the above subject.

Railway Department — Consulting Engineer's Office

No 215.

From

Major J. A. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

To

Colonel C. G. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to G. O. dated the 23 ultimo, No 1272, to submit the opinions of the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways with respect to the amendment of Section XIX of Act XVIII of 1854, which is the same as Section 33 of the Proposed Indian Railway Bill.

2. In my opinion the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway has taken a correct view of the matter, and I consider the alteration proposed by the Agent of the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway unnecessary and inexpedient. Section 33 of

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...level-crossing gates generally ...
...entails.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient
servant
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To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Dated the 12th July 1886

Rec'd 13th July 1886

Read Agent's letter
dated the 6th July 1886
and the Letter dated the
Madras Railway Co. to
Acting Consulting Engineer
Madras, the Railway
Board, Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George
No. 1272 dated 23rd June 1886
and Enclosures

Forwarded
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for Secretary to Government

C. G. Orr 20/7/86

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant
J. Main Stewart Majr RE
Acting Consulting Engr for Railways

Madras
12th May
1860

Public Works Department.

No 1691

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 28th May 66

Read the following

From

The Acting Consulting Engineer

for Railways (Here enter No. 215 dated 14th May 1866.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their orders No 330 R dated the 31st March 1866

No 1692

By the Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of the orders of the Government of India No 330 R under date the 31st March 66 and in reply, to forward copies of the papers marginally noted containing the views of the Act Consulting Engineer and

From Actg Consl Engr for Railways
No 215 dt 14th May 66
Agent & Manager Madras Railway
No 265 dt 26th April —
— to Govt S.J. No 2029 dt 9th May —

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23rd April 1866 No 1272

By Actg Consl Engr for Railways
To the Secretary to Govt
P.W. Dept

Dated 14th May 1866
Rec'd 15th do

No 215.

Forwards 2

Submitting the enclosed copies of correspondence with the Madras Agent & Manager of the S. Railways with regard to the charges & rates to be levied & recorded thereon by Railway Companies.

No 1691 to 28th May 1866.

Rec'd 19th June 1866 No 25

of the Agent of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways on the subject of the proposed amendment of Section 19 of Act XVIII of 1854 —

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Dept. 29th May with G.O. No. 1691/66.

Fort St George
28th May 1866

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT of Madras.

Dated 28 May 66

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative to the proposed amendment of Madras Act XVIII of 1865.

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R. 19 May 1866.