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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th January 1869.*

No 264 Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th December 1868, No 443 —

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* No 450, dated 8th October 1868 to that request I have now the honor to lay before Government It will be observed that this reply bears date the 8th October last It was received in this office on the following day, during my absence upon leave, and, owing to some unaccountable oversight or neglect, it seems to have been placed on one side, and came into my hands only this day. I beg to express my great regret at the delay which has occurred in dealing with this subject

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3. Under the circumstances, and considering that from the delay which has unfortunately occurred in this office more than half of Mr. Thomson's furlough has already expired, I trust that this Government may see fit to recommend to the Government of India that the arrangements made upon Mr. Thomson's departure should be allowed, in the present instance, to hold good until his return

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th October 1868, No 450.

In acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 7th instant, No 336, enclosing copies of Order of Government, No 3,131, dated the 5th instant, on letter No 206 A R, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, I have the honor to observe that I had no hesitation in recommending that the Chief Auditor should temporarily perform the duties

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of Chief Accountant, after the recorded opinion of His Excellency the Governor General in Council as expressed in paragraph 7 of letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Simla, 23rd July 1866, No 658 A, which is as follows —

1 The Governor General in Council is disposed to think that the appointment of a separate Chief Accountant would prove of questionable utility. An audit, to be effective, implies a control over the accounts as well as a mere inspection of them. In all Government Departments, both in England and India, the Auditor and Accountant are one, and on those Railways where a separate Head Accountant has been established, the appointment has not been found conducive to efficiency.

2 Mr Cramp, who joined the Accountant's Department of the Railway in March 1867, has done good service, and in a year or so will be eligible for promotion.

3 Under the circumstances, I trust that His Excellency in Council will not consider it necessary for me to apply to the Board of Directors for an Accountant temporarily to discharge Mr Thomson's duties, especially as the Government Examiner of Railway Accounts is daily engaged at our Audit Office, and follows the course of accounts of expenditure through the books, and records the results day by day.

No 265

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1869, No 130

RAILWAY, No. 19.

Under the exceptional circumstances brought to notice in these papers, the Government authorize the continuance of the present arrangements for the performance of Mr Thomson's duties as Chief Accountant on the Madras Railway.

(True Extract)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. S T. Augustin.

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† Letter from Secretary to the Government of India, 23rd July 1868, No 658 A — Vide G O, 23rd August 1866, No 2,674

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(True Extract.)

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

No 266 (Docket No 131, dated 16th January 1869)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India with reference to Colonel Dickens' letter No 206 A R, of the 4th September 1868.

(True Extract)

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

Erd S T Augustin.

Oct. 1868

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS

JANUARY.

To the Secretary

Received of the
Agent and Manager of the
Madrass Railway Company
the sum of Rs. 100/-
on account of the
Madrass Railway Company
for the month of January 1868

No 450.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 10th October 1868.

From

R B Elwin Esq.,
Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Captain J. G. Lindsay R.E.
Acting Dy Consulting Engineer for Railways

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt
of your communication of the 7th instant
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ment No 3131 dated the 5th instant on letter
No 206 A-R from the Secretary to the
Government of India, Public Works Depart-
ment, I have the honor to observe that
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the Chief Auditor should temporarily perform
the duties of Chief Accountant, after the
recorded opinion of His Excellency the
Governor-General inasmuch as expressed
in paragraph VII of letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India dated Simla,
23rd July 1866, No 658 A which is

Order of Madras
Government No
26711, dated 23rd
August 1866.

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2. Mr. Humph, who joined the
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March 1867 has done good service, and in
a year or so will be eligible for promotion.

3. Under the circumstances I
trust that His Excellency will
not consider it necessary for me to apply
to the Board of Directors for an Accountant
temporarily to discharge Mr. Thomson's
duties, especially as the Government
Examiner

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Examiner of Railway Accounts is daily engaged
at our Audit Office, and follows the course
of accounts of expenditure through the books,
and records the results day by day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. J. Brown
Agent and Manager

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department

No 445-

From

George H. Shaw Stewart P.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr P.E.

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

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MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

20/11/1891

Dated 20 October 1891

Recd per 25

No. 445.

Replying with reference to order of Govt No 3131 dated 5th October 1891. The Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway is directed to give effect to the views of the Government of India by taking steps to secure the services of a competent substitute for Mr. Thompson, the Chief Accountant, and by relieving Mr. Church from the performance of the temporary duties of that appointment.

take the place temporarily vacated by Mr. Thompson, and his reply to that request I have now the honour to lay before Government. It will be observed that this reply bears date the 8th October last. It was received in this Office on the following day, during my absence upon leave, and owing to some unaccountable oversight or neglect it seems to have been placed on one side, and came into my hands only this day. I beg to express my great regret at the delay which has occurred in dealing with this subject.

* No 450 dated 8th October 1868.

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* No. 206 A R.

* Letter from Secretary to the Government of India
23rd July 1866
No 658 A
Vide G.O. 23rd August 1866
No 2674

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Under the circumstances, and considering that from the delay which has unfortunately occurred in this Office more than half of Mr. Thompson's furlough has already expired, I trust that this Government may see fit to recommend to the Government of India that the arrangements made upon Mr. Thompson's departure should be allowed in the present instance to hold good until his return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. H. M. Major R.E.

Comd. Engr. for Railways

Madras
7th December 1868

Public Works D.

No 130

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th January 1869

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer (Here enter No 144-3 dated 7th December 1868)
for Railways

Under the excep-
tional circumstances
brought to notice in
these papers, the Govern-
ment authorize the
continuance of the
present arrangements
for the performance of
Mr. Thomson's duties
as Chief Accountant
on the Madras Rail-
way.

W.H.
A.W.

To The Secy for
Railways.
Recd 18/1/69

For Secy for Railways
RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

No 130
16 Jan 1869

Dated 7th
Received 9th December 1868.

No. 44-3
Recd 1/1

Submitting a letter
from the Secy for Railways
on the subject of the
duties of the Chief
Accountant, requiring to
be done by Mr. Thomson
dated 1/1

16 Dec 1868 24-240

No 264

No 131

y of the above
warded to the Govt.
of India with reference
to Colonel Dickens
letter - No 206 A.P.
of the 4th Sept 1868.

[Signature]

Govt. St George
16th June 1869 }

Recd 18/1/69-

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No 131

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warded to the Govt.
of India with reference
to Colonel Dickens
letter - No 206 A.P.
of the 4th Sept 1868.

[Signature]

Govt. St George
16th June 1869 }

Recd 18/1/69-

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

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16th Jan^y 1881 Nos 1308131

Nos. 264 & 266

Continuance of the present
arrangements for the per-
formance of Mr Thomas
duties as Chief Accountant
Madras Railway, former
of Bombay India.

Chief Accountant - Madras Ry.
Com^{rs} from granted for the con-
tinuance of the present ar-
rangements for the perfor-
mance of Mr Thomas's duties
Chief Accountant and-
Madras Ry.

Chief Accountant - Madras Ry.
Chief of Dept. called giving in

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