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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
31st May 1866.

No. 726. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd May 1866, No. 224 :—

1. In the Schedules* of works required to complete the South-West Line, submitted with Captain Lindsay's letter, dated 25th July 1864, No. 402, was included a sum of Rupees 8,753, for an open platform at the Salt Cotaurs Goods Station for the purpose of stacking cotton, so as to preserve it from damp and dirt. Pending the receipt of the sanction of the Government of India, authority was given to the Agent in Order dated the 11th August 1864, No. 506, to proceed with the work.

2. In the Acting Agent and Manager's letter herewith submitted, is embodied a full report from the Traffic Manager, pointing out the inadequacy of the arrangements made for conducting the cotton traffic, and setting forth the necessity for providing at once a covered shed for the preservation of the cotton from fire and rain.

3. The cost of the proposed shed† is Rupees 1,73,823. The outer walls are to be built of masonry, and the roof to be of wrought-iron girders, covered over with zinc sheeting. The length of the shed is 408½ feet, and the breadth 125½ feet.

4. It is not proposed to construct the whole shed at once. Only one-half will be taken in hand in the first instance, and the other half as soon afterwards as may be found necessary.

5. I have discussed the matter with the Railway authorities, and as I quite agree with them as to the inadequate nature of the present arrangements, I have now the honor to recommend that the sanction of the Government of India be obtained for the estimated outlay of Rupees 1,73,823.

From the Acting Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th May 1866, No. 283.

1. In compliance with the wish expressed in your letter of the 7th instant, No. 246, that a complete report be furnished as to the necessity for the proposed Cotton shed at the Salt Cotaurs, I have the honor to quote as follows, from a communication, dated the 25th October last, No. 2,997, from the Traffic Manager to the Chief Engineer :—

“My attention has been particularly called, during the last month, to the total inadequacy of the arrangements sanctioned at the Salt Cotaurs for the safe conduct of the cotton traffic, and before any more money is expended in what I conceive to be of little use, I think it well to point out how very far short of the kind of accommodation required to meet this traffic, the proposed uncovered cotton platform is likely to be.

“During the past month, the cotton traffic into Madras has averaged 2,000 bales per diem, one-half or five-eighths of which is delivered the same and following days, and the remainder a day or two after ; so that we have always 3,000 and frequently 4,000 bales lying in our yard at one time.

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"The proposed open cotton platform, when complete, might with very careful stowage accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500 bales, certainly not more; but, beyond keeping the cotton free from dirt and mud in the wet weather, it will serve no other purpose, as the cotton packed upon it would not be safer from fire and rain than the balance of 4,000 bales always on hand, say 2,500 bales would be, and for which no accommodation is contemplated.

"As the Railway Company are responsible for the safety of all goods for a certain time at least after arrival, it becomes a question for serious consideration whether something more secure than an open raised platform is not necessary to protect cotton from fire and rain.

"We provide covered accommodation for less valuable and inflammable goods, and I feel assured that we shall study the best interests of the Company, and gain the confidence of our constituents, by providing the same accommodation, for a limited time at least, for the cotton traffic.

"I do not propose to provide storage for all cotton we may have on hand undelivered; but I think we should have sufficient covered accommodation for the storage of a day's work, say 2,000 bales, and I would therefore recommend that, in lieu of an open cotton platform, sanction be solicited for the construction of a Goods Shed 500 feet long, which would afford storage for 2,000 bales. In this shed I propose to unload and store the cotton during the period of our responsibility, and at the expiration of that time, such cotton as remained undelivered, would be turned out in the compound at the risk of the consignee, to make room for the next day's work.

"I shall feel obliged if you will kindly take steps to obtain sanction for a shed at once, in order that it may be ready for occupation when the next cotton season commences."

2. As the present Goods Shed at the Salt Cotaurs is only sufficient for the conduct of the ordinary outwards and inwards merchandize traffic, no part of it can be set aside for storing cotton. Under these circumstances, I trust that you will be good enough to forward to the Government of India, for sanction, the estimate of the proposed Cotton Shed.

No. 727. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1866, No. 1,723.

RAILWAY, No. 72.

The Government being fully satisfied that it is necessary to provide adequate accommodation at the

Madras Salt Cotaurs Goods Station for the storage of cotton, resolve to request the sanction of the Government of India to the construction of the proposed covered shed at an outlay of Rupees 1,73,823.

(Here enter No. 1,724, dated 31st May 1866.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with five Enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st May 1866.

No. 1,724.

No. 728.
To

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

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 73.

Vide Colonel Strachey's letter, dated 26th
August 1864, No. 491-4,072 R.

1. In Schedule No. II., which accompanied Mr. Sim's letter No. 475, dated 30th July 1864, provision was made for the construction of a "Platform for Cotton" at the Salt Cotaurs Branch of the Madras Railway at a cost of Rupees 8,753.

2. The Railway authorities now represent the inadequacy of existing arrangements, and submit an estimate, through the Consulting Engineer, amounting to Rupees 1,73,823 for the construction of a large covered shed for the preservation of cotton from fire and rain.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council being fully satisfied of the necessity of the building, I am to request the sanction of the Government of India to its early construction.

4. It will be observed from paragraph 4 of the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter herewith forwarded, that one-half of the shed will be first built, and the remaining half as soon as may be found necessary.

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.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 224.

From

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

To

Colonel L. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Sanctioned by Government of
India in letter No. 491 R
dated 26 August 1864.

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* as per Plan & Estimate herewith sent -

4 It is not proposed to construct the whole Shed at once. - Only one half will be taken in hand in the first instance, and the other half as soon afterwards as may be found necessary -

5 I have discussed the matter with the Railway Authorities, and as I quite agree with them as to the inadequate nature of the present arrangements, I have the honor to recommend that the Sanction of the Government of India

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Mudras
22 May
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I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your Most Obedt Servant

Macartney Major R.E.
Acting Consulting Eng for Railways

Public Works Department
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 31st May 1866

Read the following

From
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways (Here enter No. 224 dated 22nd May 1866)

The Government
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To
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,
 Railway Department

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department,
 Fort Saint George,

Dated 22nd May 1866.
 Received 23rd May 1866.

No. 224
 1st September 1866
 Requesting that
 the sanction of the Govt
 of India be obtained for
 the estimated cost of
 Rs. 1,73,823 for a shed
 for the preservation of
 cotton at the Salt Cottar
 May 23-31 May 1866

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31st May 1866

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Passing orders on a letter
from the Consulting Engineer re-
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outlay of Rs. 1,73,823 for the
construction of shed (covered) for
Cotton at the Salt Cotour branch
of the Madras Railway.

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