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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 316. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th September 1871, No. 409:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of the Government of India, Indent No. 54* (in duplicate) on the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company for stores required for use in the Locomotive Department, the approximate cost being Rupees 1,72,426.

* With five lists (A., B., C., D., and F.)

2. Some of the articles indented for are shown in the list of surplus materials available from the stock of the Railways in Bombay; but from the Locomotive Superintendent's letter it appears that the Madras Railway would be put to considerable extra expense in taking over the iron and steel from Bombay, rather than by getting them direct from England.

Enclosed with Agent's letter No. 560 of 25th September 1871.

3. The Government of India made the suggestion in their letter No. 238-A. R., dated 25th March 1871, that indents should be sent to England half-yearly rather than annually; but the Agent, referring to this, considers that there would be inconvenience to the authorities in England by adopting that course, and also that prices would be raised for the supply of small quantities.

G. O. No. 1,009, dated 12th April 1871.

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 25th September 1871, No. 560.

IN reply to your letter No. 568 of the 13th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Locomotive Superintendent points* out that a considerable portion of the stores required are of a character of which it is necessary to provide a large margin to meet contingencies, and he thinks that the whole of the stores enumerated in his indent should be supplied. He states, moreover, that his stock of many of the articles has already run out and of others is very low, and that in other cases the stores are required for special purposes, and will be utilized as soon as they arrive.

* No. 301, dated 22nd September 1871.

2. With reference to the suggestion of the Government of India that indents should be made half-yearly, I am of opinion that that course would not only be likely to occasion more trouble to the home authorities and their professional advisers in England, but would, I think, tend to enhance the prices at which many descriptions of stores, especially such as are required by the Locomotive Department, could be obtained, if purchased in larger quantities.

3. I quite agree with the Locomotive Superintendent in thinking that it is necessary we should have a two-year supply in stock, and the indent in question, No. 54, is necessary to place us in this position.

From the Locomotive Superintendent, to the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Perambore, 23rd August 1871, No. 253.

WITH reference to my No. 252 of this day's date, enclosing an indent on the Board for Stores required from England, it will be noticed, with regard to a portion of the flat, round, and square

iron indented for, that iron of similar sizes is shown in the list of surplus material which accompanied the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter No. 455 of the 18th July last. The price of the iron shown in this list is higher than that we have paid for some time past, taking into consideration all charges; and as to this price the cost of carriage from Bombay would have to be added, I do not think that it would be advisable to purchase from the Bombay and Baroda Company. I would therefore recommend that the iron now indented for be sent out from England.

2. We have also included in the indent 1,500 bars of spring steel weighing about 150 tons. I observe from the list of surplus material abovementioned that the Bombay and Baroda Company have 100 tons of this steel which they wish to dispose of, but in the absence of any detailed information with regard to sizes, etc., I am unable to say whether it would answer our purpose. Should it, however, do so, it would not be worth our while to take it, unless a considerable abatement were made in the price quoted in the list, as it is far in excess of what we have been paying; the price quoted being Rupees 33-0-6 per cwt., exclusive of carriage from Bombay, while our last prices, inclusive of all charges, average about Rupees 16 per cwt.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1871, No. 2,662.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

ORDERED that this indent be forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 2,663, dated 20th October 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 20*th October* 1871.

No. 318. No. 2,663.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

SIR,—I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to forward an indent, amounting to Rupees 1,72,426, which the Agent of the Madras Railway proposes to make on his Board of Directors in England for stores required by the Locomotive Department of the Company, and, under the circumstances explained in the accompanying papers, I am to request that the sanction of the Government of India may be accorded to the indent being sent forward in its present form.

2. It will be observed that the Agent is of opinion that the suggestion of the Government of India for making half-yearly instead of annual indents is likely, if adopted, to cause inconvenience in England and to enhance the prices of certain descriptions of stores.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 560

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 25th September 1871.

From

Rennford Anderson Esqre
Acting Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast, RE
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 560 of the 13th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Locomotive Superintendent points out that a considerable portion of the Stores required are of a character of which it is necessary to provide a large margin to meet contingencies, and he thinks that the whole of the Stores enumerated in his Indent should be supplied. He states moreover that his stock of many of the articles has already run out and of others is very low and that in other cases the stores are required for special purposes and will be utilized as soon as they arrive.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Blissfield Anchorage
Acting Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 25th September 1871.

Recd. P.R. 4593/71

No. 8760.

Furnishing explanation from the Locomotive Superintendent as the necessity for a two years' supply of rubber

Madras Railway
Locomotive Supt's Office
Perambore Works 23rd Augt 1871.

No 253.

To

The Acting Agent & Manager,

Dear Sir,

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We have also included in the Indent 2 No 4500 bars of Spring Steel weighing about 150 tons. I observed from the list of Surplus materials above mentioned that the Bombay and Baroda Company have 100 tons of this steel which they wish to dispose of, but in the absence of any detailed information with regard to sizes &c., I am unable to say whether it would answer

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 1109

From Major H. Le. Prendergast R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Colonel C. J. Cadell R.E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the sanction of the Government of India, indent No 54 (in duplicate) on the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company for stores required for use in the Locomotive Department, the approximate cost being Rs. 172426.

2. Some of the articles indented for are shown in the list with 5 lists A, B, C, D and E.

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our purpose. Should it however do so, it would not be worth our while to take it, unless a considerable abatement were made in the price quoted in the list, as it is far in excess of what we have been paying; the price quoted being Rs 33-0-6 per cwt. exclusive of carriage from Bombay; while our last prices inclusive of all charges average about Rs 16 per cwt.

Yours faithfully
(Sd) R. Barlow Wright
Loco. Superintendent

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Ag. Agent & Manager.

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Enclosed with Agents letter No 560 of 25th September 1871

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quantities.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Henry Sandys Major R.E.
Ag. Chief Engr & Secy to Govt

Madras
26th September
1871

Public Works Department

No 2662

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From The Consulting Engr for Railways, No 4595 dated 24th Septr

Ordered that the Sanction be forwarded for the Sanction of the Government of India

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient Servant

Chief Secretary to the Government of India

Public Works Department

Railway Department.

From No. 4595.

The Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government, P. W. Department, Fort St. George.

Dated 26 Sept. 1871.

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Enc: 14. No. 409 2-Estds

Submitting a Statement of the Standing Establishment required on the Loco. Depôts.

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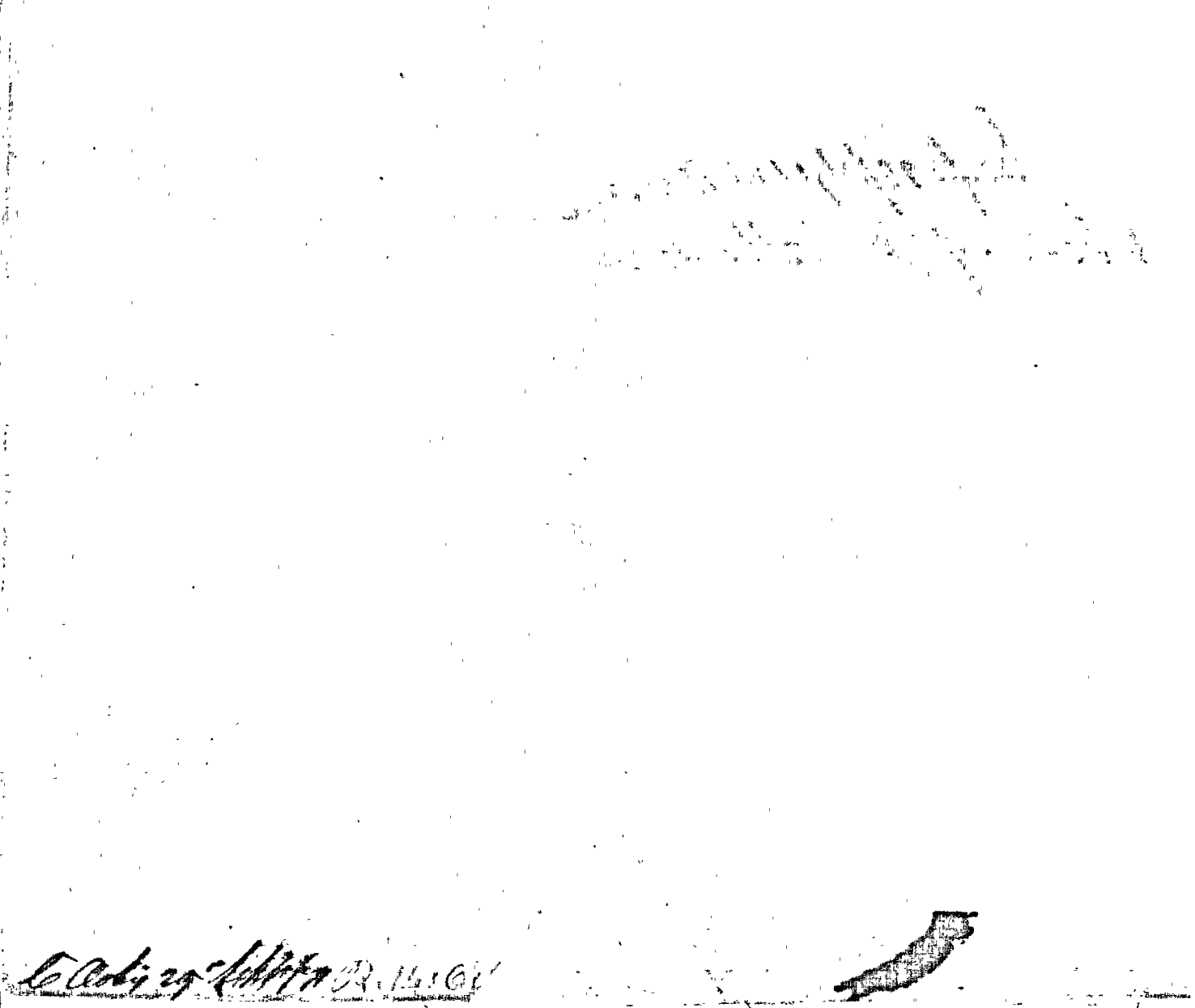
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It will be observed that the Agent is of opinion that the suggestion of the Govt. of India for making half yearly yearly in stead of annual indents is likely, if adopted, to cause inconvenience in England and to enhance the prices of certain descriptions of stores.

Dated

3rd Oct.

Desp. 25/10/71 with 12 enclosures & Copy of Govt. 2662 of 1871.



No. 4595.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Henry Cumming Esqr.
for Railways
and
To the Secretary to the
Govt of India

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G. O. 21st March No. 262-263

Nos. 316-317 & 318

Railway Stores -

Copies or Abs. of the Public Consulting Engr's letts submitting his Indent on the Crown Dirs for Stores in England -

for same &c in letter / Forwarding an Indent on the Crown for Railway Stores for use of the Madras Dist in England

for Stores required for the Carnatic Line Depôt of the Company -