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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th October 1870.*

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th September 1870, No. 371:—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of the Government that a charge appears in the accounts of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, amounting to Rupees 24-6-0, being the irrecoverable portion of an advance made by the Resident Engineer to certain stone-cutters, who absconded without working out the full amount of their advance.

2. The question has been brought forward by the Examiner of Railway Accounts, whether this and similar charges in which the Company have received no value for their money can be passed to the capital head of Account, and form a portion of the sum on which 5 per cent. will be always paid by Government.

3. In the present instance I have objected to the charge appearing in the Construction Accounts, because the advance was made, contrary to usual custom, to the work people themselves, instead of to a Maistry or other responsible person. The Agent, on the other hand, in his last letter (enclosed) No. 3,728, of 2nd instant, maintains that every reasonable precaution was taken to secure a return for the money, and absolves the Resident Engineer from blame. If the Government accept the Agent's explanation, I am still strongly of opinion that the Agent should not be empowered to enter such charges in future on his own authority; but that the general principle should be established that, in any case when the Agent considers that money paid is fairly debitable to Capital, though no value has been received for it, the sanction of the Government must be obtained before the charge can be carried to a final head of the Capital Account.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 2nd September 1870, No. 3,728.

WHEN Major Hankin was last at Negapatam he attended a meeting of the officers of this Company, and I brought under notice your letter No. 393, of the 18th ultimo.

2. The circumstances under which the advance was made, as explained in my letter No. 3,490, were stated, and it was shown that four-sixths of the amount were recovered before the stone-cutters absconded. Every precaution short of keeping the men under lock and key was taken, which could be taken, to secure the return of the money.

3. The advance was made upon the responsibility of the Resident Engineer, and it was considered that the money had not been given out in an improvident way.

4. It was thought your remarks were penned under a misapprehension of what had been done in this case, and I therefore undertook to bring the subject again to your notice.

5. Rather than render references to Government necessary I withdrew the debit to Capital of the unrecovered amount; but now that it is stated the loss has been occasioned through a want of precaution on the part of the Engineering Department (a charge which I cannot admit), I will bring the amount again on the books, so that it may be dealt with on its merits and according to the audit rules.

6. I trust that with this further explanation before you, you will be able to relieve the Company's officers of the charge of omitting to take precautionary measures for the recovery of the advance.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th October 1870.*

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1870, No. 2,389.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

UNDER the explanation afforded in these papers the Government authorize, as a special case, the sum of Rupees 24-6-0, being the irrecoverable portion of an advance made to certain stone-cutters by the Engineering Department of the Great Southern of India Railway, to be charged to the Capital Account, but, in all future cases of this description, the course indicated in the concluding portion of paragraph 3 of the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter should be followed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 371.

From

Captain W. Prendergast R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Government, that a charge appears in the accounts of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, amounting to Rs 24.6.0. being the irrecoverable portion of an advance made by the Resident Engineer to certain stone cutters, who absconded without working out

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Madras
16th Sept.
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Per,

Your most obedt Servant
Wm S. Prendergast Capt R E
H. Congress for Railways.

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The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

From  The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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Forwarding
Letter No 3728 of 28th Oct
1870 from the Agent, S. S.
of D. O., regarding the
irreconcilable position of
our adversary, made by the
Resident Agent to certain Chinese
cutters.

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Great Southern of India Railway
agents office
Negapatam Sept. 2, 1870

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The agent, Great, S. & S. Railway
Co. The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Negapatam.

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last at Megapataui he attended
a meeting of the officers of this
Company, and I brought under
notice your letter N^o 393 of the
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I trust that with this further explanation before you, you will be able to relieve the Company's officers of the charge of omitting to take precautionary measures for the recovery of the advance.

Shave the honor to be,

Yours most obedt. Servant
 Richard B. Smith
 Agent

N^o 2389

Under date the 4th ^{October} ~~September~~ 1870.

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for Railways (H. C. No 3718/16: Sept 170)

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Chief Consulting Engineer
for Railways*

Dated

Recd.

G. O. 15 Oct. 1870. No. 2389

Nos. 50-51

Advance. The sum of Rs.

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