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No. 475. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th January 1871, No. 30 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 9th January 1871, No. 3,865.

I HAVE the honour to attach, for submission to Government, an application from the Chief Engineer for permission to retain, pending the receipt of the sanction of the Government of India to proceed with work on the Southern Extension, the services of his Uncovenanted staff.

2. Mr. Logan further again appeals to be allowed to put in hand, pending the consideration of the detailed plans and estimates, such works as Engineers' bungalows, the electric telegraph, quarries, lime kilns, store sheds, etc.

3. In connection herewith I have to refer to my application of the 28th November last (letter No. 3,831) for a further advance of Rupees 31,550 on account of "Preliminary expenses," and to state that I shall be unable to pay, out of the existing sanction, the salaries which fall due at the end of the current month. I shall feel obliged by your informing me if it is the desire of Government that I should withhold settlement of our liabilities on this head.

4. The question of making a start on this much-needed work has been so frequently under the consideration of Government that it is unnecessary for me to add to the remarks of the Chief Engineer's, anything beyond my recommendation that his requests may receive early and favourable consideration.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, dated Trichinopoly, 6th January 1871, No. 2,959.

I HOPE you will allow me to again call the attention of Government to the great importance of an early sanction being accorded to the location of the Southern Extension, or some portion of it, so that I may have permission to begin the collection of materials, or to set about some work which will enable me to avoid disbanding the Uncovenanted staff. The members of this staff are all trained men, and to dispense with their services at a time when we are approaching a start to the undertaking will not only cripple my efforts to make an early start but will entail much hardship on the employés themselves. This is not a part of the country where their services, apart from the Railway, are in demand ; if dismissed, they must therefore go elsewhere long distances in search of employment, or remain in expectation of work without pay, gradually becoming involved in debt. The uncertainty and insecurity of appointment in this staff during the past year has, I find, rendered the service unpopular, and men worth having now think twice before they *enter* a service from which at the very outset they are liable to be dismissed for no fault of their own, at a time too when hopes of continued work are not unreasonable.

2. I am hurrying on the detailed plans and estimates as fast as possible, and trust to have them sent in before the end of this month ; but if we are to await the consideration of these by the Government of India, I presume, from past experience, it will be from two to three months—even if there are no references to be made—before sanction is conveyed to us ; I would therefore venture to suggest again that such works as Engineers' bungalows, the electric telegraph, quarries, lime kilns, store sheds, and the like may be permitted to be got on with pending the consideration of the detailed plans and estimates; at all events I am convinced that it will be to the interests of the undertaking that I should retain the services of the staff now at work, even if there should be a short interval of non-sanction to active operations, and I would beg of you to support my application that I may be permitted to retain my Uncovenanted staff at the present strength until orders

are received to start the works or some part of them. Otherwise I shall be in the position, when orders do come, of hunting up a staff which has only just been disbanded instead of being employed in carrying out the work.

3. It is essential also that I should have some definite idea of what the intentions of Government are with respect to the permission to begin work, because the Engineer staff has to be made up to its full strength. Two of my most experienced Assistants died, as you are aware, in the early part of the year, and I have now a preponderance of the less experienced grades, which is just the reverse of the order in which I should wish to stand in starting our works.

SUBMITTED to the Government.

The Agent's application for a further advance of Rupees 31,550 on account of preliminary expenses has been forwarded to the Government of India—*Vide* G. O., No. 39, dated 7th January 1871; and as funds are now required for payment of salaries for the current month, I would recommend that authority be given for the necessary disbursements pending the sanction, for which application has been made to the Government of India.

2. In August last, the Chief Engineer asked to be allowed to start with the demarcation of land, and that the Revenue authorities might negotiate for the acquisition of the necessary land. The answer of the Government thereon was that no work of construction could be begun, but that His Excellency in Council would "be prepared to authorize the lock-spitting of the line, and the adoption of the necessary steps for placing the Railway Company in possession of the land as soon as such information accompanied by surveys and levels has been laid before him as will enable the Government to give its approval of the alignment of the work." Surveys and sections are now ready to be laid before the Government as soon as my report forwarding the Deputy Consulting Engineer's report of his inspection of the line is copied in my office. As the papers will be in the possession of the Government together with this application, I would recommend that the Chief Engineer may now be permitted to enter on the operation of lock-spitting. Mr. Logan describes that it takes a long time to nick out the four lines to define the boundaries of the land to an aggregate length of nearly 880 miles, and employment will thus be given to the Engineering staff.

G. O., No. 2,148, dated 7th September 1870.

3. Mr. Logan further repeats his former request that such work as Engineers' bungalows, telegraph line, quarries, sheds, might be put in hand pending the consideration of the detailed plans and estimates, which he hopes to despatch by the end of this month. This request I can only submit for the consideration of the Government in the face of the distinct orders of the Government of India, communicated in G. O., No. 2,406, dated 5th October 1870, to the effect that no outlay should be thus incurred till orders are passed on the location of the line.

It would certainly be a great matter to have the Engineers' bungalows put in hand, so that good shelter might be afforded in the coming hot weather. I have recently had a conversation with Captain Mallock, the Director of Construction in the Government Telegraph Department, and I gathered from him that it was the intention of the Government of India to have the lines of telegraph, such as along the Great Southern Extension, put up by their own department. As, however,

no long time need now, I trust, elapse before the location is approved, the work of lock-spitting may occupy that interval till the preparation of materials can be put in hand on the grant of Rupees 1,69,600 already provisionally sanctioned.

4. The Government of India have, however, also contemplated that "the Engineers will be unoccupied for some time after completion of the survey, and before sanction can be given to the complete estimate."—*Vide* paragraph 4 of letter, No. 378-R., dated 2nd March 1870. Mr. Logan is particularly anxious not to disband his Uncovenanted staff from the difficulty of making it up again; and I would submit that, under the present circumstances, he should be allowed to retain those men whose services will be of real value for active operations hereafter, and whom it would be prejudicial to the interests of the Company to dispense with.

G. O., No. 800, dated 17th March 1870.

5. I do not understand Mr. Logan's meaning in saying that it is essential he should have some definite idea of the intentions of the Government with respect to the permission to begin work, because the Engineering staff has to be made up to its full strength, and that he has a preponderance of the less experienced grades, which is just the reverse of what he would wish.

6. No proposition has been made by Mr. Logan regarding the completion of his staff, and I propose asking him to report what additional strength he requires, and how he would obtain it; also, if the Government approve, I will obtain from him and submit an estimate of the probable expenditure that will be involved in maintaining the Uncovenanted staff for a period of two months, or, say, to the 15th March, by which time orders may be passed on the alignment, and exhibiting, at the same time, the period for which this staff may be engaged as a set off to the expense in marking off the land.

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

No. 476. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1871, No. 236.

RAILWAY, No. 60.

UNDER the circumstances represented, the Government authorize the disbursement of the further advance of Rupees 31,500 for preliminary expenses on account of the survey of the proposed Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway in anticipation of the sanction for which application* has been made to the Government of India, but His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that, under the express ruling of that Government that no outlay shall be incurred on works of construction until orders have been passed deciding the location of the line, His Excellency in Council is not in a position to authorize either the lock-spitting of the line as approved of in G. O. of the 7th September 1870, No. 2,148, or the commencement of any buildings such as Engineers' bungalows and store sheds, or the erection of the telegraph line. The requisite surveys, accompanied with plans and estimates of the extension, should therefore be submitted with the least practicable delay.

* G. O., No. 39, dated 7th January 1871.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th January 1871.

2. Captain Prendergast will obtain and submit the information referred to in paragraph 6, regarding the probable cost of maintaining the Uncovenanted staff during the period likely to elapse ere orders can be passed for the commencement of operations.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 3865. GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY. 5

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM January 9 1871.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

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Mr. Logan further again appeals to be allowed to put in hand, pending the consideration of the detailed

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In connection herewith I have to refer to my application of the 28th November last (letter No. 3831) for a further advance of Rs 31,550. on account of "Preliminary Expenses," and to state that I shall be unable to pay, out of the existing sanctions, the salaries which fall due at the end of the current month. I shall feel obliged by your informing me if it is the desire of Government that I should withhold settlement of our liabilities on this head.

The question of making a start on this much needed

work has been so frequently under the consideration of Government, that it is unnecessary for me to add to the remarks of the Chief Engineer anything beyond my recommendation that his requests may receive early and favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obt. Servant

William Betts.

Agent

No 2959 Great Southern of India Railway
Chief Engineers Office
Spetchinopoly 6th January 1871.

To. S. Bells Esqre
My dear Sir

I hope you will allow me to again call the attention of Government to the great importance of an early sanction being accorded to the location of the Southern Extension, or some portion of it so that I may have permission to begin the collection of materials or to set about some work which will enable me to avoid disbanding the uncovenanted Staff. The members of this Staff are all trained men and to dispense with their services at a time when we are approaching a start to the undertaking will not only cripple my efforts to make an early start but will entail much hardship on the employes themselves - This is not a part of the country where their Services apart from the Railway are in demand, if dismissed they must therefore go elsewhere long distances in Search of employment or remain in expectation of work without pay, gradually becoming involved in debt. The uncertainty and insecurity of appointment in this Staff during the past year has I find rendered the Service unpopular and men worth having now think twice before they

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No 2959

From the Agent
G. I. P. Ry

To
The Secy. to Govt. Public Works Department
Bombay

Dated Tuticorin the 6th January 1871.
Received the 9th do

Forwards copy of Chief Engineer's letter No 2959 dated 6th instant with enclosure relative to the Survey of the Southern Extension.

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I am hurrying on the detailed plans and Estimates as fast as possible and trust to have them sent in before the end of this month, but if we are to await the consideration of these by the Government of India, I presume from past experience it will be from six to three months - even if there are no references to be made - before Sanction is conveyed to us, I would therefore Venture to suggest again that such works as Engineers Bungalows, the Electric Telegraph, Quarries, Lime Kilns, Stone Sheds, and the like may be permitted to be got on with pending the consideration of the detailed plans and Estimates, at all events I am convinced that it will be to the interests of the undertaking that I should retain the Services of the Staff now at work, even if there should be a short interval of non-Sanction to active operations, and I would beg of you to support my application that I may be permitted to retain my uncovenanted Staff at the present Strength until orders are received to start the works or some part of them - Otherwise I shall be in the position when orders do come of hunting up a Staff which has only just been disbanded instead of being employed in carrying out the work

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Yours faithfully
/Sgd/ David Logan
Chief Engineer

/True Copy/
Cdb Secretary
Pt. Clerk. Con: Office

Railway Department. Consulting Engineer's Office.

№ 30.

1. Submitted to the Government.

2. The Agent's application for a further advance of Rs. 31550 on account of Preliminary expenses, has been forwarded to the Government of India vide G.O. № 39 dated 7th January 1871; and as funds are now required for payment of salaries for the current month, I would recommend that authority be given for the necessary disbursements, pending the sanction for which application has been made to the Government of India.

2. In August last, the Chief Engineer asked to be allowed to start with the demarcation of land, and that the Revenue authorities might negotiate for the acquisition of the necessary land. The answer of the Government thereon, was, that no work of construction could be begun, but that His Excellency in Council would be prepared to authorise the locke pitting of the line and the adoption of the necessary

G.O. 2148
7th September 1870.

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3. W. Logan further repeats his former request that such work as Engineer's bungalows, telegraph line, quarries, sheds might be put in hand

hand, pending the consideration of the detailed plans and estimates, which he hopes to despatch by the end of this month. This request I can only submit for the consideration of the Government, in the face of the distinct orders of the Government of India, communicated in G.O. No. 2406 dated 6th October 1870, to the effect that no outlay should be thus incurred, till orders are passed on the location of the line.

It would certainly be a great matter to have the Engineers bungalows put in hand, so that good shelter might be afforded in the coming hot weather. I have recently had a conversation with Captain Mallock the Director of Construction in the Government Telegraph Department, and I gathered from him, that it was the intention of the Government of India, to have the lines of Telegraph, such as along the Great Southern extension put up by their own Department; as however no long time need now I trust, elapse, before the location is approved, the work of locking

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grant of Rs. 169.600 already provisionally sanctioned.

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marking off the land.—

Madras
14th January 1871.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Alex Rendegast
Captain R.E.
Ag. Consulting Engineer for Ry.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

No 236 Public Works Depart.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the 7th Jany 1871

Read the following

From

The Consulting Engr for Railways

P.W.C. No 30 dated 19th Jany 1871

Under the circumstances represented, the Govt: authorize the disbursement of the further advance of Rs 31,500 for preliminary expenses on account of the survey of the proposed Southern extension of the Great Southern of India Railway in anticipation of the sanction for which application has been made to the Govt: of India but His Excellency the Governor in

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*G.O. No. 39 dated 7th Jany 1871.

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From The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Dated 19th January 1871

No 30

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 236 dated the 7th instant requesting the sanction of Government to the disbursement of a further advance of Rs 31,500 for preliminary expenses on account of the survey of the proposed Southern extension of the Great Southern of India Railway and to forward with the accompanying letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue No 236 dated 25th January 1871

in Council regrets that under these circumstances of that Govt: that no outlay shall be incurred on works of construction until orders have been passed deciding the location of the line His Excellency in Council is not in a position to authorize either the Lockhapitting of the line as approved of in G. O. of the 7th Sept/70 No 2148 or the commencement of any buildings such as Engineers' Bungalows & store sheds or the erection of the telegraph line. The requisite surveys accompanied with plans and estimates of the extension should

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Capt: Prendergast will obtain and submit the information referred to in paragraph 6 regarding the probable cost of maintaining the uncovenanted staff during the period likely to elapse ere orders can be passed for the commencement of operations.

C.R.C.

To
The Agent Engineer
for Railways

Dy. S. dep. 26/1/71
P.C. 6/2/71

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Acting Commissioner
Engineer for Railways

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Dated

Read. Fwd.

G. O. 26 Jany 1871, No. 236.

Nos. 475-476

Preliminary Expenses. The Government of a further sum of Rs. 315-0-0 for preliminary expenses on account of the survey of the proposed Railway between Bhoogs & Jeypore, authorized with remarks.