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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th May 1871.*

No. 299. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 2nd May 1871, No. 190 :—

INSTRUCTIONS are given in G. O., No. 1,169, of the 26th April 1871, that on the arrival of the Assistant Consulting Engineer arrangements should be made for deputing Captain Smith permanently to Negapatam. In the application made

G. O., No. 1,228, dated 10th May 1870. to the Government of India for the appointment of an Assistant to the Con-

sulting Engineer, it was shown that for the frequent and thorough inspection of the works on the extension to Tuticorin, the Deputy Consulting Engineer should be stationed at the head-quarters of the Great Southern of India Railway, wherever they may hereafter be fixed; but by the recent proposition of the Government of

Vide G. O., No. 939, dated 30th March 1871. India, that the narrow gauge should be adopted, the circumstances are so far

changed that the plans and estimates have to be entirely altered, and consequently (the location of the line having been approved by that Government) it appears to me that the Deputy Consulting Engineer will not be required for some time to come at the head-quarters of the Great Southern of India Railway, that is, until the construction of the extension commences.

2. The Government of India observed under date the 15th July 1870, No. 192, in paragraph 8 that the accounts G. O., No. 2,463, dated 13th October 1870. should form by no means the least

important portion of the Deputy Consulting Engineer's duties; but if it be admitted that this officer is not yet required at Negapatam for supervision of the works on the proposed new line, I would submit that by an occasional visit there he can effectively carry out his duties relating to the accounts.

3. My own time is now a good deal taken up in inspecting the foundations of the Cheyaur bridge and the other bridges on the Madras Railway; the Uncovenanted Assistant has for some time been in need of rest on account of his health, and is now on privilege leave; the Assistant Consulting Engineer will be quite new to the office, and I venture to request the Government to be so good as to re-consider the order now acknowledged, and to allow me to retain Captain Smith at Madras till there is a prospect of work commencing on the Great Southern Extension.

No. 300.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1871, No. 1,352.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

As the main object with which it was proposed to station the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways at the head-quarters of the Great Southern of India Railway was to provide for a more effective and thorough inspection of the works on the proposed extension of that line to Tuticorin, and as it is believed that the preparation of the plans and estimates for the construction of the extension on the narrow gauge which it has

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now been decided on adopting will occupy some time, pending which the commencement of operations must necessarily be delayed, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, in modification of the orders communicated in G. O., No. 1,169, dated 26th April 1871, to approve of Major Prendergast's proposal to retain Captain Smith at Madras for the present as his head-quarters.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railway.

Exd. E. C. Shunkcr.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 190.

From

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

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Instructions are given in G.O. No 1169 of the 26th April 1871, that on the arrival of the Assistant Consulting Engineer, arrangements should be made for departing Captain Smith permanently to Negapatam. In the application made to the Government of India for the appointment of an Assistant to the Consulting Engineer, it was shewn that for the frequent and thorough inspection of the works on the extension to Interior, the Deputy Consulting Engineer should be

G.O. No 1228
dated 10th May
1871.

stationed at the headquarters of the Great Southern of India Railway, whenever they may hereafter be fixed; but by the recent proposition of the Government of India, that the narrow gauge should be adopted, the circumstances are so far changed, that the plans and estimates have to be entirely altered, and consequently, (the location of the line having been approved by that Government) it appears to me, that the Deputy Consulting Engineer will not be required for some time to come, at the headquarters of the Great Southern Railway, that is, until the construction of the extension commences.

Vide G.O. No. 939 dated 20 March 1871.

The Government of India observed under date the 15 July 1870, No 192, in para: 8, that the accounts should form by no means the least important portion of the Deputy Consulting Engineer's duties, but if it be admitted that this officer is not yet required at Megapattam, for

G.O. No. 2463 dated 13.10.1870.

supervision of the works on the proposed new line, I would submit that by an occasional visit there, he can effectively carry out his duties relating to the accounts.

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I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient Servant
Major R. C.
Asst. Commr. Genl. for Railways

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To the Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort St. George.
 No. 1352-15 of 1871
 Dated 27 May 1871
 Received 27 May 1871
 By the Secretary to Government
 P. W. Department,
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Under date the 16th May 1871

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 J. H. E. No. 190 of 2nd May 1871

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[Handwritten initials and signatures, including 'A.A.' and 'J.H.E.']

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in promulgation of the
order communicated
in G.O. No. 1169 dated
26th April 1871, to approve
of Major Cunningham's
proposal to place
David Smith at
Hedger for the present as
head quarters

To
The Cong: Engrs
for Railways
+ Controller of
Works
17/5/71
+ 19/5/71

Further notice
Further notice 1556 of 10-6-71

Govt of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Agent Connecting Eng'rs
of the Railway

Dated

Recd.

End

G. O. *May* 1871, No. *1352*.

Nos. 293, 1200

Capl South. Genl. Fr. Long:
Genl. has permission. Permission
in investigation of 8 Dec 1862
1861, Capl South to remain
at Leander for the present
as his health requires.