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Government of Madras.

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No. 495. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th November 1871, No. 482:—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 2nd November 1871, No. 661.

With reference to your letters marginally noted on the subject of the dates of submission to Government of this Company's Audited Traffic Returns, I have the honour to solicit your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter* addressed to me by the Chief Auditor upon the subject.

No. 590, 25th September, and No. 639, 16th October 1871.

* No. 470, 1st November.

2. Mr. Church points out that considerable improvement has already been made in regard to the prompt submission of these Returns, but that having regard to the increased work in his office, consequent upon the junction of the Madras Railway with the lines in connection, more recently the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, it will be necessary to strengthen his staff, in order to have the accounts prepared and rendered at the time required by the Government of India.

3. I have had some conversation with Mr. Church on the subject, and am clearly of opinion that it will be of much advantage to get out from England a properly qualified Assistant, and one well versed in the clearing of traffic; and I have therefore the honour to request that the Government will sanction my applying to the Board of Directors for such an Assistant on a salary of £300 per annum.

4. In the meantime our best endeavours will be used to get the audited statements of our traffic receipts ready for transmission to Government with as much despatch as possible.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

No. 662.

Application from the Agent and Manager, requesting the sanction of Government to apply to the Railway Board of Directors for the under-mentioned Officer.

Department for which he is required.—Audit. *Nature of the appointment.*—Assista t to the Chief Auditor on a salary of £300 per annum. *Number at present in the Company's service.*—Two. *Number required from England.*—One. *Grounds on which the application is made.*—For the reasons assigned in the Agent and Manager's letter No. 661, dated the 2nd November 1871. *Remarks by the Consulting Engineer for Railways.*—*Vide* Deputy Consulting Engineer's endorsement.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

Madras,
2nd November 1871.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

From F. CHURCH, Esq., Chief Auditor, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 1st November 1871, No. 470.

In reply to the Acting Consulting Engineer's letters, No. 590 of the 25th September and No. 639 of the 16th October, requesting that you will be good enough to let him know what arrangements have been made for the submission of the Audited Traffic Returns within three weeks of the period to which they relate, I cannot do better than state the fact that from the 29th September to the 28th October a period of one month, we sent forward ten weeks' audited returns.

2. The last return sent was that for the week ending the 30th September, despatched from this Office on the 28th October, thus bringing up the audited returns to four weeks from the period to which they relate. To bring them up to the time required, namely, "*within three weeks*," and to continue to render them accordingly shall be our endeavour, but the hands of my Assistant in the Traffic Audit must be strengthened to meet this pressure.

3. You are aware that the Traffic Audit Office was formerly divided into two branches, the Audit proper of the Traffic and the Statistical branch, the whole under the charge of my Assistant Mr. Atkinson.

4. In the division of the labour of the Office, Mr. Atkinson personally supervised the Traffic Audit, deputing the charge of the Statistical Office to Rungacharry.

5. More recently another and very important branch of the Traffic Audit has come into existence, namely, "clearing through traffic," by reason of our junction with the Great Southern and Carnatic Lines, and the Government Telegraph Department, and now with the Bombay Line. The latter event raises this branch of the work into so much importance that it is desirable to give Mr. Atkinson an Assistant, thoroughly conversant with Railway Clearing House Rules and Practice, and as we have no one in the service available for this duty, I beg to recommend that application be made to the Board to send out an Assistant from England thoroughly qualified in clearing house work. We do not require a man with special knowledge of one branch of clearing house duties, but one who has a general knowledge of the work of that office.

6. The salary I would beg to recommend for the office should commence at £300 per annum.

7. Provision will be made for this appointment, subject to approval, in the budget estimate 1872-73.

SUBMITTED to Government.

This application for an Assistant to the Chief Auditor has partly arisen from the orders of the Government of India, calling for a prompter submission of the audited weekly traffic returns; to enable which to be sent within the three weeks named by the Government of India, it is considered necessary that the Traffic Audit Department should be strengthened by an additional hand.

Embodied in G. Os. Nos. 2,415, and 97, dated 21st September, and 12th October 1871.

2. The Chief Auditor further explains that the work in his office has considerably increased of late by reason of that branch of the traffic audit, namely, "clearing through traffic" having grown since the junction of the Madras Railway with the Great Indian Peninsula line, and the Government Telegraph Department was effected.

3 Application is now made for an Assistant from England, who is thoroughly conversant with "clearing house work," and under the circumstances I beg to recommend the proposition for the approval of Government, subject to the sanction of the Board of Directors.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Captain, R.E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 496. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1871, No. 3,004.

RAILWAY, No. 65.

THE Government authorize the Agent of the Madras Railway to apply to the Board of Directors for the services of an additional Assistant to the Chief Auditor on a salary of £300 per annum.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

№ 482.

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Madras
4th November
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Captain R.E.
Dy. Cons: Engr. for Railways.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

No. 661.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 2nd November 1871.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqre.
Agent and Manager of the M.R.Co.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast. R.E.
&c: Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

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Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

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Dated 2nd Nov. 1871

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C.R.S. 1292/No. 484.

Replying with reference to the letter in the Audit Department of the Audit Office, No. 470, dated 1st November 1871, requesting to be informed what arrangements have been made for the submission of the Audited Traffic Returns within three weeks of the period to which they relate, I cannot do better than take the fact that from the 29th September to the 28th October a period of one month, we sent forward ten weeks' audited returns.

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You are aware that the Traffic Audit Office was formerly divided into two branches, the Audit Proper of the Traffic and the Statistical branch, the whole under the charge of my Assistant Mr. Atkinson.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Auditor's Office
Madras 1st November 1871.

No. 470.

Dear Sir,

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Provision will be made for this appointment, subject to approval, in the Budget Estimate 1872-73.

Yours &c
Rog. Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor.

To R. B. Thorn Esqre
&c Agent & Manager

True Copy
W. J. Curtis
Agent & Manager

No. 662.

Madras Railway

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Madras.
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Agent and Manager.

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The Consulting Engineer
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to

The Secretary to Govt
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Dated 4th
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No 482.

No 3004-28 Nov/71

Submitting
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