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Read the following —

No. 119.

No. 88.

Application from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, requesting the sanction of Government to the following estimates:—

<i>South-West Line.</i>		Schedule II.
		RS.
Tank for storing coal-tar at the Madras Terminal Station		973
Revised estimate. Iron wire fencing for 15 miles on District No. 15		4,852
Do. do. do. for 7½ miles on District No. 17...		1,732
		<u>7,557</u>
<i>Salt Cotaar Branch.</i>		
Maintenance of Telegraph for two years		500
<i>Bangalore Branch.</i>		
Maintenance of Telegraph for two years	...	11,400 ✓
<i>North-West Line.</i>		
Maintenance of Telegraph for two years		17,340
Yaitoor Station house, Platform, Goods Warehouse,		
Engine Pit, Native Urinaries, &c.	..	24,928
Royalacherroo do. do. do. do.		25,496
Tadpatree do. do. do. do.		38,978
	Total	<u>89,402</u>

SUMMARY.

	Schedule II.
	RS.
South-West Line	7,557
Salt Cotaar Branch	500
Bangalore Branch	11,400 ✓
North-West Line	17,340
	<u>36,797</u>
North-West Line, Stations	89,402

1. The Chief Engineer, in submitting these estimates, offers the following explanation:—

“Respecting the revised estimates for wire fencing on Districts 15 and 17, Mr. Pinson informs me that they are required in consequence of the original estimates having been framed at such rates that contracts for fixing the fencing could not be let, and that in order to prevent theft, red hot iron wedges had to be driven into the sockets to secure the standards; this process entailed expenses not provided for in the first estimate.”

“By an oversight in this office, estimates for the maintenance of the Electric Telegraph for two years, from the date of opening the Bangalore branch and North-West Line, were not sent in at the proper time.”

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"I shall be glad to have sanction to proceed with the Station works on the North-West Line, as soon as possible, as Contractors are anxious to commence the delivery of materials."

"The Station arrangement at Tadpatree is altered to meet the requirements of the traffic during the time that station may be a temporary terminus."

2. The rates allowed in the estimates for the different descriptions of work specified are similar to those entered in other estimates for works which have been already sanctioned by Government.

3. The rate for plastering is 6 Rupees per square. It is a high rate, especially in the case of a work like the "tank for storing coal-tar," where fine plastering would be altogether out of place, and I have requested the Agent and Manager to furnish me with the data on which it has been based.

4. In the estimates for the maintenance of the Telegraph lines in the Bangalore branch and North-West Line of Railway, provision has been made for the renewal of "Beach-wood tops" with "Teak-wood tops." The outlay for the purpose on the former, is Rupees 5,270, and on the latter Rupees 7,378. These seem to me to be very heavy charges against capital, but as the principle laid down is to charge all renewals that take place, within two years, to capital, there is no alternative but to pass the items to that account.

5. The Station buildings proposed to be constructed in the North-West Line entail a large outlay. The designs of the buildings are in accordance with designs adopted at other places on the Railways, but I think they may be improved upon.

6. Major J. Hovenden, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer to Government of Bengal, Railway Department, in a note of his visit to the Railways in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, writes:

"On the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway the plan of the third class stations is admirable. The booking and telegraph offices are built at one end of the platform, while the waiting room and the Station Master's quarters form a separate block at the other end. The space between is filled up with a covered passage, consisting simply of a tiled roof, on wooden posts, which forms the third class waiting room. This is a cheap arrangement, and one that is exceedingly well adapted for native habits."

7. I concur in the opinion expressed by Major Hovenden, and have applied to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of Bombay for a copy of the plan alluded to, with a view, if approved of by Government and the Railway authorities, to its adoption on the North-West Railway.

8. The Yaitoor, Tadpatree, and Royalacherroo stations are situated between Cuddapah and Gooty, and as it is essential that the buildings required for working the traffic should be put in hand at an early date, I recommend the estimates in question for immediate sanction by this Government.

MADRAS,
21st February 1866.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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No. 120.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1866, No. 754.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer, the Government sanction the estimates, amounting to Rupees 1,26,199, which are submitted with the foregoing application for works required on the undermentioned lines of Railway:—

Schedule No. II.

	RS.
South-West Line	7,557
Salt Cotaar Branch... ..	500
Bangalore do.	11,400
North-West Line	89,402
	17,340
Total Rupees	89,402
	36,797

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with eleven Enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Department
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 Under date the 6th March 1866

From The Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways Read the following

Application from the Agent & Manager of the Madras Railway Company requesting the sanction of Government to the within mentioned Estimates. (Here enter 21st Feby 1866 N: 88)

In accordance with the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer the Government sanction the estimates amounting to Rs 1,26,199 which are submitted with the foregoing application for works required on the undermentioned lines of Railway -

		Schedule No. II
South West Line	Rs 7,557	7,557
Salepota Branch	Rs 500	500
Bangalore - Do	Rs 11,400	11,400
North West Line	Rs 89,402	89,402
Total	Rs 1,08,859	1,08,859

3 By the Consulting Engineer for Railways
 W. H. M. (Secretary to the Govt.)
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