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18th July 1871.*

No. 300. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Establishment—Railway,) dated Simla, 16th June 1871, No. 242—255 E—R :—

Duties and position of the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways.

Read again—

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 7, of 31st January 1871.

Read--

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 21, dated 12th April 1871.

RESOLUTION.—Mr. G. L. Molesworth, M.I. C. E., having arrived at Calcutta on the 6th instant, and at Simla on the 13th instant, to take up the appointment of Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways, to which he has been appointed by the Secretary of State on the motion of the Government of India, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to define, so far as is at present possible, the duties of the new office, and its relation to the Railway Branch of the Public Works Secretariat of the Government of India.

2. The Consulting Engineer will advise the Government on all technical points connected with the construction and equipment of State Railways, as well as with the preparation of, and dealing with, projects for such works. For this purpose the needful references will be made to the Consulting Engineer from the Secretariat, from which the orders and sanctions of the Government of India will emanate.

3. The Consulting Engineer will exercise a general control over the progress of the lines under survey or construction. For this purpose, periodic progress reports, in a form to be approved, will be furnished to him direct by the Chief or Superintending Engineers in charge of Railways; and the Consulting Engineer will keep the Government of India informed of the state of progress of the works.

4. For the better exercise of this general control, it will be necessary that the Consulting Engineer shall make inspections, from time to time, of the different lines. The most convenient time for inspections will be during the working season, and the Consulting Engineer will thus have the opportunity of acquiring not only a personal knowledge of the local peculiarities of each line, but of the Engineers to whom its construction has been entrusted. These officers will be directed to communicate freely with the Consulting Engineer on all matters relating to the progress of the works, the preparation of designs, etc. It will rest with the Consulting Engineer to take such matters as the preparation of special designs into his own hands, whenever that course may seem to him desirable, and to prepare type designs for general adoption after approval by the Government of India.

5. In order to ensure rapid progress, as well as economical construction, it will be essential, not only that a constant watch shall be maintained over the progress of the different lines, but that foresight shall be exercised in making timely provision for the materials required for their construction and equipment.

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6. The preparation of a general indent for Stores and materials for transmission to England; the arrangements that should be made both in Calcutta and Bombay, and hereafter at Kurrachee and Madras, for their reception, custody, and distribution; the important question of sleeping the different lines in hand; and the arrangements that should be made on the Bengal and Bombay sides for the construction and erection of vehicle stock, and for the erection of locomotives, will early engage the Consulting Engineer's attention.

7. Papers showing what has been done, or proposed, in these matters, will be referred to Mr. Molesworth, who should communicate freely with the Deputy Secretary for Railways on all subjects connected with his new duties, in order that he may arrive at a correct appreciation of the policy of the Government on matters connected with the new State Railways, and be fully informed of the initiatory measures already taken, and the general system on which it is proposed to carry them out.

8. As regards the position of the office of Consulting Engineer for State Railways in relation to the Secretariat of the Government of India, the Governor General in Council is of opinion that he should occupy a position similar to that held by the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India, for Guaranteed Railways, before that office was abolished in favour of the localized system now existing. That office was in close connection with, but not a part of, the Secretariat. The duplication of records, and needless correspondence will now, as then, be avoided, by providing that all communications between the Secretariat and the Consulting Engineer shall be made in the form of office notes; the original papers passing to and fro, and the final record remaining with the Secretariat, to the records of which the Consulting Engineer should have access. In the case of papers which have been before the Consulting Engineer, and that may be printed in the Secretariat, collections may, for convenience, be issued to, and retained by, that officer.

9. The Consulting Engineer's requirements in the matter of Office Establishment will be met by the Secretariat for the present. An additional correspondence clerk may be required at an early date, and the needful reference should be made for sanction in the Financial Department. A specially qualified Assistant will also be required by the Consulting Engineer, should he decide upon taking into his own hands any important designs of works.

10. The Consulting Engineer should submit weekly to the Public Works Department an abstract of the official correspondence that may pass between him and the Engineers of lines and others.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to Mr. Molesworth N. W. Provinces. Mysore for information and guidance; also, to Punjab. Hyderabad. the Governments and Administrations Central Provinces. Central India. noted on the margin for information, and for needful action with reference to paragraph 4.

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Bombay. British Burmah. ministrations marginally noted for in-
Bengal. Rajpootana. formation.

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Also, to the Financial Department, together with copies of the despatches to and from the Secretary of State, on the subject of Mr. Molesworth's appointment.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 301. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1871, No. 1,893.

RAILWAY, No. 36.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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