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17th April 1867.*

No. 362. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th April 1867, No. 107.

Read the following :—

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram Terminus, on Tuesday, the 2nd April 1867.

Present.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Mr. W. G. SMART, Chief Engineer, Madras Railway.

„ W. B. WRIGHT, Locomotive Superintendent, do.

„ R. B. ELWIN, Agent and Manager, do.

1. The Agent and Manager read a letter from the Locomotive Superintendent, No. 39, dated the 25th March, recommending that the salary of his Office Assistant, Mr. Woolley, be increased from Rupees 300 to Rupees 400 per mensem. Mr. Wright stated that Mr. Woolley had conducted the duties of his office in a most satisfactory manner, and that the accounts of the department, mainly through his efforts, are closer up and better looked after than they have ever been.

2. Mr. Elwin observed, that inasmuch as Mr. Woolley's duties are both of a responsible and onerous nature, and as he is prepared to deposit, as security, Government paper to the value of Rupees 5,000, he (Mr. Elwin) had much pleasure in endorsing the Locomotive Superintendent's recommendation, such promotion taking effect from the 1st March 1867.

Approved, pending the sanction of Government.

3. The Agent and Manager read a letter from the Chief Engineer, No. 176, dated the 30th ultimo, reporting that at the time Mr. Barnett tendered for the construction of the works on the North-West Line, between Goondacul and Raichoor, it was contemplated that the Bellary Branch should leave the main line at the 17th mile of District XI., Section II., but that, consequent upon a recent survey by Mr. Going, it had been considered advisable to alter the point of junction to the 18.55th mile, so that the piece of land between the old and new point of junction is thus transferred from Mr. Barnett's contract, for the line between Goondacul and Raichoor, to that for District XI. Under these circumstances, Mr. Barnett applies to be allowed the prices on which his tender was based for constructing the works on this length.

4. Mr. Smart explained that, without authority, he was unable to pass the prices applied for by Mr. Barnett, owing to the fact that this portion of the line is now included in District XI., the prices for which are lower than those for the works between Goondacul and Raichoor.

5. After discussion, and upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, supported by the Agent and Manager, it was resolved to apply to Government for the necessary sanction.

6. The Agent and Manager reported that the Chief Engineer had carried out the views expressed by Mr. Kellner and Major Chesney in their reports, by transferring the accounts of his department to Mr. Thomson, the Chief Accountant of

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the Company, so far as was practicable, and that, in consequence, the services of Mr. Bradley were available for other duty.

7. Mr. Elwin explained, that he proposed, subject to the approval of Government and the Board of Directors, to appoint Mr. Bradley to take sole charge of the books and accounts in the General Stores, and to attend to the issue of stores, and in this way to strengthen Mr. Allon's hands, enabling him to devote his time and attention more especially to the out-door working, viz., to see that vessels with stores consigned to this Company are properly supplied with boats, that the cargo is received in good condition, and properly stowed away in the yard or stores buildings, to satisfy himself that all articles received into store agree with the sample or muster, that the requisite number of coolies only are employed in delivering stores into the yard, and generally to see that the out-door work of his department is efficiently performed.

8. The Agent and Manager stated that it would not be necessary to submit a list of present and proposed establishment, as Mr. Bradley was a Covenanted Officer of the Company, but that his transfer to the stores would enable the Company to dispense with the services of Mr. Wood, who is now in receipt of Rupees 200 per mensem.

9. Mr. Elwin further represented, that he believed it would be ultimately found that there was no real increase in the Stores Establishment, owing to the reductions which Mr. Bradley would be able to effect in the staff, and explained that this arrangement was simply intended to assist the General Store-keeper, who, in the opinion of the Committee, was unable from his multifarious duties to give that undivided attention to the general interests of his department, which is so essential to its efficient working.

10. The Agent and Manager proposed that Mr. Bradley be designated "Comptroller of Stores Accounts," and applied for sanction to the contemplated change to come into operation from the 1st April.

11. Read the following Memorandum having reference to the transfer of the Accounts from the Chief Engineer's Department to that of the Chief Accountant:—

I. The Engineering set of books, consisting of cash-book, journal, and two ledgers (one for each line) will be superseded from the 1st April, and the transactions now recorded therein will, from that date, be embodied in the general books of the Company. It will be necessary, however, to keep these books open for about a month thereafter, in order to clear off balances outstanding against Engineers, &c., but no new transactions will appear in them.

II. The Engineering Accountant reports that the Chief Engineer, anticipating this arrangement, has given instructions to Engineers in charge of Construction to make no payments after the 1st April, and that the balance in their hands, after paying salaries and contingencies for March, is to be handed over to Mr. C. Sanderson, Agent to Mr. Barnett, Contractor. This amount will be credited to the Company in the Contractor's next certificate for work executed. The Construction accounts (Forms D.) to March 1867 will be made up by the Engineer Department, for which the Chief Engineer will receive credit in the general books, as heretofore.

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III. The staff employed on these books, consisting of eight Clerks, costing Rupees 360 per mensem, will not all be required; but as the transfer will throw considerable extra labour on the book-keeping staff of the Chief Accountant's Office, it is proposed to retain the Head Clerk, Mr. G. McFarlane, who draws Rupees 110, and to reserve an additional Rupees 100 to be disposed of as may hereafter be found necessary.

IV. All salary accounts (Forms A.) are to show how the expenditure is to be allocated in the books of the Company, and to bear the signature of the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer's certificate shall not be understood to imply that the statement is arithmetically correct, but only that the charges entered therein are sanctioned, and that the individuals have actually been employed. The examination will be performed in the Chief Auditor's Office, and all errors notified to the Chief Engineer.

V. Construction accounts on the open line, and Contractor's certificates on the unopened line, are to bear the signature of the Chief Engineer. These certificates must also show the allocation of expenditure under the following heads, viz., Earth-work, Brick-work and Masonry, Fencing, Permanent-Way, Bungalows, Engineering expenses, Miscellaneous, &c., and with regard to schedule estimates, it is necessary that the particular estimate to which the expenditure applies should also be stated. But with special reference to Schedule No. II. Estimates, it is suggested that, instead of appropriating expenditure under them to detailed heads as above, it would be much better to carry it at once to one common head of "Additional Works."

VI. The advantage of this arrangement would be to show all new construction expenditure under a distinct head, it being of course understood that the old estimates will be worked upon so long as any part of the sanction remains unexpended up to the end of two years after the opening of the line. In the event of any of the old estimates becoming exhausted before the completion of this period, fresh ones will be prepared under Schedule I., agreeably to the Secretary of State's Despatch to the Government of India, No. 58,* dated 29th September 1864.

† See Proceedings of Madras Government, 21st December 1864, No. 103, with Consulting Engineer's letter No. 1,076, 27th December 1864.

There is also another advantage attending this suggestion, viz., that the Chief Engineer will not be required to allocate

this expenditure in detail, as the certificate will afford all necessary information.

VII. In the Chief Auditor's Office, the Construction accounts will undergo an examination similar to that of Salaries, and errors will be notified to the Chief Engineer.

VIII. The Maintenance Sheets will be certified by the Chief Engineer in an abstract, and examined in the Chief Auditor's Office prior to payment.

IX. *Working expenses.*—Statements of Maintenance of Way will be made up in Chief Engineer's Office. They will consist of all such portions of Forms A. and B. as are chargeable to revenue, cash payments on account of Maintenance Sheets during the month, and stores, &c., expended on revenue. In the last month of each half-year all liabilities under this head, as far as can be ascertained, will also be

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taken to account. The staff required by the Chief Engineer for this work will be, Mr. Jordan on a salary of Rupees 150, and two Clerks at Rupees 25 each. To enable the Chief Engineer to make up this Statement of working expenses, the Chief Accountant will furnish him with a Statement of payments on Maintenance Account monthly.

X. Each document, forwarded to the Chief Accountant's Office for payment, must bear on it the name of the party to whom the amount is to be paid, and if to be remitted, in what manner. In the case of salaries on the line under construction, it has already been arranged with the Contractors that such payments are to be made by them, and included in their certificates, plus $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for Commission. The amount thereof will be refunded to their order in Madras on production of receipts for the amount paid.

XI. These arrangements will do away with the necessity of keeping up a staff of Cash Peons and Gun Lascars in districts, and the Chief Engineer has accordingly given instructions for the dismissal of these men.

XII. The Chief Engineer requires to have, at his disposal, funds to enable him to meet drafts drawn by the Engineers, &c., and for contingent purposes. For these he will indent on the Chief Accountant as often as may be required, an account being furnished monthly, and the expenditure taken to account in the general books. The Chief Engineer will retain one Cash-keeper on Rupees 75, to make disbursements from this fund; all other payments being made direct through the Chief Accountant on Chief Engineer's certificate.

XIII. The Chief Engineer's Bank balance at 31st March will be transferred to the Agent and Manager, and the amount credited to the Chief Engineer's Construction Account.

XIV. The Estimate Ledgers, thirty-two in number, are to be transferred to the Chief Auditor's Office.

XV. The staff at present employed on this work, and in auditing the Chief Engineer's accounts, it is proposed to place at the disposal of the Chief Auditor, viz., fourteen Clerks at Rupees 440 per mensem.

XVI. The Engineering Store and Workshop account, for which the following staff is required, will remain in the Chief Engineer's Office:—

Mr. Burr	...	...	...	Rupees 100
1 Clerk	...	...	...	" 70
2 Clerks at 40	...	...	...	" 80
1 Clerk	...	...	...	" 30
Mr. Joseph (out-door Clerk)	...	...	...	" 130

Rupees 410

XVII. With reference to the observations made at the last Meeting regarding the transfer of this work to the General Stores, it has been represented that such transfer would involve difficulties in the depot accounts. It has also been represented that Miscellaneous Stores have to be divided over certain works, which can only be done by the Engineers in charge of these works, and although in some cases they might be allocated direct, without passing through the Engineer's accounts, yet these would be exceptions; it is, therefore, recommended that this branch of the Chief Engineer's Office remain undisturbed for the present at least.

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XVIII. The Chief Engineer's Account Establishment at present consists of fifty-eight Clerks, costing per mensem ... Rupees 2,359 8 0

of which it is proposed that the following be

retained by Chief Engineer—

(See paragraph 9) ... Rupees 200

(Do. 12) ... " 75

(Do. 16) ... " 410

By Chief Auditor, (see paragraph 15) ... " 440 0 0

By Chief Accountant, (see paragraph 3)... " 210 0 0

Total Rupees 1,335 0 0

Showing a reduction of Rupees 1,024 8 0

Approved.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

1. In submitting the Minutes of Committee held on the 2nd instant for the approval of Government, I have the honour to offer the following remarks:—

Paragraphs 1 and 2.

2. I consider the salary proposed for the Locomotive Superintendent's Office

Assistant, Mr. Woolley, namely, Rupees 400 per mensem, not at all too high, considering the onerous duties he has to perform, and the efficient manner in which he has carried them on. The application is therefore recommended for the sanction of Government.

Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5.

3. Mr. Barnett tendered for the construction of the works on the North-

West Line of Railway, between Goondacul junction (where the branch line to Bellary leaves the main line) to Raichoor, (G. O. No. 3,674, dated 17th November 1866,) on the supposition that the point which had been fixed as the junction would not be changed. A recent examination of the ground has, however, shown that a more advantageous point for the junction can be obtained at the distance of one mile and fifty-five chains further up the main line. This distance from the junction to Raichoor will thus be one mile fifty-five chains less than Mr. Barnett had counted on. Under these circumstances, I consider him fairly entitled to have the works on this short portion of the line on the same terms as those obtained by him for the rest of the main line to Raichoor.

Paragraphs 6, &c.

4. The Government will be glad to learn that the only objection of any

Major Chesney's Note, paragraph 18. G. O. No. 272, dated 29th January 1867.

note which was made by the Accountant General, Public Works Department, to the system of accounts prevailing on the Madras Railway, has been removed by the transfer of the accounts of the Engineering Department to the Chief Accountant.

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The change is all the more satisfactory from its having been voluntarily introduced by the Chief Engineer himself. By this and other improvements in the mode of carrying on payments, which it is proposed to introduce immediately, a considerable saving in Office establishments will be effected.

Paragraph 18.

5. In the Chief Engineer's Office alone the saving in establishments will be Rupees 1,024-8-0, and as the Engineers employed on the portions of the North-West Line under construction are to make no cash payments, their Office establishments will be on a much lower scale than has been customary heretofore.

6. The Memorandum on the subject of the transfer of the Engineering Accounts was included in the Proceedings of the Committee at my request, as it appeared to me worthy of communication to the Government of India in connection with the reports by Mr. Kellner and Major Chesney.

7. The Government will observe that it is proposed to transfer Mr. Bradley, who has hitherto been the Engineering Accountant, to the Stores, for the purpose of conducting the Store accounts, and of otherwise relieving the Store-keeper of a portion of the duties connected with the custody and issue of stores. The proposed change has been fully discussed at several weekly Committees, and the Agent and Manager and Heads of departments were unanimously of opinion that it was not only desirable, but essential, that it should be introduced, as it was impossible for the Store-keeper alone to conduct both office and out-door work in a satisfactory manner; I am also in favour of the change, and am confident that it will result in a considerable saving in the minor establishments.

8. I beg that Government will be so good as to defer passing orders on paragraphs V. and VI. of the Memorandum, on the transfer of the Engineer's Accounts, until I can have an opportunity of conferring with the Government Examiner on the mode of appropriating expenditure therein proposed, and of reporting result.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 363.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1867, No. 1,179.

RAILWAY, No. 41.

1. The proposal to increase the salary of Mr. Woolley, Assistant in the Office of the Locomotive Superintendent, from Rupees 300 to 400, is approved, subject to the sanction of the Board of Directors.

2. The Government having in Proceedings of the 17th November 1866, No. 3,674, left it to the Consulting Engineer and the Agent of the Madras Railway Company to decide on the terms of the contract for the construction of the line between the Goondacul Junction and Raichoor under the powers vested in those Officers, do not consider any orders called for on the subject of Mr. Barnett's claim referred to in paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Minutes.

3. His Lordship in Council is glad to learn that the accounts of the Engineering Department have been transferred to the Chief Accountant, and that this change, with other improvements which it is proposed to introduce in the system

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of making payments, will lead to a considerable saving in the cost of Office Establishments. The arrangements which are reported to be necessary for giving effect to this transfer, as detailed in the Memorandum appended to paragraph 11 of the Minutes, are approved, except as regards those referred to in Clauses 5 and 6, regarding which the Consulting Engineer will, as proposed, place himself in communication with the Government Examiner, reporting the result.

4. Mr. Bradley's employment, in the manner stated in paragraph 7, is approved conditionally on the sanction of the Board of Directors being obtained to the arrangement.

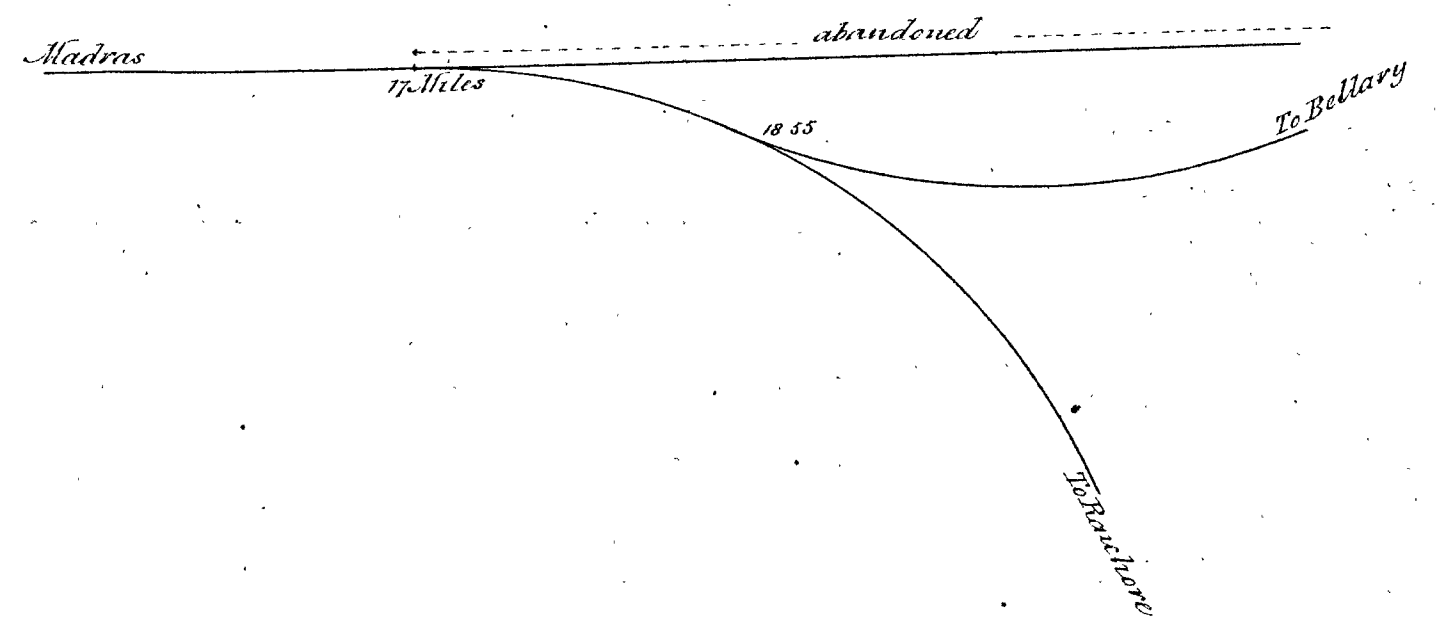
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Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Sketch illustrative of the alteration in point of Junction,
referred to in paragraph 3.*



MADRAS RAILWAY.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram
Terminus, on Tuesday the 2nd April 1867.

PRESENT.

Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Anderson, A. E. Consulting
Engineer for Railways
— Mr. W. L. Stuart, Chief Engineer, Madras Railway
— " Mr. B. Wright, Locomotive Superintendent — do —
— " A. B. Elwin, Agent and Manager — do —

1. The Agent and Manager read a letter
from the Locomotive Superintendent, at 39, dated the
25th March, recommending that the salary of his
Office Assistant, Mr. Woolley, be increased from
Rupees 300 to Rupees 1000 per mensem. Mr. Wright
stated, that Mr. Woolley had conducted the duties
of his office in a most satisfactory manner, and that
the accounts of the Department mainly through his
efforts, are clear up and better looked after, than
they have ever been.

2. Mr. Elwin observed, that inasmuch
as Mr. Woolley's duties are both of a responsible
and onerous nature, and as he is prepared to deposit
as security, Government Paper to the value of Rs 5000,
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he (Mr. Quinn) had much pleasure in endorsing the
Locomotive Superintendents' recommendation, which practically
taking effect from the 1st March 1877.

Approved, pending the sanction of Government.

3. The Agent and Manager made a letter
from the Chief Engineer, 21st 1876, dated 11th 1876, stating,
Referring that at the time Mr. Barnett tendered for the
construction of the works on the North West line between
Spiondoos and Pashoot, it was contemplated that the
Killing Branch should leave the main line at the
17th mile of District XI, Section II, but that subsequent
upon a recent survey by Mr. Living it had been considered
advisable to alter the point of Junction to the N.W. line
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new point of Junction, is then transferred from Mr.
Barnett's contract for the line between Spiondoos and
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circumstances Mr. Barnett applies to be allowed the
prices on which his tender was based for constructing
the works on this length.

4. Mr. Quinn explained, that without
authority, he was unable to pass the price applied for
by Mr. Barnett, owing to the fact that this portion
of the line is now included in District XI, the price
for which are lower than those for the works between
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5. After discussion, and upon the
recommendation of the Chief Engineer, supported by
the Agent and Manager, it was resolved to apply
to Government, for the necessary sanction.

6. The Agent and Manager reported that
the Chief Engineer had carried out the views expressed
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by transferring the accounts of his Department to
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Board of Directors, to appoint Mr. Bradley
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Mr. Allan's hands, enabling him to devote his time
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to this Company are properly supplied with boats,
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of his Department is efficiently performed.

8. The Agent and Manager stated that

that it would not be necessary to submit a list of present and proposed establishment, as Mr. Bradley was a Covenanted Officer of the Company, but that his transfer to the Stores would enable the Company to dispense with the services of Mr. Webb, who is now in receipt of Rupees 200 per mensem.

9. Mr. Cassin further represented that he believed it would be ultimately found that there was no real increase in the Stores Establishment, owing to the reductions which Mr. Bradley would be able to effect in the Staff, and explained that this arrangement was simply intended to assist the General Storekeeper, who in the opinion of the Committee was suitable from his multifarious duties to give that undivided attention to the general interests of his Department, which is so essential to its efficient working.

10. The Agent and Manager proposed that Mr. Bradley be designated "Comptroller of Stores Accounts", and applied for sanction to the contemplated change to come into operation from the 1st April.

11. Read the following Memorandum having reference to the transfer of the Accounts from the Chief Engineer's Department to that of the Chief Accountant.

The Engineering Set of Books, consisting of Cash Book, Journal, and two Ledgers (one for last line) will be superseded from the 1st April, and

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if finished before the completion of this period, fresh ones will be prepared under Schedule I, agreeably to the Secretary of State's Despatch to the Government of India No. 58, dated 29th September 1864. There is also another advantage attending this suggestion, viz. that the Chief Engineer will not be required to allocate this expenditure in detail, as the Certificate will afford all necessary information.

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Expenses, the Chief Accountant will furnish him with a Statement of Payments on Maintenance Account monthly.

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of which it is proposed that the

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(See para 9) — Rs 200.

— do — 12 — " — 95

— do — 16 — " — 410 Rs 685-0-0

by Chief Auditor

(See para 15) — " — 4410-0-0

by Chief Assistant

(See para 3) — " — 210-0-0

Total Rs 1335-0-0

Allowing a deduction of Rs 1024-8-0

Approved -

J Anderson Lt Col R.E.

Consulting Engineer, for Railways

[Signature]

Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

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No 107-

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The Government will be glad to learn that the only objection of any note which was made by the Accountant General Public Works Department to the system of accounts prevailing on the Madras Railway, has been removed by the transfer of the accounts of the Engineering Department to the Chief Accountant. The change is all the more satisfactory from its having been voluntarily

introduced

Para: 6. of

Major Cheesey's
Note Para: 18. G.O.
No 272 dated 29 Jan'y/64

introduced by the Chief Engineer himself. By this and other improvements in the mode of carrying on payments which it is proposed to introduce immediately a considerable saving in Office Establishments will be effected -

Para: 18. In the Chief Engineer's Office alone the saving in Establishments will be Rs 1024.8 and as the Engineers employed on the portions of the North West Line under construction are to make no cash payments, their office establishments will be on a much lower scale than has been customary heretofore -

The Memorandum on the subject of the transfer of the Engineering Accounts was included in the proceedings of the Committee at my request, as it appeared to me worthy of communication to the Government of India in connection with the reports by Mr. Rellner and Major Cheesey.

The Government will observe that it

is proposed to transfer Mr Bradley, who has
hitherto been the Engineering Accountant, to the Stores
for the purpose of conducting the Store accounts, and
of otherwise relieving the Store Keeper of a portion of
the duties connected with the custody and issue of Stores.

The proposed change has been fully discussed at several
weekly Committees, and the Agent and Manager
and heads of Departments were unanimously of
opinion that it was not desirable but essential
that it should be introduced; as it was impossible
for the Storekeeper alone to conduct both office
and out-door work in a satisfactory manner.

I am also in favor of the change, and am confident
that it will result in a considerable saving in
the minor establishments.

I beg that Government will be
so good as to defer passing Orders on paras I and
II of the Memorandum on the transfer of
the Engineers accounts until I can have an
opportunity

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opportunity of conferring with the Government ^{Examiner} on the
mode of appropriating expenditure therein proposed and
of reporting result.

Macdonald
24 April
1867

J. Hudson Esq. ^{Super} Col. R.R.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

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

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
No 1268

From

The Consgr. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated 4th April 1867.
Received 5th April 1867.

No. 107-

Enclosures, No. 2

Submitting for
the approval of Govt,
minutes of meeting held
on the 2nd instant, with
certain remarks -
No 1179. 17th April 1867

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Public Works Department.

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No 1179

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT,
under date the 17th April,
Read the following

From the Consgr. Engineer
for Railways

(Here enter No. 107 dated 4th April 1867)

The proposal to increase
the salary of Mr Woolley,
Assistant in the office of
the Locomotive Superintend-
ent, from Rs 300 to 400
is approved, subject to the
sanction of the Board of
Directors.

The Government having
in Pro: of the 17th November
1866, No 3674, left it to
the Consulting Engineer and
the Agent of the Madras Rail-
way Company to decide
on the terms of the Contract
for the construction of the
line between the Goundacul
junction & Parachoor under

P. W.

W. W.

the powers vested in those Officers,
do not consider any orders
called for on the subject
of Mr Barnett's claims
referred to in Paras 2 to 5
of the Minutes.

His Lordship and
Council is glad to learn
that the Accounts of the En-
gineering Dept have been
transferred to the Chief
Accountant, and that
this change, with other im-
provements which it is
proposed to introduce in the
system of making payments,
will lead to a considerable
saving in the cost of Office
establishments. The arrange-
ments which are reported
to be necessary for giving
effect to this transfer, as
detailed in the Memo. appended

to Para 11 of the Minutes,
are approved, except as regards
those referred to in Clause
5 & 6, regarding which
Consulting Engineer will,
as proposed, place himself
in communication with the
Joint Examiners, reporting the
result.

Mr Bradley's employ-
ment, in the manner stated
in Para 7, is approved con-
ditionally on the sanction
of the Board of Directors
being obtained to the ar-
rangement.

The Consy Engrs for Railway
Sept 18th April /64

[Signature]

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Pub. Works 1867 Department

Pro. of Govt. for April

No. 1179

Pro. of the Mayor of Govt.
17th April 1867

Passing orders on the
Proceedings of Meeting
(Railway) held on the
23 April last.

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10th April 1867

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