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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No 278 Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th December 1869, No. 416:—

I HAVE the honour to request that you will have the goodness to lay before the Government the accompanying letter* from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to which is attached a copy of a letter† from the Home Directory of the Company, regarding the agreement said to have been entered into with the Secretary of State for India for the extension of the line of Railway to Tuticorin A copy of the Director's letter in question was forwarded to me with the Proceedings of Government, dated the 8th instant, No 26, but no official intimation regarding the agreement which is said to have been entered into between the Secretary of State and the Company has yet reached this office.

* No 3,239, dated 11th Dec 1869.

† No 136, dated 20th Oct 1869

2. Mr. Betts requests permission to act upon the letter which he has received from the Board. It will be observed that that letter instructs him, with the concurrence of the Government, "to take energetic measures for finally determining the course of the line, for obtaining possession of the land required, and for the commencement of active operations" Instructions are also given regarding the early erection of the telegraph for use during construction, and regarding the selection of head-quarters for the Engineering Staff.

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14th Feb 1868, No 520
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*No 3,131, dated 19th October 1869, with enclosure

6 If it be decided that nothing beyond the completion of the working surveys and the preparation of plans and estimates is to be undertaken for the present, it would perhaps be well to request the Agent to communicate by telegraph to that effect to the Directors, in order that Engineering Staff may not be sent out in excess of the strength required for the survey: and I also beg to suggest that, pending the final decision as to the route for the northern portion of the extension, the Survey Parties be employed upon the line from Madura southwards to Tinnevelly and Tuticorin, the direction of which has already been finally settled, and the preliminary work upon which will afford ample employment for the present

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From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 11th December 1869, No 3,239

I HAVE the honour to attach copy of a letter which has been forwarded to me by the Secretary of this Company. As the Secretary of State for India, will no doubt have communicated with the Government of Madras regarding the agreement he has entered into with the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the extension of the line to the south, I beg to request the sanction of Government to my acting upon the letter I now submit

2 Upon receiving this approval, I will at once forward an application for the staff required by the Chief Engineer to enable him to put in hand the working survey.

3 A telegram came to hand this morning from London from Mr. Notman informing me that the whole of the Capital for the southern line had been taken up, and that £250,000 had been paid over to the Government Treasury.

From the Secretary of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, Negapatam, dated London, 20th October 1869, No 136.

THE Secretary of State for India having, by letter under date 29th July last, sanctioned the extension of this line to Tuticorin, and entrusted the construction to this Company, subject to certain alterations in the terms of the existing contract being agreed to, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders was convened on the 5th instant, when the Proprietors approved the required conditions

2 I herewith send, for your guidance, a copy of the Resolutions passed at that Meeting, as well as copies of the altered clauses in regard to "Possession as a remedy" and "Supervision"

3 The Directors have made arrangements for raising the necessary Capital, and they have obtained permission to send out the necessary Engineering Staff, and also to forward such materials of telegraph, permanent way, etc , etc , as will be more immediately required

4 You are fully aware that it is of the utmost importance that no time should be lost on your side in expediting the necessary work The Directors, therefore, desire that you should immediately, on receipt of these instructions, put yourself in communication with the Government of Madras, and with their concurrence take energetic measures for finally determining the course of the line, for obtaining possession of the land required, and for the commencement of active operations

5 As one of the first things to be done will be to erect the telegraph, for use during construction, all the necessary preparations should be made by you so that no delay shall occur, after the arrival of the wire and other materials from England, in the completion of this work

6 It will probably be found that Madura will be the most convenient locality in which the Engineering head-quarters should be fixed, but this point the Directors leave in your discretion to arrange with the Government after consultation with the Engineer-in-Chief

7 The instructions which have already, from time to time, been given to you by the Directors will continue to guide you generally in your relations both with the Government and with the Engineering and other Staff of the Company The Directors would again impress upon you the necessity of obtaining the previous sanction of Government to all your proceedings, and of promptly furnishing whatever information may be called for

8 With regard to the mode in which the accounts of expenditure are to be sanctioned and audited, the Board will communicate their instructions to you in a separate letter

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Copy of Resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, held within London Tavern, in the City of London, on Tuesday, the 5th day of October 1869.

JOHN CHAPMAN, ESQ , in the Chair

RESOLVED that the proposal made to the Company by His Grace, the Secretary of State in Council of India that the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway to Tuticorin should be entrusted to the Great Southern of India Railway Company, under a guarantee of interest at the rate of five per cent per annum (the shares being issued at such premium and on such terms as might be considered advisable at the time of issue) provided the Company would undertake the line as part and parcel of their present Railway, and that would also agree to a modification of the condition of the existing contracts with respect to the division of profits so as to allow all surplus profits over and above the amount of the guaranteed interest if any should be realized being divided equally between the Government and the Company for the remainder of the period during which the contract has to run, and that the Secretary of State would in that case cancel the existing debt for guaranteed interest and take no account as against the Company for future advances, and that the clause of the present contract marginally noted as "Possession as a remedy," which enables the Government to take over the Railway in the event of the works not being executed, or the line not being worked to their satisfaction, and also the clause marginally noted "Supervision" should be put into a more specific shape, shall be and the same is adopted by the Company.

2. Resolved that the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway to Tuticorin shall be undertaken by the Company as part and parcel of their present Railway upon the terms and subject to the conditions aforesaid, and that the Directors are authorized and empowered to issue the shares at such premium and on such terms as may be considered advisable with reference to the circumstances at the time of issue

3 Resolved that the Company assent to the necessary variations of the existing contract with the Government, in order to carry into effect the modifications thereof required by the Secretary of State in Council of India, and that the Directors are authorized and empowered to affix the

Company's Seal to any Deed or Deeds, Instrument or Instruments in writing which is or are or shall be requisite for altering or modifying the clauses of the existing contract as to "Division of Profits," "Possession as a remedy," and "Supervision" in the manner proposed by the Secretary of State

4 Resolved that the Directors are authorized and empowered to do and procure and execute at the cost of the Company all such deeds, acts, and things as shall or may be necessary to give validity or effect to the foregoing resolutions or any of them

(True Copy)

(Signed) H W NOTMAN,
Secretary

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 19th October 1869, No 3,134

In continuation of my letter, No 3,125, of the 14th instant, I have to call your attention to the attached report from this Company's Chief Engineer.

2 I trust the Government of India may be moved to re-consider their order, and that permission may be obtained to push forward Engineers' bungalows, the starting of brick-kilns and quarries, the erection of a telegraph line, and the collection of material during the time necessarily required for the preparation of detailed plans and estimates An estimate of the sum required for these preliminary works could be prepared for the sanction of Government.

From the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, dated Negapatam, 15th October 1869, No 2.

In answer to your letter, No 12,077/4,719, enclosing copy of a Government Order, No 3,209, of the 5th instant, I would point out that to withhold sanction to all expenditure on our extension, until complete estimates for the works shall have been approved by the Government of India, would be to entail very great delay in the execution of the work without, in my opinion, ensuring a result commensurate with the loss so entailed

2. The system hitherto adopted has been this, after the preliminary surveys and sections enabled us to fix definitely the route to be followed, sanction was accorded to expenditure on the collection of material, stone, brick, lime-stone, etc ; bungalows for the Engineers were undertaken, land for brick-kilns and quarries was obtained ; and brick-making and quarrying started

3. I need scarcely point out to you that if this power of early preparation is to be withheld, until all the detailed estimates for the cost of the works of the entire Railway or even any considerable part of it, are submitted to the Government of India, the result will be delay, damaging alike to the interests of Government and of the Railway Company

4 I am no advocate for undertaking works without regular plans and estimates carefully prepared, on the contrary I believe that no undertaking of any magnitude can be managed in a business-like manner without these essentials ; but I feel convinced that, concurrently with their preparation, much preliminary pioneering work can be safely undertaken, and I trust that we shall have sanction accorded as heretofore to do so

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No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1870, No 145.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

THESE papers will be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will so modify his orders of the 2nd September 1869, No 1,277-R, as to allow a limited expenditure to be undertaken in carrying out the necessary preliminary works of the proposed Tuticorin Extension of the Great Southern of

India Railway indicated by the Agent and Manager, pending the preparation of detailed plans and complete estimates for the entire line The Consulting Engineer will obtain and submit an estimate of the sum required

2 The Government agree with the Consulting Engineer in thinking that, till the direction in which the line is to be carried from Madura northwards and the point of junction with the Great Southern of India Railway are determined, it will be advisable to employ the Survey Parties between Tinnevelly and the Southern Madura
Terminus.

(Here enter No. 146, dated 13th January 1870)

(True Extract.)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 13*th January* 1870

No 280

No. 146

To

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

RAILWAY, No 36.

SIR,—The Directors of the Great Southern of India Railway Company have intimated to their Agent and Manager in this country the conclusion of an agreement with the Secretary of State for the construction of the proposed extension of that line southwards to Tuticorin being entrusted to that Company, and have desired immediate measures to be taken for finally determining, with the concurrence of the Government, the course of the line—for obtaining possession of the requisite land—for the erection of a telegraph for use during the progress of the work, and for the selection of the head-quarters of the Engineering Staff.

2 The Agent has accordingly applied for permission to act on these instructions, but, fearing that the orders of the Government of India conveyed in your letter, No. 1,277-R, under date the 2nd September 1869, will prevent any of the works referred to being proceeded with till complete plans and estimates for the whole line have received the sanction of the Governor-General in Council, he requests that the Government of India may be moved to re-consider the order in question, and to permit the expenditure required for the construction of the necessary Engineers' bungalows, the starting of brick-fields and quarries, the erection of the telegraph, and the collection of materials to be incurred pending the preparation of the detailed plans and complete estimates for the sanction of competent authority.

3 No intimation has been received from the Secretary of State of the conclusion of arrangements with the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the construction of the Tuticorin extension, but, as it has probably reached the Government of India, and this Government are of opinion that no impediment should be thrown in the way of the earliest possible commencement of operations on the line, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Consulting Engineer, with its enclosures, and to request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will so far modify his orders of the 2nd September as to allow a limited expenditure, under the sanction of this Government, to be undertaken on the works above indicated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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No 3239

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, December 11 1869.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to attach copy of a letter which has been forwarded to me by the Secretary of this Company and the Secretary of State for India and no doubt have communicated with the Government of Madras regarding the agreement he has entered into with the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the extension of the line to the South. I beg to request the sanction of Government to my acting upon the letter now submitted.

I will upon receiving this approval duly forward an application for the staff required by the Chief

work

No 3239.

From

The Agent
G. I. P. Railway
Pegapatam.

To

The Comptroller
for Railway
Madras.

Dated 11th Dec
Rec 13. } 1869

Forwarding letter
from Secretary G.I.P.
Railway Company
accepting offer of terms
to extend Cauvery line
to Tuticorin & requesting
Madras Govt. Sanction
to act upon it—

work. The Directors therefore desire that you should immediately on receipt of these instructions put yourself in communication with the Government of Madras, and with their concurrence take energetic measures for finally determining the course of the Line, for obtaining possession of the lands required, and for the commencement of active operations.

One of the first things to be done will be to erect the Telegraph Office during construction. All the necessary preparations should be made by you so that no delay shall occur after the arrival of the wire and other materials from England, in the completion of this work.

It will probably be found that Pondicherry will be the most convenient position in which the Engineering Head Quarters should be fixed, but the Directors leave it to your discretion to arrange with the Government after Consultation with the Superior in Chief.

The instructions which shall hereafter from time to time be issued by the Directors will continue to guide you in your relations both with the Government and with the Engineering and other staff of the Company. The Directors would again impress upon you the necessity of maintaining the strictest economy in all your proceedings and of promptly furnishing whatever information may be called for.

With regard to the mode in which the accounts of expenditure are to be sanctioned and audited, the Board will communicate their instructions to you in a separate letter.

I am
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Henry W. Norman
Secretary.

W. S. Betts Esquire
Agent and Traffic Manager
East Indian Railway
Negapatam

True copy
William S. Betts.

Duplicate

Copy of Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Directors of the Great Southern & Western Railway Company held at the Company's Offices Kingsbridge Terminus Dublin on Thursday the 2nd day of February 1865

That the Seal of the Company be affixed to the Contract entered into between the Great Southern & Western Railway Company and Messrs Peto Brassey & Betts for the construction of the Railway from Kingsbridge Terminus Dublin to Cork and from Mallow to Waterford and Clonmel and from Thurles to Limerick Junction and Tipperary and from Limerick Junction to Limerick and from Limerick to Foynes and from Limerick to Ennis and from Ennis to Athenry and from Athenry to Galway and from Athenry to Tuam and from Tuam to Claremorris and from Claremorris to Westport and from Claremorris to Ballinrobe and from Tuam to Mayo and from Mayo to Castlebar and from Castlebar to Westport and from Westport to Newport and from Mallow to Fermoy and from Fermoy to Lismore and from Fermoy to Mitchelstown and from Mitchelstown to Cahir and from Cahir to Clonmel and from Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir and from Carrick-on-Suir to Waterford and from Waterford to Dungarvan and from Dungarvan to Lismore and from Lismore to Cappoquin and from Cappoquin to Youghal and from Youghal to Queenstown and from Queenstown to Passage and from Passage to Cork and from Cork to Bandon and from Bandon to Skibbereen and from Skibbereen to Bantry and from Bantry to Glengarriff and from Glengarriff to Kenmare and from Kenmare to Killarney and from Killarney to Tralee and from Tralee to Limerick and from Limerick to Foynes and from Foynes to Tarbert and from Tarbert to Ballybunion and from Ballybunion to Listowel and from Listowel to Abbeyfeale and from Abbeyfeale to Newcastle and from Newcastle to Rathkeale and from Rathkeale to Askeaton and from Askeaton to Limerick and from Limerick to Ennis and from Ennis to Sixmilebridge and from Sixmilebridge to Killaloe and from Killaloe to Nenagh and from Nenagh to Roscrea and from Roscrea to Templemore and from Templemore to Thurles and from Thurles to Cashel and from Cashel to Tipperary and from Tipperary

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True copy.
signed Henry St. Stotward
Secretary

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William Bell

Seal

No 3134

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 19th October 1869

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt servant.
[signature]
Agent.

No 3/34

From
The Govt
G.S.I. Rly
Hyderabad

To The Commissioner Engineer
for Railways
Calcutta

Dated 19 October 1869
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Great Southern of India Railway
Chief Engineers office Hyderabad
15th October 1869

No 2

My dear Sir,

In answer to your letter No 12077/4719 enclosing copy of Government order No 3206 of the 5th instant, I would point out that to withhold sanction to all expenditure on our Extension until complete Estimates for the Works shall have been approved by the Government of India would be to entail very great delay in the execution of the work without in my opinion insuring a result commensurate with the loss so entailed.

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I have &c
(Sgd) David Logan
Chief Engineer

W. S. Betts Esqr.
Agent & Manager

True Copy
William S. Betts
Agent.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department.

No. 416.

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.

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*No 3237 dated 11th December 1869.

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Enclosure.

In Lines from and five miles of Arcot 2
of P.O. of the 13th January
1870. No. 145

For

"Relative to Mr. Ravenell and the Great Southern Railway."

Read.

"Returns of Machinery and the Southern Railway."

Answer 15/1/70

P.W. 10th Dept.
No. 246.
Railway Department.
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From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Lr. No. 145 dated 13 January 1870

Dated, 13 } December, 1869.
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No 416.

Enclosures two —

Requesting to lay before Govt. Letters from the Agent Great Southern regarding the extension of the line of Ry. to Tuticorin.

No 278

R. 185 dated 1869.

Public Works Department.

No 1145

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 13th January 1870

Read the following.

From. The Consulting Engineer for Railways

H.E. No 416 of 13th December 1869

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