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7th March 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No 169. Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th February 1871, No. 69.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 24th January 1871, No 3,884

In reply to your inquiry (No 2 of the 5th instant) regarding the Chief Engineer's estimate for the carriage of telegraph material, I attach copy of a letter from that officer in which he explains how this sum was arrived at

Mr. Logan has also submitted a statement showing the comparative cost of putting up the telegraph line complete at the commencement of operations, and putting it up as soon as the materials can be taken along the rails

2. With regard to the remarks in your third paragraph, I regret to say the telegraph material, and also a large stock of other material, subject to deterioration from the sea air, is still detained on the coast Your predecessor in his letter, No 126, wished me to "distinctly understand that no work of any kind connected with the Southern Extension, excepting only the survey and the preparation of the plans and estimates, is to be put in hand upon any account until the Government of India shall have before them a complete estimate of the entire cost of the undertaking, and until their approval of the project in all its bearings shall have been communicated to you from this office I request that you will be so good as to understand that these orders are peremptory and final"

3. Upon my representing that to act strictly up to this instruction the vessels which were on their way out from England with material for the Southern Extension would have to be placed on demurrage, sanction was accorded to my disbursing the cost of freight, duty, landing charges and storage connected with such shipments, but upon my requesting permission to construct a siding at Trichinopoly and to work up the material to that station, I was told that such outlay could not be permitted.

4 It is much to be regretted that this depreciation of property has taken place, and I trust it may not be allowed to continue longer Now that Captain Mallock has called attention to the subject, I hope you will be able to communicate to me the sanction of Government to construct a siding at the point of junction of the extension with the open line, and to work up the material and store it there

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th February 1871, No. 3,900

In reply to your letter, No 38, dated the 1st February 1871, I have the honour to inform you that the cost of conveying the telegraph wire alone from Negapatam to the Trichinopoly Fort Station will be Rupees 2,150

SUBMITTED to the Government.

In a conversation which I had recently, Captain Mallock, the Director of Construction in the Government Telegraph Department, particularly noticed that the telegraph wire for the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway ought not to be exposed to deterioration from the sea air, as it would be if left lying at Negapatam; and on my asking if the wire had been conveyed to Trichinopoly,

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the Agent points out that he was strictly enjoined not to incur any expenditure on the Southern Extension, except on the survey and preparation of plans and estimates

2. Mr. Betts takes the opportunity again of asking for the sanction of Government for the construction of a siding at Trichinopoly, and for authority to

G O, No 2,469, 14th October 1870.

work up other material to be stored there. The orders of the Government of India on the estimate for the siding were that it should be referred for decision again in connection with the re-opening of the subject of the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway. It thus appeared to me useless to press the application for the siding and general conveyance of material, but I asked the Agent to give me an estimate of the cost of carriage of the telegraph wire alone to Trichinopoly. In reply to this, Mr Betts gives the cost as Rupees 2,150, and I would submit, for the consideration of the Government, whether it is not advisable that this expense should be incurred in removing the telegraph wire inland

3. Funds are available under the Budget provision of Reserve for unforeseen requirements, without any additional grant being made, but as the expenditure belongs entirely to the undertaking of the extension, it appears to be necessary that the approval of the Government of India should be accorded.

4. The first paragraph of the Agent's letter of 24th January refers to other matters, and the enclosures are therefore not forwarded with these papers

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

No 170 From the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th February 1871, No. 81

I HAVE the honour to report that the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway has written to the Board of Directors as follows on the 14th instant—

“On the 31st ultimo, the Director-General of Government Telegraphs telegraphed from Calcutta to me as follows —‘As your line is not wanted immediately, can you lend us all the No. 5 wire for immediate use. We can replace it before January next. How many tons are there?’ I replied, ‘If Government sanction my Directors replacing immediately at expense of your department the No 5 wire, you can have it. It weighs about 142 tons.’ On the 3rd instant he telegraphed, ‘we propose to repay the wire in kind, by some already ordered, will not this do?’ To which I said, ‘we can replace wire in June, the date required, if you can replace by that time I will agree, otherwise adopt first named arrangement.’”

2 In my endorsement, No. 69, of the 11th instant, I recommended that the telegraph wire should be removed from the sea coast to Trichinopoly, and that sanction should be obtained from the Government of India for the cost of carriage, Rupees 2,150. If, however, the Government of India have intimated in the last week that they intend to borrow the wire from Negapatam, there will be no need for an application to be made for sanction to incur the expenditure.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1871, No 677.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

THE Government do not feel themselves authorized, under present circumstances, to sanction the construction

of the temporary siding at Trichinopoly or the storage of permanent-way materials at that station for the proposed Southern Extension referred to by Major Prendergast in paragraph 2 of his endorsement, dated 11th February 1871, No. 69.

2. It is observed that sanction to the estimated cost* of the conveyance of the telegraph wire from Negapatam is not now required.

Rupees 2,150.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. E C. Shunker.

No. 3900

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

Febr. 4th 1891.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

In reply to your letter No 38
dated the 1st February 91 I
have the honor to inform you
that the cost of conveying
the telegraph wire alone
from Negapatam to the Trichy
Mopoly Fort Station will
be Rs. 2150. -

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedt. servant

William H. H.
Agent.

No. 3584. GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, *January 24* 18*71*

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

To The Asst Commr: Engineer
for Railway's
Madras

SIR,

In reply to your inquiry (No. 2 of the 5th instant) regarding the Chief Engineer's Estimate for the Carriage of Telegraph material, I attach copy of a letter from that officer in which he explains how this sum was arrived at

Mr. Lagan has also submitted a statement showing the comparative cost of putting up the telegraph line complete at the commencement of operations, and putting it up as soon as the materials can be taken along the rails.

2. With regard to the remarks in your third paragraph I regret to say the telegraph material, and also a large stock of other material subject to deterioration from the

sea air is still detained on the
 coast: Your predecessor in his
 letter No 126 wished me to
 "distinctly understand that no
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Upon my representing that
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It is much to be regretted
that this depreciation of property
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may not be allowed to continue
longer; Now that Captain Mallon
has called attention to the subject
I hope you will be able to com-
municate to me the sanction of
Government to construct a siding
at the point of junction of the
extension with the open line, and
to work up the material and
store it there.

I have the honor to be

Yours most ^{truly} obedient servant

William Bell

Agent

Submitted to the Government.

In a conversation which I had recently, Captain Ma Block the Director of Construction in the Government Telegraph Department, particularly noted that the telegraph wire for the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway ought not to be exposed to deterioration from the sea air, as it would be, if left lying at Negapatnam: and on my asking if the wire had been conveyed to Vichinnopoly, the Agent points out that he was strictly enjoined not to incur any expenditure on the Southern extension, except on the survey and preparation of plans and estimates.

2. Mr. Datto takes the opportunity again of asking for the sanction of Government for the construction of a side line at

Regarding the Chief Engineer's Estimate for the carriage of telegraph materials.

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at Trichinopoly, and for authority to work
up other material, to be stored there.

The orders of the Government of India
on the estimate for the siding were,
that it should be referred for decision
again, in connection with the re-opening
of the subject of the extension of the Great
Southern of India Railway. It thus
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conveyance of material; but I asked
the Agent to give me an estimate of the
cost of carriage of the telegraph wire
alone, to Trichinopoly. In reply to this,
Mr. Betts gives the cost, as Rs. 2,150,
and I would submit for the consideration
of the Government, whether it is not ad-
visable that this expense should be
incurred in rejoining the telegraph
wire inland.

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3. Funds are available under the
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undertaking of the extension, it appears
to be necessary that the approval of the
Government of India should be accorded.

4. The first paragraph of the
Agent's letter of 21 January, refers to
other matters, and the enclosures are there-
fore not forwarded with these papers.

Madras }
11 Feb 1871 }

Clerk Secretary to Major & Co
Act. Cons. Eng. for Railways

To The Secretary to Government
(Public Works Department)
Fort Saint George.

Government sanction my Directors replacing
immediately at expense of your department
the No. 5 wire, you can have it. It weighs
about 142 tons. On the 3rd instant, he tele-
graphed. "we propose to repay the wire in
kind, by some already ordered. will not
this do?" To which I said "we can re-
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if you can replace by that time, I will
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Government of India for the cost of
carriage Rs 2,150. If however the
Government of India have intimated
in the last week that they intend to
borrow the wire from Negapatam,
there

there will be no need for an application
to be made for sanction to incur the
expenditure.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Madras
20th February 1870

W. L. S. Esq. Major

Ap. Com. Eng. for Railways.

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Read the following

From:

The Agl. Eng. for Railw.

(H. E. No. 69 of 11th Feb. 1871)

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The Government do not feel themselves authorized, under the present circumstances, to sanction the construction of the temporary siding at Trichinopoly or the storage of permanent way materials at that station for the proposed Southern Extension referred to by Capt Pendergast in paragraph 2 of his endorsement dated 11th

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

From

The Consulting Engineer for Railw.

To

The Secretary to Government
P W Department
Fort St. Geo

Dated 18

Received 21st February 1871

No. 81

Noting that there will be no need for an application of money to reimburse the telegraph wire from the sea post to Trichinopoly 1871 - 2nd March 1871

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It is observed that
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cost of the conveyance
of the telegraph wire
from Negapatam is
not now required.

Rs 2,150

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The Comr Engineer
for Railways

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To the Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

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7 March 1871.

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Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the application for the sanction of the Government for the construction of a temporary siding at Richmond for the storage of materials for the Southern Extension of the S. & S. R. I am glad to inform you that no sanction will be required for the construction of the siding for the conveyance of the materials.