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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th April 1868.*

No. 251. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st March 1868, No. 115:—

1. I have the honor to state that since I received the Order of Government, dated the 25th instant, No. 969, I have been in communication with the Agents of the Tramway Company, and with the Accountant General, regarding the payment into the Government Treasury of the Company's gross receipts.

2. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. pointed out that the transactions of the Tramway Company were at present on so small a scale that it would probably cause inconvenience, both to the Government and the Company, if the gross receipts were paid regularly into the Treasury; and they begged that the present arrangement, under which the working expenses are defrayed from the traffic earnings, as the latter are realized, might remain in force, the net profits being alone paid into the Government Treasury. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. also remarked, that if the gross receipts were paid to Government, the Company would lose the interest which they now receive upon the balance in Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s hands.

3. I promised to lay before Government the representations made by the Agents; but I presume that the grounds will not be deemed sufficient to justify a departure from the principle which has been laid down in the case of all the other guaranteed Railway Companies in India, and which is embodied in Clause 15 of their Contracts, with regard to the regular payment into the Treasury of the gross

receipts. As to the loss of interest apprehended by the Agents, the Resolution of the Government of India,* dated the 8th October 1866, No. 920 A, under which interest at the rate of five per cent. is granted on the Revenue balances of Indian Railways, will probably become applicable to the Tramway Company.

4. I learnt from the Accountant General that, unless with the special sanction of Government, sums cannot be withdrawn from time to time upon the Company's Revenue Account, to cover working expenses. Until this is provided for, the gross receipts cannot, of course, be paid into the Treasury; and I request that arrangements may be sanctioned by Government, similar to those in force upon the Madras Railway, to enable the Company to receive the necessary funds. As the sums to be dealt with are so small, I presume that weekly payments into the Treasury will be sufficient; and, both as regards payments and withdrawals of funds, the Conjeveram Treasury will probably be the most convenient.

5. As the Agreement between the Secretary of State and the Company, a copy of which was sent to this Office with G. O., dated the 30th October last, No. 3,359, was drawn up before the late guarantee of interest upon the Company's capital was accorded, a fresh Contract has probably been already executed, in supersession of that Agreement; and I beg that the Secretary of State may be moved to supply the Government with a copy thereof as soon as possible. In its main features it will probably be found to resemble the other Railway Contracts, but there are many points connected with it on which early information would be of great assistance to this Office and to the Account Department.

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6. I have requested the Agents to furnish, as soon as possible, the estimates of receipts and expenditure called for in the Order of Government under reference.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,157.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

Under the circumstances represented in this letter, the Government do not consider it advisable at present to disturb existing arrangements. The Government of India will be informed accordingly, and the Secretary of State will be requested to furnish this Government with a copy of any Agreement which may have been entered into with the Company subsequent to that referred to in G. O. No. 3,359, dated 30th October 1867. On the receipt of such Agreement, further orders will be issued.

(Here enter No. 1,159, dated 17th April 1868.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Accountant General.
.. Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th April 1863.

No. 1,158.

No. 253.

To

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

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 21.

1. With reference to your letter No. 90 R. of the 7th March 1868, I am directed to state that, on its receipt, the Consulting Engineer for Railways was instructed to place himself in communication with the Indian Tramway Company's Agents at Madras with a view to their taking measures for paying over the Company's gross receipts into the Government Treasury.

2. A copy of the Consulting Engineer's reply is herewith forwarded.

3. It will be observed that while the Company's Agents believe that the adoption of the proposed arrangement would entail some loss on the Company and be probably attended with inconvenience to Government, the Consulting Engineer thinks that no departure should be permitted from the principle which has been laid down in the case of the guaranteed Railways in India with regard to the regular payment of the Companies' gross receipts into the Public Treasury. No provision for this however is made in the Tramway Company's Contract, and as their operations are on a very small scale, this Government do not consider it advisable to insist on any change being made in existing arrangements before the receipt of the new Contract, which it is probable has been entered into between the Secretary of State and the Company on the concession to them of a guarantee, unless interest at the rate of 5 per cent. be allowed on the Company's Revenue balances.

4. The Secretary of State for India has been requested to cause this Government to be furnished with a copy of the Contract in question.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Public Works Department
No 1157
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 17th April 1868
Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer A. E. No 115 Dated 31st March 1869
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Proc of the Madras Gov^t
D^y 17th April 1868

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Passing orders on a letter
from the Com^r Engrs for Railways
reporting the result of his commu-
nications with the Agents of
Indian Railway Company at
Madras, regarding the proposed
Treasury of the Company's
gross receipts.

Furnishing the Gov^t of
India with a copy of the above
letter remarking upon the subject
therein referred to -

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