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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th June 1866.*

No. 448. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th June 1866, No. 248:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th May 1866, No. 282.

1. I have the honor to annex copy of paragraph 4 of a letter from the Board, dated the 27th October 1865, No. 367, in which the Directors drew attention to the fact, that the accounts submitted annually to the proprietors exhibited a large and increasing balance due to the Secretary of State, on the South-West Line Capital Account, arising from all payments, on account of materials and stores, having been made out of the funds of that line. To obviate this state of things, the Directors proposed to transfer to the debit of the North-West Line the balances of the Store and Workshop Accounts, and thenceforward to charge all expenditure on Capital Account to the North-West Line, debiting the South-West Line from time to time with such sums as might be chargeable thereto.

2. By paragraph 8 of a letter, No. 24, dated the 25th January last (copy enclosed), the Chief Accountant suggested, that the simplest plan to meet the wishes of the Board would be to transfer from the advances made on account of the South-West Line, a round sum, say £750,000, to the credit of Government in the North-West Line books, relieving the General Store Account, and the Engineering Store and Workshop Account, to the extent of £500,000 and £250,000 respectively, and carrying those sums to the debit of a Store and Workshop Account, in the books of the North-West Line.

3. In replying to the Board, by letter, No. 675, paragraph 2 (copy enclosed), Mr. Elwin endorsed the views of the Chief Accountant, and as the Directors have expressed their concurrence, I beg to forward an Extract of paragraph 6 of the Secretary's letter, No. 376, and to solicit the sanction of Government to the proposed arrangement.

* Letter No. 110, 17th May.

4. I learn from the Chief Accountant,* that the sum named in paragraph 2 of this letter, viz., £750,000, is now found

to be in excess of the balances on the Store Accounts (Engineering and General Stores), so that, at the present time, we are not in a position to transfer a larger sum than Rupees 70,00,000.

Extract of a letter from the Managing Director, No. 367, dated London, 27th October 1865.

Paragraph 4. The accounts submitted here annually to the proprietors exhibit a large and increasing balance due to the Secretary of State, on the South-West Line Capital Account, and this arises, as you are aware, from all payments on account of materials and stores having been made out of the funds of this line, whilst they are credited only with actual issues to the North-West Line and on Revenue Account. As the expenditure on the South-West Line on Capital Account will, for the future, be comparatively small, it is thought desirable, with a view to adjust more nearly the accounts with Government of the two lines, to transfer to the debit of the North-West Line the balances of the Store and Workshop Accounts, and thenceforward to charge all expenditure on Capital Account, both here and in India, to the North-West Line, debiting the South-West Line from time to time with such sums as may be chargeable thereto.

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Extract of a letter from the Chief Accountant, No. 24, dated 25th January 1866.

Paragraph 8. It is no doubt very desirable that the published accounts should appear as the Board point out, and it is suggested that probably this may be effected in the simplest way by transferring from the advances made on account of the South-West Line, a round sum, say of £750,000 to the credit of the Government in the North-West Line books, relieving the General Store Account and the Engineering Store and Workshop Account to the extent of £500,000 and £250,000 respectively, and carrying those sums to the debit of a Store and Workshop Account in the books of the North-West Line. There will then be no necessity to transfer store expenditure from one set of books to the other, as each would have a store account ready to meet appropriations whether on Capital or Revenue account. The Accountant General would of course be asked to effect a similar transfer in the Government accounts.

Extract of a letter from the Agent and Manager, to the Managing Director, No. 675, dated 26th January 1866.

Paragraph 2. With regard to the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 of your letter under reference, I am inclined to endorse the views of the Chief Accountant, as expressed in paragraph 8 of his communication, and if the Board see no objection, the arrangement shall be carried out.

Extract of a letter from the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, No. 376, dated 23rd March 1866.

Paragraph 6. With reference to paragraph 4 of our No. 367, proposing "with a view to adjust more nearly the accounts with Government of the two lines, to transfer to the debit of the North-West Line the balances of the Store and Workshop Accounts, and thenceforward to charge all expenditure on Capital Account, both here and in India, to the North-West Line, debiting the South-West Line from time to time with such sums as may be chargeable thereto," I beg to inform you that the Board concur in the opinion expressed by you and the Accountant, that the simpler plan would be to transfer a round sum to the credit of the Government in the North-West Line books, relieving the General Store and Workshop Accounts respectively with their proportion of this amount, and carrying these sums to the debit of a Store and Workshop Account in the books of the North West Line. It is considered, however, that the sum named by the Accountant (£750,000) would be scarcely adequate to effect the desired object, more especially when it is taken into consideration that you would continue to draw advances from the Government on South-West Line as heretofore, and our expenditure for stores will also be, as at present, out of the funds of the same line.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) W. G. SMART,
Acting Agent and Manager.

1. This letter gives the substance of the correspondence (enclosed) which has passed between the Directors of the Madras Railway Company and their Agent and Manager here, relative to certain transfers proposed to be effected in the Store Accounts, between the South-West and North-West Lines.

2. The Railway Board's first proposition to transfer the balances of the Store Accounts to the debit of the North-West Line, charging all expenditure under those heads in future to the Capital Account of that line, and debiting the South-West Line with such sums as may from time to time be chargeable thereto, is a very simple one, and is in accordance with the plan sanctioned by Government and adopted on the Great Southern of India Railway.

3. It will be seen, however, from the Extract from the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Directors, dated the 23rd March last, No. 376, that, upon the

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representation of the Railway authorities in India, the Directors have modified their views, and have permitted the transfer of a sum of £750,000 from the Store Account of the South-West Line to that of the North-West Line. But the Acting Agent and Manager shows that no more than 70,00,000 lacs of Rupees can be thus transferred, and solicits the sanction of Government to the arrangement. I recommend that the sanction be granted.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Acting Consgr. Engr. for Railways.

No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1866, No. 1,935.

RAILWAY, No. 37.

The Government sanction the transfer of a sum of Rupees 70,00,000 from the Store Accounts of the South-West Line to those of the North-West Line of the Madras Railway. They observe that the arrangement has met with the approval of the Railway Board of Directors.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 18th May 1866.

From

W. G. Smart Esq.,
Agent and Manager, M. R. Co.

To

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.,
Esq. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex copy of paragraph 4 of a letter from the Board, dated the 24th October 1865, N. 367, in which the Directors drew attention to the fact, that the accounts submitted annually to the Proprietors exhibited a large and increasing balance due to the Secretary of State, on the S. M. Line Capital Account, arising from all payments, on account of materials and stores having been made out of the funds of that Line. To obviate this state of things, the Directors proposed to transfer to the debit of the S. M. Line, the balances of the Store and Workshop accounts, and thenceforward to charge all expenditure on Capital Account, to the S. M. Line, debiting the S. M. Line, from time to time, with such sums as might be chargeable thereto.

2. By paragraph 8 of a letter N. 24, dated the 25th January last, (copy enclosed), the Chief Accountant suggested, that the simplest plan to meet the wishes of the Board, would be, to transfer from the advances made on account of the S. M. Line, a round sum, say £750,000, to the credit of Government in the S. M. Line books, relieving the General Store Account, and the Engineering Store and Workshop account, to the extent of £500,000, and £250,000 respectively, and carrying those

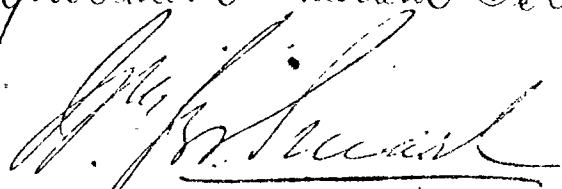
those sums to the debit of a Store and Workshop account, in the books of the North West Line.

3. In replying to the Board, by letter N. 675, paragraph 2 (copy enclosed), Mr. Elwin endorsed the views of the Chief Accountant, and as the Directors have expressed their concurrence, I beg to forward an extract of paragraph 6 of the Secretary's letter N. 376, and to solicit the sanction of Government to the proposed arrangement.

4. I learn from the Chief Accountant, that the sum named in paragraph 2 of this letter, viz. £750,000, is now found to be in excess of the balances on the Store Accounts (Engineering and General Stores), so that, at the present time, we are not in a position, to transfer a larger sum, than Rupees 700,000.

* Letter N. 110,
17th May.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.


Chf. Agent and Manager.

No 248-

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Major R.

Madras
8 June
1863

Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

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

Extract of a letter from the Managing Director No 367 dated London 27th October 1865.

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Extract

MADRAS RAILWAY.

18463

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Date 18th May 1866

Recd.

No. 282.

Obtaining the sanction of Government to an expenditure of Rs 1000000 of Capital account of Stores, &c., from the G. N. Line Capital account, to the credit of Government, in the book of the G. N. Line.

Extract of a letter from the Chief accountant
no 24 dated 25th January 1866.

Para 8. It is no doubt very desirable that the published accounts should appear as the Board point out, and it is suggested that probably this may be effected in the simplest way by transferring from the advances made on account of the South West Line a round sum, say of £ 750,000 to the credit of the Government in the North West Line Books; relieving the General Store account and the Engineering Store and Workshop account to the extent of £ 500,000 and £ 250,000 respectively and carrying those sums to the debit of a Store and Workshop account in the Books of the N.W. Line. There will then be no necessity to transfer store expenditure from one set of books to the other, as each would have a store account ready to meet appropriations whether on Capital or Revenue account. The Accountant General would of course be asked to effect a similar transfer in the Government accounts.

Extract

Extract of a letter from the agent and manager
to the Managing Director, at 675 dated 26th January 1866.

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contained in para 4 of your letter under reference
I am inclined to endorse the views of the Chief
Accountant as expressed in para 8 of his
communication, and if the Board see no objection,
the arrangements shall be carried out.

Extract of a letter from the Secretary, Madras
Railway Company, at 376, dated 23rd March 1866.

Para 6. With reference to para 4 of your
at 377, proposing, "with a view to adjust more
nearly the accounts with Government of the
two lines, to transfer to the debit of the North West
Line the balances of the Store and Workshop
accounts, and thenceforward to charge all expenditure
on Capital account, both here and in India,
to the North West Line, debiting the South West
Line from time to time with such sums as may
be chargeable there." I beg to inform you that
the Board concur in the opinion expressed by you
and the Accountant, that the simpler plan would
be to transfer a round sum to the credit of the
Government in the North West Line Books;
relieving the General Store and Workshop accounts
respectively with their proportion of this amount,
and carrying these sums to the debit of a Store
and Workshop account in the books of the North
West Line. It is considered, however, that the
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that you would continue to draw advances from
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at present, out of the funds of the same Line.

/ True Extracts /

Wm. L. L. L.

Ag. Agent and Manager.

Comptroller

P. W. Dept

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Consgr. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated *5th* June 1866.

Received

No. 248-

Enclosures, *2*

*Observations on
a letter from the Secy.
to the Consgr. Eng. No. 252
of 18th May 1866, soliciting
the sanction of Govt. to
transfer an expenditure
of 70 Lacs of Rs. on acc't
of stores &c.*

c. 13 June 1866 & 14 June

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Public Works Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the *20th* June 1866.

Read the following

From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways. *(Here enter No. 248 dated 8th June 1866)*

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the transfer of a sum of
Rs. 700,000 from the store
accounts of the South West
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with the approval of the
Railway Directors.*

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The Consgr. Eng. for Railways.

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Funds - The transfer of
Rs 7,00,000 from the Stores
accounts of the S.W. Line
to those of the M. West Line
of the Madras Railway,
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