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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2091 Press Mrs.

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Dated 28 — 6 — 1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th June 1869.

No. 608. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th June 1869, No. 186:—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 10th ultimo, No. 1,518, I have the honour to enclose, for submission to Government, letters* from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways, from which it will be seen that the authorities of both Companies are anxious to make a trial of the condensed Peat, provided that it can be supplied in sufficient quantity and at the rates named by Lieutenant-Colonel Wragge.

* No. 301, 12th June 1869.
,, 3,022, 20th May ,,

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 12th June 1869, No. 301.

Adverting to Order of Government, dated the 10th ultimo, No. 1,518, which accompanied your letter of the 13th ultimo, with regard to the suitability of the condensed Peat for use in Locomotive Engines, I have the honour to quote as follows from a communication* received to-day from the Acting Locomotive Superintendent:—

* No. 109, dated 12th June 1869.

"I regret that the sample of Peat furnished is not sufficiently large to enable me to make "any experiment, which would guide me to a decision in the matter.

"From the correspondence submitted by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Romaine Wragge, it appears "that Peat has been used, with advantage, on several of the European lines, and undoubtedly it "would be of great service to this Company, if it could be delivered at Coimbatore, and other "stations at the prices named, and capable of ensuring the same results on our line as on the "Continental Railways mentioned."

From the Acting Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 20th May 1869, No. 3,022.

Your No. 170 of 13th May 1869.

2. Neither the Locomotive Superintendent nor I have had any experience in Peat as a fuel for Locomotive Engines. I would, therefore, suggest that a quantity, say fifteen to twenty tons, should be forwarded to Erode for trial.

3. If you will kindly put me in communication with any one on the Neilgherries who can undertake this matter, I shall feel much obliged. Blocks or cubes of from eight to ten inches would be most convenient.

No. 609. Order thereon, 28th June 1869, No. 2,091.

RAILWAY, No. 44.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt of a reply from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills to G. O., No. 1,518, of the 10th May 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3022

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 20th May 1869

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Your No 170 of 13th May 1869

Neither the Locomotive Superintendent nor I have had any experience in peat as a fuel for Locomotive Engines. I would therefore suggest that a quantity, say 15 to 20 tons should be forwarded to Erode for trial

2. If you will kindly put me in communication with any one on the Neilgherries who can undertake this matter I shall feel much obliged. Blocks or cubes of from 8 to 10 inches would be most convenient. I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Acting Agent

No. 301

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 12th June 1869.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqre

Agent and Manager. of the M&SMo

To

Major I Holls &c &c Stewart RE

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Adverting to Order of Government dated the 10th ultimo, No 1518, which accompanied your letter of the 13th ultimo, with regard to the suitability of the Condensed peat for use in Locomotive Engines, I have the honor to quote as follows from a Communication received to day from the Acting Locomotive Superintendent.

No 109 dated 12th June 69

"I regret that the sample
"of peat furnished is not sufficiently
"large to enable me to make any
"experiment, which would guide me
"to a decision in the matter.

"From the Correspondence
"submitted by Lieut Col. A. Romaine
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"been used with advantage on
"several of the European lines and

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From

The Agent

S & N Rly

Negapatam

To the Engineer

for Railways

Madras

Dated 21st May 1869

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Requesting to

receive 2 tons

"undoubtedly it would be of great
"service to the Company if it could
"be delivered at Coimbatore and
"other stations at the prices named,
"and capable of ensuring the same
"results on our Line as on the
"Continental Railways mentioned."

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Agent and Manager

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department. No. 186-

From Major J. A. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to the order of Government dated the 10th ultimo, No. 1518, I have the honour to enclose, for submission to Government, letters× from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways, from which it will be seen that the Authorities of both Companies are anxious to make a trial of the

Condensed

× No. 301 - 12 - June 1869.
No. 3022 - 20 - May - 1869.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 12 June 1869.

Recd.

No. 344.

Submitting the opinion of the Locomotive Superintendent with regard to the Water Condenser tried upon the line in Dec. last.

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condensed peat, provided that it can be supplied in sufficient quantities and at the rates named by Lieutenant-Colonel Wraggé.

Madras
16th June
1869

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most Obed. Sert.

Lieutenant Major RE
Cons: Comgs: for Railways

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Commissioner of Neilgherry Hills

&c., &c., &c.

Dated

Recd. Encl. 2

G. O. 28th June 1869, No. 2091

Nos.

Post Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways dated 16th instant with enclosures as noted in the margin relative to the Arrangements for the Residence of the Engineers employed on the Railway Survey

Rec'd

No 2091 2091

Ordered that no further proceedings be taken pending the receipt of a reply from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills to G O No 1578 of the 10th May 1869.

Fort St George
28th June 1869

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT,

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

No 2091-28th June 1869

Dated 16th June 1869.
Received 17th

No. 186

Encls: 2.

Submitting two letters from the Agents of the Madras & G.I.P. Rys, stating that they are anxious to make a trial of the condensed pent-huts on order