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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th February 1870.

No. 547. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India :—

Orders on the Madras Railway Budget-Estimate for 1870-71. } (Here enter 31st January 1870, No. 32-A.-R.)

No. 548. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1870, No. 659.

RAILWAY, No. 71.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O., No. 3,497, of the 2nd November 1869.

2. Adverting to paragraph 1 the Government observe that estimates for two sections of the proposed Neilgherry Branch Railway have been forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that, in modification of the ruling contained in the Circular of that Government, No. 1,277-R., of the 2nd September 1869, sanction may be accorded to the commencement of operations in anticipation of the submission of plans and estimates for completing the line.

In letters No. 307, dated 25th January 1870, and No. 597 of the 22nd February 1870.

3. Major Shaw Stewart will submit a full report of the circumstances under which expenditure was permitted to be incurred on each of the works referred to in paragraph 4 prior to the receipt of sanction to the estimate which it is observed has in most of the cases since been accorded.

4. The Consulting Engineer's particular attention will be drawn to paragraph 6, and he will keep in view the wishes of the Government of India when estimates for minor works on the South-West and North-West Lines of the Madras Railway come under consideration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with 15 copies of the letter from the Govt. of India.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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ACCOUNT.

Railway.

FORT WILLIAM, JANUARY 31, 1870.

Orders on the Madras Railway Budget-Estimate, 1870-71.

Read—

Letter No. 3498, dated 2nd November 1869, from Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

The estimate of State expenditure for 1870-71, amounting to Rs. 2,03,675, is increased to Rs. 2,04,700 on account of the additional establishment sanctioned in Financial Department Resolution No. 2282, dated 3rd November 1869; this estimate includes a sum of Rs. 1,08,500 for land for the Nilgherry Branch of the South-West Line, Madras Railway. As regards the outlay on this Branch, both from State funds and also from guaranteed Capital, the necessity for obtaining the sanction of the Government of India to complete estimates before work is commenced should not be overlooked, *vide* Public Works Department letter No. 1277 R, dated 2nd September 1869.

ESTIMATE OF ADVANCES ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

REGULAR-ESTIMATE, 1869-70.

2. The probable net advances on Construction account during 1869-70 are entered as amounting to Rs. 24,43,000, but it is considered that this may be reduced to Rs. 23 lakhs, as per margin, the net advances for the first six months of the year having been only Rs. 12 lakhs.

RAILWAYS.	REGULAR-ESTIMATE AS SUBMITTED.	NET ADVANCES FOR 1ST-HALF OF 1869-70.	REGULAR-ESTIMATE AS ALTERED.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras { South-West Line ...	5,50,000	1,82,897	4,50,000
Madras { North-West Line ...	16,35,000	8,12,261	16,00,000
Great Southern of India ...	2,58,000	2,14,140	2,50,000
Total ...	24,43,000	12,09,298	23,00,000

BUDGET-ESTIMATE, 1870-71.

3. For the Madras Railway, South-West Line, the estimate of net advances amounts to Rs. 15,07,000. This is reduced to Rs. 9 lakhs as follows:—

	Rs.
1.—Works on Nilgherry Branch reduced from Rs. 9,09,915 to, ...	7,00,000
2.—Provision for other works passed in full	5,00,000
3.—Provision of Rs. 6,68,000 for stores considered excessive and reduced to, there being a large quantity of stores in hand which should be consumed as far as possible before additional stores are purchased.	5,00,000
4.—Provision of Rs. 3,55,000 for Establishment is considered large. The average capital expenditure on Establishment for the last six months known is under Rs. 9,000 per month. For 1870-71 a sum of should suffice.	1,50,000
Total ...	18,50,000
Less refunds	9,50,000
Net amount passed	9,00,000

4. It is noticed that the Budget-Estimate shows outlay to have been incurred on certain works which have not as yet been sanctioned. Explanation is requested on this point, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department, should be called upon to report whether the irregular outlay incurred was duly brought to notice.

5. The estimate for the North-West Line, Madras Railway, is passed for an even sum of Rs. 20 lakhs as per margin.

	Rs.
Gross advances	23,50,000
Less refunds	3,50,000
	20,00,000

6. The provision of Rs. 92,308 and Rs. 59,098 made in the estimate for minor works on portions of the South Western and North Western lines respectively open more than two years appears excessive, and it is hoped that the Government of Madras may be able to effect a reduction on this head.

7. The estimate for the Great Southern of India Railway is passed for :—

	Rs.
Gross advances	2,35,000
Less refunds	1,85,000
Net advances	50,000

ESTIMATE OF TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

Regular-Estimate, 1869-70.

8. This estimate appears to be reliable on the whole, excepting that the working expenses of the South-West Line, and the receipts from the North-West Line, appear to have been somewhat over-estimated, while it is thought that perhaps sufficient provision may not have been made for the working expenses of the latter Line. For these reasons, the estimate will be altered as follows :—

Railways.	Gross Earnings.		Working Expenses.		Net Revenue.	
	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras { S.-W. Line ...	46,00,000	46,00,000	21,62,000	21,00,000	24,38,000	25,00,000
Madras { N.-W. Line ...	18,00,000	16,50,000	6,00,000	6,50,000	12,00,000	10,00,000
G. S. of India ...	8,00,000	8,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
Indian Tramway ...	55,000	55,000	45,000	45,000	10,000	10,000
	72,55,000	71,05,000	32,07,000	31,95,000	40,48,000	39,10,000

Budget-Estimate, 1870-71.

9. This estimate may be altered as shown in the following table :—

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	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.	Estimate as submitted.	Estimate as altered.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras { S.-W. Line ...	47,00,000	47,00,000	21,15,000	21,00,000	25,85,000	26,00,000
Madras { N.-W. „ ...	20,00,000	21,00,000	7,60,000	8,00,000	12,40,000	13,00,000
G. S. of India ...	9,00,000	8,50,000	4,50,000	4,25,000	4,50,000	4,25,000
Indian Tramway ...	55,000	55,000	43,000	43,000	12,000	12,000
Total ...	76,55,000	77,05,000	33,68,000	33,68,000	42,87,000	43,37,000

10. The increase made in the estimate for the North-West Line is to provide for a possible augmentation of receipts should the line be opened throughout by the end of the current year. The estimate for the Great Southern of India Railway is decreased, owing to its being considered unlikely that the revenue will improve to the extent provided for.

SUMMARY.

11. The following is an abstract of the Madras Railway Budget-Estimate for 1870-71 as modified by these orders, and as compared with the Regular and Budget-Estimates of the current year :—

		Budget-Estimate, 1870-71.	Regular-Estimate, 1869-70.	Budget-Estimate, 1869-70.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State Expenditure.				
Establishment		66,400	65,200	65,200
Purchase of land		1,38,300	20,000	39,000
		2,04,700	85,200	1,04,200
Advances on Construction Account.				
Madras Railway, S.-W. Line.	Gross advances	18,50,000	13,50,000	
	Refunds	9,50,000	9,00,000	
	Net advances	9,00,000	4,50,000	5,00,000
Madras Railway, N.-W. Line.	Gross advances	23,50,000	18,00,000	...
	Refunds	3,50,000	2,00,000	...
	Net advances	20,00,000	16,00,000	18,00,000
Great Southern of India Railway.	Gross advances	2,35,000	4,43,000	...
	Refunds	1,85,000	1,93,000	...
	Net advances	50,000	2,50,000	2,75,000
Total ...	Gross advances	44,35,000	35,93,000	...
	Refunds	14,85,000	12,93,000	...
	Net advances	29,50,000	23,00,000	25,75,000
Revenue Account.				
Madras Railway, S.-W. Line.	Gross earnings	47,00,000	46,00,000	48,00,000
	Working expenses	21,00,000	21,00,000	23,00,000
	Net revenue	26,00,000	25,00,000	25,00,000
Madras Railway, N.-W. Line.	Gross earnings	21,00,000	16,50,000	20,00,000
	Working expenses	8,00,000	6,50,000	8,00,000
	Net revenue	13,00,000	10,00,000	12,00,000
Great Southern of India Railway.	Gross earnings	8,50,000	8,00,000	8,00,000
	Working expenses	4,25,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
	Net revenue	4,25,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
Indian Tramway Company.	Gross earnings	55,000	55,000	48,000
	Working expenses	43,000	43,000	43,000
	Net revenue	12,000	10,000	5,000
Total ...	Gross earnings	77,05,000	71,05,000	76,48,000
	Working expenses	33,68,000	31,93,000	35,43,000
	Net revenue	43,37,000	39,10,000	41,05,000

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

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Colonel, R. E.,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department,
Railway Branch

P. W. Department.

No. 607 Dated 28th February 1870.

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