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23rd February 1866.*

No. 547. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st February 1866, No. 83 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, dated the 14th September last, No. 2,709, I have the honor to report that Mr. Kellner has lately arrived in Madras, and that, having had several interviews with him, I am prepared to lay before Government the measures which seem best suited for carrying into effect in this Presidency the new system of Railway audit.

2. I had the advantage of thoroughly discussing the subject with Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, before his departure from Madras, and I found him disposed to modify the recommendations contained in paragraph 6 *et seq.* of his letter to you, No. 443, dated the 5th September last. Upon further consideration, it seemed both to him and to me to be inexpedient, on several grounds, that the offices of Auditor and of Uncovenanted Assistant to the Consulting Engineer should be held by the same person; and the measures which I have now the honor to recommend have his full approval.

3. These measures are—

1st.—That an Officer of the Royal Engineers, experienced in accounts, and with an aptitude for the special duties, be appointed to audit the Railway Accounts of this Presidency.

2nd.—That in order to secure, for some years, his services in the post, a Staff salary be assigned to it, commencing at Rupees 400 per mensem, and rising, by yearly increments of Rupees 50, to a maximum of Rupees 600 per mensem.

3rd.—That he be styled Deputy Consulting Engineer, with the understanding that, as a rule, his duties are to be confined to the financial branch.

4th.—That the audit of the books of the Madras Railway be regularly conducted, under the instructions of the Consulting Engineer, by his Financial Deputy; and that he make periodical visits to Negapatam, at intervals of not less than three months, to inspect and audit the books of the Great Southern of India Railway.

5th.—That the reductions in the Office Establishment of the Consulting Engineer, suggested in paragraph 17 of Colonel Anderson's letter of the 5th September last, No. 448, be carried out, and that an increase of Rupees 150 per mensem to Mr. Hamnett's salary be sanctioned. He at present receives a salary of Rupees 350 per mensem, and recommendations for its increase, on the ground of the value of his services, have been more than once made by the Consulting Engineer. It is only natural that Mr. Hamnett should feel some disappointment at not being intrusted with the duties of Auditor, and I would most strongly urge the grant of this increase to his salary. It is a small price to pay to secure to Government the continuance of his valuable services.

4. I anticipate that the reductions which can be effected in this Office will cause a greater saving than the sum (Rupees 145 per mensem) named by Colonel Anderson; and the entire additional expense entailed by the measures now advocated will, therefore, be something less than the Staff salary proposed for the Engineer Officer who will conduct the audit. At one time it seemed possible for the present Deputy Consulting Engineer to conduct the audit, in addition to his

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own duties; but, upon consideration, any such arrangement proved to be impracticable, and it was clear that the audit must be in separate hands. As long as any part of the Railways in this Presidency is under construction, either the Consulting Engineer or his Deputy must be almost continually absent from Madras, inspecting the works in progress; and, not to mention the Great Southern, it would not be possible for one man to conduct efficiently the audit of even the Madras Railway, in addition to the Consulting Engineer's current work.

5. It was proposed, upon Mr. Kellner's arrival here, that Mr. Trotter, who accompanied him from Calcutta, should remain for one or two months in order to start the new system, and to initiate in its working the Officer who might be appointed by Government to carry it into effect. Mr. Trotter's appointment as Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts at Bombay will prevent this arrangement from being carried out; but Mr. Kellner has suggested that Mr. Trotter should halt at Negapatam, on his way to Bombay, and make a thorough inspection and audit of the books of the Great Southern of India Railway. Mr. Kellner will not be able himself to visit Negapatam; and as, from special circumstances, the Account Department of the Great Southern has been almost entirely free from professional control and inspection, I recommend strongly that the opportunity offered by Mr. Trotter's visit be accepted.

6. Mr. Kellner expects to stay here until the middle of March, and during that time to make a thorough examination of the books of the Madras Railway. It is, in my opinion, highly desirable that the Officer who is likely to be intrusted with the duty of carrying out the new system of audit should at once be associated with Mr. Kellner, so as to have the advantage of visiting the Railway Office and inspecting the books and accounts in his company, and to have the principles of the new system, and the mode of carrying it out, thoroughly and practically explained to him, before entering upon his duties. This I consider to be almost essential to the successful establishment of the new system; and in the hope that these proposals will be favorably received by the Government, I would recommend most strongly that the services of the Officer who may be selected for the post, be at once made available, and that he be instructed to lose no time in associating himself with Mr. Kellner, so as to derive, during that gentleman's short stay here, every possible advantage from his ability and experience.

No. 543.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1866, No. 646.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

1. The Government of India being very desirous that the new system of appropriation audit for Railway expenditure should be introduced into this Presidency with as little delay as practicable, and Mr. Kellner, the Assistant Accountant General, Public Works Department, who is now at Madras, having been deputed to aid in carrying out this important measure, the Governor in Council agrees in opinion with the Acting Consulting Engineer that it is highly desirable that, in order to take advantage of Mr. Kellner's presence, arrangements should at once be made for the appointment of an Officer to conduct the audit of the Railway accounts, so that he should have the opportunity

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of thoroughly initiating himself into the new system before Mr. Kellner's departure from Madras.

2. To give immediate effect to this arrangement, Lieutenant A. J. Filgate, B. E., Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts at Madras, will be appointed Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, his duties being, as a rule, confined to the audit of Railway expenditure in this Presidency. The Controller of Public Works Accounts will make immediate arrangements for the relief of Lieutenant Filgate, who will thereupon take up his new duties under Mr. Kellner's direction.

3. The Acting Consulting Engineer's recommendations which are contained in clauses 2 and 4 of paragraph 3, and in paragraph 5 of his letter above recorded are approved, subject, as regards the Staff salary of the Deputy Consulting Engineer, to the future consideration of this Government, and to the approval of the Government of India.

4. As by the new arrangement for conducting the audit of Railway expenditure the labor and responsibility devolving on the Office of the Consulting Engineer will

Rupees 150 per month.

be considerably lightened, the Government cannot consent to the large increase

which is recommended (in clause 5 of paragraph 3) to the salary of the Consulting Engineer's Uncovenanted Assistant. In consideration, however, of Mr. Hamnett's past good services, and of the favorable testimony which has been borne to his merits and qualifications as a public servant, His Excellency in Council will not object to recommend that his salary be raised from Rupees 350 to Rupees 400 per mensem,

* Rupees 300.

the difference (Rupees 100) between the latter amount and the authorized*

salary of the appointment being treated as a *personal allowance*.

5. Major Shaw Stewart will be good enough to submit, with as little delay as possible, a Tabular Statement showing the financial results of the new arrangements, in order to the sanction of the Government of India being obtained to the increased cost of the proposed establishment.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

Railway Department.

Form No. 3428, G. M.—20-1-66—50.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 83.

FROM

Major W. H. M. Shaw. C. I. E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Department Public Works,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Referring to para. 3 of the Order of Government, dated the 11th September last, N^o. 2709, I have the honor to report that Mr. Helmer has lately arrived in Madras, and that, having had several interviews with him, I am prepared to lay before Government the measures which seem best suited for carrying into effect in this Presidency the new system of Railway Audit.

2. I had the advantage of thoroughly discussing the subject with Lieutenant Colonel Anderson, before his departure from Madras, and I found him disposed to modify the recommendations contained in para. 6 et seq. of his letter to you, N^o. 443, dated the 5th Sept. last. Upon further consideration, it seemed both to him and to me to be inexpedient, on several grounds, that the offices of Auditor and of

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2nd. That in order to secure for some
years, his services in the post, a salary being
assigned to it, commencing at £1000
per annum, and rising, by regular increments
of £150, to a maximum of £1150 per annum.

3rd. That to be styled Deputy Consulting
Engineer, with the understanding that, as
rule, his duties are to be confined to the
Railway's Affairs.

4th. That the accounts of the Railway
under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors
by his Honorable Office; and that he be
permitted to make such alterations
of not less than 9 months, to be made out
the Books of the Railway, and to be taken
into consideration in the next
Establishment of the Consulting Engineer.

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and recommendations for its increase, on the
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here, every possible advantage from his ability
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I have the honor to be

Sir.

your most obedient servant

Wm. Stewart Major & B

Acting Consulting Engineer

for Roadways

Received
27th February
1866.

P.H.D.

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Under date the 23rd July 1866
Read the following -

From the Eng^r for Railways

Submits for the approval
of Gov^t the measures which
seem best suited for carrying
into effect in the Presidency
the new system of Railway
Audit

N. E. 21st July 1866.
No. 83.

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Appropriation Audit for
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little delay as practicable,
and Mr. Kellner, the As-
sistant Accountant General,
Public Works Department,
who is now at Madras,
having been deputed to

Handwritten initials and signature.

Copy in a letter to Eng^r from
of Mr. Kellner dated 16 of 1866

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
From
Mr. Kellner, Assistant
Accountant General,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Dated 21st July
Received 22nd July 1866.

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Enclosures.

Submits for the approval
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Presidency the new system
of Railway Audit.

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ating himself into the
new system before Mr.
Mellner's departure from
Madras.

To give immediate
effect to this arrangement,
Lieut. A. J. Pilgate, A.E.

Deputy Controller of Pub-
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^{and in para 5}
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Staff salary of the
By Cong Engineer, to the
future consideration of
this Govt, and to the
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5 of para 3) to the salary
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Incovenanted Assistant -
(Rs 150 per month)

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In consideration however
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difference (Rs 100) between
the latter amount and
the authorized salary
of the appointment being
treated as a personal allow-
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Major Shaw Stewart
will be good enough to
submit, with as little delay
as

as possible, a tabular
statement showing the
financial results of the
new arrangements in
order to the sanction
of the Govt of India
being obtained to the
increased cost of the
proposed establishment.

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To
The Secy. for Railways
Contl of P.W. Recd

[Signature]
P.O. 23rd Feb
1874

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Copy in a letter to England
of 21st March 1866

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Proc. of Govt. for February

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Proc. of the Madras Govt.

of 23rd February/66

New system of
Railway appropriation
Auditor. Passing order
on letter from the Compt
roller suggesting certain
arrangements for the
introduction of -