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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 356-57 Press Mis.-

688-90

Dated 28 1 1870.

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No. 688. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th January 1870, No. 5:—

Constructing a door way between goods-shed and covered goods platform at Trichinopoly, Rupees 45.

* No. 3,260, dated 23rd December 1869.

Upon receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 16th December 1869, No. 3,943, I requested the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway to charge to Revenue the item noted in the margin. In reply I have received a letter* from Mr. Betts, which I have now the honour to enclose. It is stated that the expenditure in question has been already passed to the Capital account, and in support of the charge Mr. Betts quotes from paragraph 8 of the despatch from the Secretary of State dated the 9th March 1864, No. 17, requesting that, in compliance with the rules for the Government audit of Railway Accounts, a reference may be made to the Secretary of State.

2. In their Secretary's letter,† dated the 2nd September 1869, No. 1,279-R, the Government of India announced that definite instructions would shortly be issued on the subject of constant small additions to the Capital accounts of Guaranteed Railway Companies. So far as I know those instructions have not yet been issued, and I have the honour to represent that the somewhat contradictory state of the existing orders on the subject is the cause of considerable inconvenience.

† *Vide* G. O., No. 3,160, dated 30th September 1869.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq, Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 23rd December 1869, No. 3,260.

The expenditure referred to in your letter, No. 425, of the 18th instant, has already been passed to the Capital account.

2. Clauses 38 to 41 of the rules for the Government audit of Railway Accounts (No. 1,009, 18-A, Government of India Public Works Department, Account) provide that, in the event of your refusing audit to expenditure incurred, a reference should be made to the Secretary of State for India.

3. It appears to me that, under the arrangement entered into by the Secretary of State with the Indian Railway Companies, the expenditure in question has been correctly accounted for. I refer to the arrangement alluded to in Sir Charles Wood's despatch, (Railway,) No. 17, of 9th March 1864. It is there stated in paragraph 8, "There can be no doubt that the expense * * * "of the original construction of any work * * * as well as of all additions to existing works "ought to be charged to Capital account."

4. The particular item in question is not of much moment, but the question generally is of so much importance that I trust the reference provided for will be made.

No. 689. Order thereon, 28th January 1870, No. 356.

RAILWAY, No. 79.

As it appears that the cost of the work referred to in this letter has already been passed to the Capital account of the Great Southern of India Railway, the Government will not insist on its being now debited to Revenue.

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2. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs with the Consulting Engineer in considering that, as the orders bearing on the question of the nature of charges which are properly debitable to the Capital account of Guaranteed Railway Companies are somewhat conflicting, it is very desirable that definite rules should be laid down at an early date, and the attention of the Government of India will accordingly be invited to the subject with reference to their letters as per margin.

2nd September 1869, No. 1,279-R.
22nd November 1869, ,, 1,735-R.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 690. (DOCKET No. 357, dated 28th January 1870.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 3260 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, Decbr 23d 1869

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

The expenditure referred to in your letter No. 425 of the 18 Instant has already been passed to the Capital account

Clauses 38 to 41 of the rules for the Government audit of Railway accounts (No. 1009 / 18.) Government of India Public Works Department, Account) provide that in the event of your refusing audit to expenditure ~~incurred~~ ~~does~~, a reference should be made to the Secretary of State for India

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The particular item in question is not of much moment but the question generally is of so much importance that I trust the reference provided for will be made

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt
William Betts
Agent

No.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENTS OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 186

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

Dated 23rd December 1869.

Received 27th December 1869.

Answered

Subject Requesting sanction to the construction of a Platform at Trichinopoly.

Ref. to Letter from

Dated

Recd

Entered

Press

To The Consulting Engr for Railways Madras

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move Government to sanction the construction of a platform at Trichinopoly, between the Goods shed and Covered Goods platform, as shown in the accompanying Plan.

The Estimate for the work is Rupees 2,500.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Asst Engineer.

No 3260

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department.

No. 5

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

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

SIR,

Upon receipt of the order of Government dated the 16th December 1869, No. 3943, I requested the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway to charge to Revenue the item noted in the margin. In reply I have received a letter from Mr. Bell to which I have now the honour to enclose.

constructing a doorway between Goods shed and covered Goods platform at Trichinopoly Rs. 45

No 3260.
23. December 1869

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In their Secretary's letter dated the 2d September 1869, No 1279 R, the Government of India announced that definite instructions would shortly be issued on the subject of certain small additions to the Capital accounts of guaranteed Railway Companies. So far as I know, those

Vide Govt Resolution 30th Sept: 1869.

those instructions have not yet been issued, and I have the honour to represent that the somewhat contradictory state of the existing orders on the subject is the cause of considerable inconvenience.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Major R.E.
Cons: Engr: for Railways

Madras
5th January
1870

No 356 Pub. W.

Proceedings Mr Railways Branch
Superintending Engineer
Madras Railway

Dated 28th January 1870

From Mr Consulting Engineer
Railways. (Mr. Mackay)

To Chief Secretary
Govt. Public Works Dept.

Submitting the Agent's letter
with enclosure relative to
the expenditure already
incurred on account of the
Railway, pending the
receipt of the Government
sanction to the Capitalization
of the same.

Referred to Mr Mackay

Mr Mackay

Mr Mackay

concerns with the
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2nd Sept. 1869. No. 1279 R.
22nd Nov. 1869 " 1735 R.
To the Chief Engineer for
Railways

Dock. No. 357 of 28th
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary Mysore
for Railways

Dated

Recd. Read.

G.O. 38 Jan 1870, No. 35-6 & 357

Nos. 688-689 & 690

Charges (Rs) Passing orders on the letter from the Consg Engr requesting the furnished with definite instructions regarding the nature of charges which are properly debitable to the Capital Account of Guaranteed Railway Companies-

Charges (Rs) A copy of G.O. on the question of the nature of charges which are properly debitable to the Capital Account of Guaranteed Railway Companies, forwarded to Supdt of Railways