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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th October 1869.

No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 2nd September 1869 No. 1,263 R.:—

Through Railway communication between Madras and Bombay.

Read again:—

Letter to Government of Madras, No. 558 R, dated 15th May 1869.
,, to ,, of Bombay, ,, 559 R, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Despatch to Secretary of State, ,, 43 R, ,, ,, ,, ,,

Read also:—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 29th July 1869, No. 46.

Upon receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 15th May last, No. 43, I caused the Directors of the Madras and Great Indian Peninsular Railway Companies to be informed of your wish, that the opening of the Railway between Koolburga and Ghooty should not be delayed until the bridges over the Toongabuddra and Kistna rivers are completed. The Directors, agreeing in this view, have instructed their Agents accordingly. Copies of the letters to the Agents are forwarded herewith for your information.

From J. BYRNE, Esq., Secretary, London Boar Madras Railway Company, to the Agent and Manager to the Madras Railway Comp ny, dated 2nd July 1869, No. 434.

The Board have received a communication f.m the Secretary of State, transmitting copy of a despatch, with enclosures, from the Government f India, relative to the proposed opening of the Madras Railway to Raichore without waiting for e completion of the Toongabuddra bridge, and they lose no time in forwarding, for your information and guidance, copies of the same. They have observed that the contracts provide for the completion of the whole of the works of the North-West Line by the 31st December 1870, and they rely upon your using every exertion to secure that result, availing yourself, if need be, of the power reserved to the Company by the contracts to employ labour and supply materials, in default of the contractor, at his charges.

From T. R. WATT, Esq., Secretary, London Board, Great Indian Peninsular Railway Company, to the Acting Agent, Bombay, dated 9th July 1869, No. 120.

I transmit to you herewith copies of a despatch from the Government of India to the Secretary of State, dated 15th May 1869, and of a letter of the same date from the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, to the Officer holding a similar position in Madras, in connection with the subject of establishing Railway communication between Madras and Bombay without awaiting the completion of the viaducts over the Toongabuddra and Kistna rivers.

2. Referring to the Report of the Chief Resident Engineer of the South-East Division, dated 9th April, No. 2,403, on the arrangements for carrying on the works on No. 18 Contract, after the retirement of Messrs. Adamson & Clowser, and to the telegraphic despatch of the 18th June, authorizing the extension by one year of the period allowed to Mr. Bray for completing the works on No. 19 Contract, it seems that, should no unforeseen obstacle intervene, the line may be ready for opening as far as Raichore, with the single break of the communication at the Kistna river, by the latter part of the year 1870.

3. The Board being desirous, equally with the Government, to secure the completion of the Railway to Raichore with the least delay, rely on your impressing upon all persons employed on the

works of Contracts Nos. 18 and 19 the importance of displaying the utmost activity in their prosecution, and they authorize you to make arrangements, with the sanction of Government, for effecting a temporary through communication with the Madras Railway pending the completion of the bridge across the Kistna.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this despatch be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information.

(Signed) J. W. ALEXANDER, C.E., Asst. Secy.,
for *Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1869, No. 3,212.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, in continuation of G. O., No. 1,943, dated 15th June 1869.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Encl. 1 Copy of Despatch from Govt of India No 1943 of 30th June 1869.

To the Govt. of Madras

Copy for Railways

Dated 8th October 1869

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