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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th October 1871.

Read the following papers:—

No. 158. Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th September 1871, No. 403.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 15th September 1871, No. 4,191.

With reference to the attached copy of letter No. 5,770, dated the 14th instant, from the Chief Engineer, and to attached extract from the Secretary's letter, No. 44, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know whether Government will now sanction arrangements being made for the collection of material.

Chief Engineer's letter to the Agent, No. 5,770, dated the 14th September 1871.

From the extract of the Secretary's letter, dated the 11th ultimo, sent for my information with your No. 2,348, I infer the Board's assent to the alteration of the gauge of the Southern Extension.

2. As the location of the line for a narrow gauge has been approved of by the Madras Government and confirmed by the Government of India in their letter No. 469 of the 17th March 1871, I will feel obliged by your ascertaining if I am now at liberty to proceed with the preliminary expenditure of Rupees 1,69,060 which the Government of India (in their No 1,598, of 21st September 1870), sanctioned with the proviso "that no outlay can be incurred on the construction of "bungalows (Rupees 33,600) or the preparation of materials for bridges (Rupees 1,00,000) until "the orders of the Government of India have been passed deciding the location of the line."

Extract from Secretary's letter, No. 44, dated London, 28th July 1871.

Gauge for Extension.

Information has been received that the Government of India has decided that the gauge of the Southern Extension shall be the same as that adopted for the State lines, namely, the mitre or 3′ 3⅜″ gauge. An intimation to this effect has probably already been made to you officially by Government, and you will no doubt have at once taken action under the authority conveyed in the telegram despatched to you on 24th May, confirmed in Board's letter No. 38 of 26th May, with the view to a commencement being made with the construction of the line.

Submitted for the orders of the Government, with reference to this office endorsement of 4th July 1871, No. 301.

2. It is evident from the extract of letter* from the Board of Directors, that there will be no opposition on their part to the change of gauge. The previous application of the Chief Engineer, to be allowed to begin some preliminary work, has been forwarded to the Government of India, *vide* G. O., No. 1,928, dated 22nd July 1871.

* No. 44, 28th July 1871.

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

No. 159. Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th September 1871, No. 416.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 19th September 1871, No. 4,194.

In continuation of my letter No. 4,191, dated the 15th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith extract from Secretary's letter No. 46 of the 25th

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ultimo, containing the Board of Directors' formal assent to the adoption of the narrow gauge on the contemplated extension, and a request that Government will now sanction the commencement of work.

Extract from Secretary's letter, No. 46, dated the 25th August 1871.

SOUTHERN EXTENSION.

THE Directors regret that the instructions which were given to you by telegram of 24th May (confirmed in their letter dated 26th May), to the effect that you should act upon such orders as you received from Government, with reference to the adoption of the narrow gauge, have not been considered as an official intimation of their consent to the proposed alteration. With the object of avoiding any delay or misconception the Board now request you in an official manner to convey to Government their assent to the adoption of the narrow gauge upon the contemplated Southern Extension, and they trust that this formal authority will now enable you with all promptitude to take the necessary measures for obtaining the sanction of Government for commencing the works.

SUBMITTED to the Government.

2. This letter has already been answered by G. O., No. 2,414, of the 21st September 1871, communicating the sanction of the Government of India to expenditure on preliminary expenses and surveying the country from Tanjore towards the Coleroon, when official intelligence is received that the Directors agree to the adoption of the narrow gauge.

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

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1871, No. 2,581.

RAILWAY, No. 25.

RECORDED with reference to G. O., No. 2414, dated 21st September 1871.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4191 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, September 15. 1871.

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The acting Consulting Engineer for Railways Madras

SIR,

With reference to the attached copy of letter No 5730 dated the 14th Instant, from the Chief Engineer, and to attached extract from Secretary's letter No 44. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether Government will now sanction arrangements being made for the collection of material

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Cecil Lewis Bell
Agent

Chief Engineers letter of the 4th inst.
No. 5/4/40 dated the 14th Septr 1871.

From the Colonial Secretary
Letter dated the 11th Instant sent for
my information with a view
I refer the Brisbane address to the
selection of the Line of the Southern
Extension.

As the location of the Line for a railway
passes through Government land
the Government of India will then bear
the cost of the Land
which may be required for the
railway by giving in exchange
equivalent areas of Crown Land in the
neighbourhood of the Line
at the rate of Rs. 20 per acre
provided "that no military
"or Civil buildings
"or Bungalows (Rs 30,000)
"or the preparation of materials by Railway
"(Rs 100,000) / workshops
"Line - have been passed
"location of the Line.

Also copy

Chief Engineer Scinde.

Sept
15/9/71.

From
The Agent
G.I.P.Ry.

To
The Ag Consulting Engr
for Railways

Dated 15th
Recd 18th } September 1871

P. W. 4490/71

Requesting to know
whether Government
will now sanction
arrangements being
made for the collection
of materials

Extract from Secretary's letter No. 444
dated, London, 28th July 1871.

Gauge for Extension

Information has been received that the Government of India has decided that the gauge of the Southern Extension shall be the same as that adopted for the State Lines, viz: the metre or 3'3 3/8" gauge. An intimation to this effect has probably already been made to you officially by Government and you will no doubt have at once taken action under the authority conveyed in the telegrams dispatched to you on 24th May, confirmed in Board's letter No 38, of 26th May, with the view to a commencement being made with the construction of the line.

William Bell
Agent
28/8/71

Rec'd 4/9/71

Submitted for the orders of the Government with reference to this office endorsement of 4th July 1871 №: 301.

It is evident from the extract of letter from the Board of Directors, that there will be no opposition on their part to the change of guage. The previous application of the Chief Engineer, to be allowed to begin some preliminary work, has been forwarded to the Government of India vide G.O. №: 1928 dated 22nd July 1871.

№: 44 28th July 1871.

Madras
20th September
1871

Hus Pendergast Major RE
Ag. Cons: Engineer for Railways

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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Public Works 1871 Department
Proc. of Govt. dated 20th October
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To The Secy to Govt
of Mr. D

Dated 20 Sept 1871
Rec'd 22 "

No 403
Fort St. G.
Submitting
Agent's letter for
the orders of Govt.
regarding the
Collection of
Material for
the Southern
Extension
No 158 & 159 of 30th October 1871

Copy

Recorded with reference
to G.O. No 2419. dated 21st September 1871

Read

No. 4194 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, September 19. 1871

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Madras

SIR,

In continuation of my letter
No 4191 dated the 15th Instant, I
have the honor to forward herewith
extract from Secretary's letter No
46 of the 25th Ultimo, containing
the Board of Directors formal
assent to the adoption of the
narrow guage on the contemplated
Extension, and a request that
Government will now sanction
the commencement of work

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
William Betts.
Agent

Extract from Secretary's letter No. 46
dated the 25th August 1871.

Southern Extension

The Directors regret that the instructions which were given to you by telegram of 24th May (confirmed in their letter dated 26th May) to the effect that you should act upon such orders as you received from Government with reference to the adoption of the narrow guage, have not been considered as an official intimation of their consent to the proposed alteration. With the object of avoiding any delay or misconception the Board now request you in an official manner to convey to Government their assent to the adoption of the narrow guage upon the Contemplated Southern Extension, and they trust that this formal authority will now enable you with all promptitude to take the necessary measures for obtaining the sanction of Government for commencing the work.

True Extract

William Betts.

Agent

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Rec'd 24 Sept

From

The Agent

Edgr & D. Rly.

To

The Secretary Public Works Department

Dated 19th September 1871

Rec'd 21st September 1871

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Forwarding extract from Secretary's letter dated the 25th Ultimo. Re. 46 of the 25th Ultimo. Re. that portion of the Southern guage line to be sanctioned Extension sanctioned

P.D. 4 Aug/71

No.

Submitted to the Government.

This letter has already been answered by G.O. No. 2414 of the 21st September 1871, communicating the sanction of the Government of India to expenditure on preliminary expenses, and surveying the country from Tanjore towards the Coleroon; when official intelligence is received that the Directors agree to the adoption of the narrow guage.

Madras
27th September
1871

Major R.E.
Ag. Chief Engr. for Railways

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

No 21st Sept/71 W 364 A
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The Agent Engr
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To
The Secy to Govt
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Dated 27th
Rec'd 29th } Sept/71
Encl: 2 } No 416

Submitting
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Contemplated
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No 2581. 10th October/71

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Recorded with
reference to G. O. No 2414
dated 21st September 1871.

To

The Secy Consg Engineer
for Railways.

Dept 11/10/71

C-No-4490 & 4620.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Acting Consulting
Engineer for Railways

Dated

Read. Encl.

G. O. No. October No. 2581.

Nos. 158 & 159

Extension (Railway)

The Consulting Engineer's endorsement submitting the letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway regarding the adoption of the narrow gauge & the Collection of materials for the Southern extension