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12th May 1871.*

No. 209. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd April 1871, No. 171 —

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 21st April 1871, No 235.

ADVERTING to your letter No. 492, of the 25th of August last, and to G. O., No 2,031, of the 23rd idem, wherein it is ruled that the cost of re-building the platform walls at the new Central Station is to be charged to Revenue, I have the honour to direct your attention to paragraph 2 of letter No 710, from the Government of India, embodied in G. O., No 946, dated the 30th ultimo, wherein it is laid down that "the cost of re-erecting a building or work that may fail during construction would rightly be carried against Capital"

2 As the charge for re-building the wall referred to above has not yet been allocated, I conclude that, under the more recent order, it must be carried to Capital, but, in order to prevent misunderstanding, I request that you will be good enough to obtain and communicate to me the opinion of Government on the subject.

SUBMITTED to the Government.

2 The Government of India expressly laid down in letter of 1st August 1870, that the defective design of the platform wall must not be allowed to cause the Capital Account to be unjustly burdened. But this decision on a particular case appears to be annulled by the general interpretation in paragraph 2 of letter No. 193, dated 15th March 1871, that the cost of re-erecting a building that may fail during construction should be carried to Capital. The Agent and Manager therefore concludes that the cost of re-building the platform wall at the Central Station should be charged to Capital

3. The Central Station works are still under construction, but the walls which failed belong to the platform only, and their failure did not affect the buildings at all. The platform walls did not give way during construction; but they were finished, and afterwards were thrown out of plumb by the pressure of saturated earth subsequent to heavy rain. It is my opinion that the original ruling of the Government of India should still hold good, and that Revenue should bear the second cost of construction, but I beg to be favoured with the orders of the Government. In the meantime I have requested the Agent not to carry the expenditure to Capital.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Major, R E,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1871, No. 1,302.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

THE Government of India, in passing orders on the estimate of Rupees 11,975 for re-building the platform walls

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of the new Terminal Passenger Station at Madras, remarked that, as the necessity for the expenditure was attributable to a defective design, the Capital Account should not be allowed to be burdened with any portion of the cost.

2. In the communication which forms an enclosure to the Consulting Engineer's letter above recorded, the Agent and Manager expresses an opinion that the outlay should properly, in accordance with the subsequent ruling of the Government of India which is quoted in the margin, be debited to Capital, the

failure of the work having, he represents, occurred while the Central Station buildings were in course of erection.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council, however, agrees with the Acting Consulting Engineer in considering that, as the re-construction of the walls has been necessitated by the imperfection of the design on which they were in the first instance built, and not by any failure during the progress of the work, the cost of re-building them on a fresh plan is not properly chargeable to Capital, and must consequently fall upon Revenue.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd E C. Shunker.

No. 2307-

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 21st April 1871.

From

Beresford Anderson Esq.
Acting Agent and Manager of the M.R.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Adverting to your letter No 492 of the 25th of August last and to G.O. No 2031 of the 23rd idem wherein it is ruled that the cost of re-building the Platform walls at the New Central Station is to be charged to Revenue. I have the honour to direct your attention to Paragraph 2 of letter No 710 from the Government of India embodied in G.O. No 946 dated the 30th ultimo wherein it is laid down that "the cost of re-erecting a building or work that may fail during construction would rightly be carried against Capital."

2. As the charge for rebuilding the Wall referred to above has not yet been allocated I conclude that under the more recent order it must

be carried to Capital, but in order
to prevent misunderstanding I request
that you will be good enough to
obtain and communicate to me the opinion
of Government on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your Most Obedient Servant
Blessed Aichem.

Acting Agent and Manager.

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Submitted to the
Government.

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India expressly laid down in
L. Gen 20317 letter of 1st August 1870, that the
23 August 1870 defective design of the platform
wall, must not be allowed to
cause the Capital account to
be unjustly burdened. But
this decision on a particular case
appears to be annulled by the
general interpretation in para 2
of L. Gen 946 of Letter No 192, dated 15th March 1871
30 March 1871 that the cost of erecting
a building that may fail
during construction should be
carried to Capital. The
Agent

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

P. W. 1828/71 for Railway
Am. 1828/71 & 1871.

Dated 21st April 1871.
Recd. 22nd "

No. 235.

Respecting the opinion
of Government as to
the allocation of the
cost of rebuilding the
Platform walls at
the above Central
Station.

1871/1828/71

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Madras
22nd April
1891

Wm. Sandhurst, Mayor &c.

Ag: Cons: Eng: for N. & S.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
Fort Saint George.

P. P. Dept
No 1302

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th May 1871
Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer H. E. No 171 of 22nd April 1871
for Railways

The Government of India, in passing orders on the estimate of Rs. 11,975 for rebuilding the platform walls of the new Terminal Passenger Station at Madras, remarked that, as the necessity for the expenditure was attributable to a defective design, the Capital account should not be allowed to be burdened with any portion of the cost.

L.O. No. 2031 of 23rd Aug 1870

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Approved by the Government
on 20th August 1871 - 111-111
Platform walls at
the new Central
Station

Approved by the Government
on 20th August 1871
for Railways
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

The Secretary to Govt
P.O. - 10th Sept

Dated 22nd April 1871
No 24

171.

103rd August 1871

Substituting a
letter received from
the General Manager
of the M. R. Company,
requesting the opinion
of Govt as to the
necessity of the cost
of rebuilding the
No 1302-12 May 1871

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WLB

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The Agent for Ry. No. 13/5/71

60² May/71 Rtd 5th May