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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 105. Read the following letter from A. DEFRIES, Esq., Projector of the Madras Traction Engine Company (Limited,) to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th May 1871:—

I HAVE the honour to state, for your information, that in accordance with the permission granted to me by the Government Order dated 9th March 1871, No. 711, a trial trip of the engine belonging to the Madras Traction Engine Company (Limited) was made as far as Chingleput; I am glad to state that no damage whatever was done to the roads on account of this trip.

2. The original intention of the Company was to open out the traffic between Sydapet and Cuddalore on condition of its fulfilling the terms agreed upon with Government, namely, that of placing a deposit of Rupees 10,000 prior to commencing operations. As the Company, however, has not as yet secured another engine, without which this intention cannot be carried out, it has been decided to confine at present the traffic between Sydapet and Chingleput.

3. I beg to request that Government will permit the Company to commence work between Sydapet and Chingleput for a period of six months without the deposit. I prefer this request on the ground of the Company's funds being at present very limited, and I beg also to call your particular attention to the fact that the trial trip to Chingleput was made without the slightest injury to the roads.

4. Should Government allow the Company to carry out this arrangement, I have every reason to hope that within six months the traffic would have been so successful as to enable the Company to deposit any reasonable sum of money which the Government may insist upon.

5. Trusting you will give this matter your kind and favourable consideration.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1871, No. 1,536.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 5.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in this letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, until

further orders, to permit the running of the traction engine and trains between the Little Mount and Chingleput, conditional on the Superintending Engineer's report that no injury has been sustained or is likely to be sustained with the greater weight of loaded trains, without requiring the security stipulated for by the articles of agreement entered into by Mr. DeFries being deposited, but on the distinct understanding that Mr. DeFries will adhere to the other conditions of his agreement, and that the Government may at any time withdraw the concession without compensation, and require the deposit of security.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will report whether the trial trips were made without injury to the roads or bridges, and whether the same result may be expected with trains running with passengers and goods, which will be much heavier than the trains for the experimental trips.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. A. DeFries.
To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras 20th May 1871.
Old Seal No 1230.

Col. J. Carpendale R. E.
Secretary to Government, P. M.
Fort St George.

Sir, I have the honor to state for your information that in accordance with the permission granted to me by the Government order dated 9th March 1871 N. 111. a trial trip of the Engine belonging to the Madras Steam Engine Company Limited was made as far as Chingapet, I am glad to state that no damage whatever has done to the roads on account of this trip.

The original intention of the Company was to open up the traffic between Sydapet & Chingapet on condition of its fulfilling the terms agreed upon with Government, namely, that of placing a deposit of Rs 5000 in the hands of the Government to commence operations. As the Company however has not as yet secured another Engine, without which this intention cannot be carried out, it has been decided to suspend at present the traffic between Sydapet & Chingapet.

I beg to request the Government to permit the Company to commence work between Sydapet & Chingapet for a period of Six months without the deposit. I prefer this request on the ground of the Company's funds being at present very limited. I beg to call your particular attention to the fact that the trial trip to Chingapet

Public Works Department

Letter from Mr. J. De Lisle

dated 20th May 1871

Circulated for Orders

According to
Para 3 of the Articles
of Agreement entered
into by Mr De Lisle

I think this might
be a moment

for the running of traction
Engines and Trains
between the Little
Mount and Buddalore

I think it is
better should not
be allowed to
run the car
for the stated
period. I merely
tell you this in case
on the consideration
that his office and
the other car

he is required at least
15 days before commencing
to run any traction
Engines and Trains
from or to any of the places
aforesaid (i.e. including
the towns or villages
intervening) to blank

endorse and deposit in the hands of the Government of Port-Saint-George Promissory Notes or Securities of the Govt of India for the aggregate amount of 10,000 Rs as and by way of security for the due and faithful performance of the Agreement.

In L. O. No. 711 dated 9 March 1871 Mr De Fries obtained permission to make one or two trial trips to Pondicherry with the Traction Engine before complying with the conditions of his Agreement regarding the lodgment of security on the

of this specific in his apartment - and put away at a time in the day the condition in that case is set

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I would make the engine the terms proposed by Mr De Fries would call on the Supt. Engineer report whether the trial trips were completed without injury to the roads or bridges and the same result may be expected

with Trains running with passengers and goods which, however, may be much heavier than the Train for the trial trip. N

understanding that any damage caused to the road or any of the bridges would have to be made good by him.

Mr De Fries now brings to notice that the experimental trip was made as far as Chingleput and that the damage to the road was thereby caused. He states that the Madras Traction Engine Company have not been able to carry out their original intention of running Trains as far as Kuddalore as they have not yet secured another Engine and the means at their disposal

are very limited. The Company propose to confine their operations to the portion of the road between the Little Mount and Chingelput for six months and they request authority to do so without being required to make the deposit stipulated for by their Agreement. They hope after six months to be in a position to deposit any reasonable sum of money which the Government may insist on.

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Conditional on the sup^y of the Govt that no injury be sustained or is the greater sustained with the weight of loaded trains

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Read the following
From Mr. A. De Fries
Projector of the Madras Traction Engine Co. Limited

Under the circumstances brought to notice in this letter Mr. De Fries the Governor in Council is pleased until further orders to permit the running of the Traction Engine and trains between the Little Mount and Chingelput without requiring the security stipulated for by the articles of agreement entered into by Mr. De Fries being deposited, but on the distinct understanding that Mr. De Fries will adhere to the other conditions

of his agreement and
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 without compensation
 security.

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 which will be much
 heavier than the trains
 for the experimental trips.

Mr. A. de Prie
 S. Eng. 4th Div.
 Dec 8/67

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To Mr A. O'Brien

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 7 June 1871, No. 1536.

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