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Read the following papers:—

No. 342A. From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th March 1871, No. 866.

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a letter* which I have received from the Chief Engineer, stating that the line between the Toongabuddra river and Mutmurree will be ready to be opened for public traffic on the 15th instant, and that on the same date the line between Mutmurree and Raichore may be opened for passenger traffic only.

* No. 118, 7th March 1871.

2. In the absence of the Acting Consulting Engineer, I communicate direct with you in the hope that you will be good enough, on the receipt of a telegram, which after inspecting the line I shall hope to despatch to you on Sunday or Monday next, to convey the authority of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the Railway being extended to Raichore on Wednesday the 15th instant.

3. No new Time Table will be issued until the junction between the Madras and the Great Indian Peninsula Railways takes place, the existing Time Table in the mean time being adapted to the extension.

4. As I shall be absent, may I ask you to address your reply to my telegram to my office, so that the necessary notices may be issued to the public without delay.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 7th March 1871, No. 118.

I HAVE the pleasure to report that the section of the North-west Line, from the Toongabuddra river to Mutmurree station, will be ready to open for public traffic on the 15th of this month, and the further length between Mutmurree and Raichore may be opened for passenger traffic on the same day. The goods' shed arrangements at Raichore are incomplete. The very late date at which a final decision was arrived at with reference to the general station arrangements prevented me from indenting upon the Board for the materials required from England earlier than September 1870, and in consequence the goods' shed roof has not yet been received in Madras.

2. The wire fencing on District 20 is not yet completed, nor is the engine turn-table at Raichore finished, but in a recent conversation I had with the Consulting Engineer I mentioned these circumstances, and undertook to keep a watchman on every mile until the fencing was all put up. I pointed out also that as the gradients and curves were very light, the engine might with perfect safety be allowed to run tender foremost in one direction pending the erection of the engine turn-table. Under this explanation Major Prendergast stated he would not object to pass the line for public traffic, all other requirements being complied with.

No. 342B. Telegram from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Raichore, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R.E., Madras, dated 12th March 1871.

HAVE inspected the line and works from the Toongabuddra to Raichore in company with Chief Engineer, Locomotive Superintendent, and Traffic Manager, and recommend that the line be opened to Mutmurree for public traffic and to Raichore for passenger traffic only on the 15th instant.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th March 1871.

No. 342C. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1871, No. 755-A.

RAILWAY, No. 37A.

ORDERED that the following telegram be sent:—

"TO THE AGENT AND MANAGER, MADRAS RAILWAY,
"RAICHORE.

"Your telegram of yesterday's date. The Government sanction the opening of the line from the Toongabuddra to Mutmurree and Raichore in the manner you propose, and congratulate you on the completion of the line."

(True Extract.)

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

No. 342D.

(DOCKET No. 755-B, dated 13th March 1871.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 7th March 1871.

No. 118.

The Agent and Manager,

Dear Sir,

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Engine Inventable. Under this explanation Major Prendergast stated he would not object to open the line for public traffic, all other requirements being complied with.

Yours faithfully
(Sd) Alexander Anderson
Chief Engineer.

True Copy

Agent & Manager.

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Madras Railway Company
Madras 8th March 1871.

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From

Robert B. Elwin Esqre
Agent & Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr. R.E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

No. 118 - 7th March 1871.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter which I have received from the Chief Engineer stating that the line between the Toongabudra river and Muttuvuri will be ready to be opened for Public Traffic on the 15th instant and that on the same date the line between Muttuvuri and Raichore may be opened for Passenger Traffic only.

2. In the absence of the Acting Consulting Engineer, I communicate direct with you in the hope that you will be good enough, on the receipt of a Telegram which a few days expecting the line I shall hope to dispatch to you on Sunday or Monday next, to convey the authority of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the Railway being extended to Raichore on Wednesday the 15th instant.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Superintendent Telegraphs