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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd May 1872.*

No. 36. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th April 1872, No. 176 :—
MADRAS RAILWAY.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram Terminus, on Tuesday, the 9th April 1872.

PRESENT :

Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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

Lieutenant C. H. P. CHRISTIE, R.E., Assistant do. do.

Captain C. M. MOBERLY, Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Mr. F. B. HANNA, for Chief Engineer, Madras Railway.

„ W. B. WRIGHT, Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway.

„ H. E. CHURCH, Traffic Manager, Madras Railway.

„ F. CHURCH, Chief Auditor, do.

„ J. CRAMP, Chief Accountant, do.

„ R. B. ELWIN, Agent and Manager, do.

THE under-mentioned applications for advances and payments on account of “Capital” and “Revenue,” submitted by the Chief Auditor, were passed :—

MADRAS RAILWAY—CAPITAL.				RS. A. P.		
Locomotive Muster Roll	...	...	Jan. 1872	7,287	15	5
Construction and Maintenance as per statement	...	...	„ „	1,50,360	2	8
Salaries—						
General Management	...	...	Feb. „	7,854	7	0
Police and Telegraph Departments	...	...	„ „	816	10	0
General Superintendence	...	...	„ „	6,552	3	11
Locomotive Department	...	...	„ „	2,818	2	3
Salt Cotaar, Madras Central Station, and Perambore	...	...	„ „	1,186	14	4
Works	...	...	„ „	78	15	10
Madras Division	...	...	„ „	107	15	9
Second do., South-West Line	...	...	„ „	294	15	11
Third do., do.	...	...	„ „	556	3	8
Fourth do., do.	...	...	„ „	2,055	1	7
Districts I. and II., Neilgherry Branch	...	...	„ „	145	6	2
First Division, North-West Line	...	...	„ „	970	7	8
Second do., do.	...	...	„ „	1,809	14	0
Third do., do.	...	...	„ „			
Contingencies—						
General Management	...	...	„ „	242	0	10
Abstract of stores purchased	...	...	Mar. „	44,428	11	6
				227,566	4	6

MADRAS RAILWAY—REVENUE.				RS. A. P.		
Locomotive Muster Roll	...	...	Jan. 1872	33,843	8	5
Construction and Maintenance as per statement	...	...	„ „	36,511	1	1
Salaries—						
General Management	...	...	Feb. „	8,513	7	10
Police and Telegraph Departments	...	...	„ „	5,160	14	9
General Superintendence	...	...	„ „	3,035	8	6

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Salaries—					RS.	A.	P.
Traffic Department	...	...	...	Feb. 1872	31,650	4	9
Locomotive do.	...	...	...	" "	11,941	11	4
Salt Cotaar, Madras Central Station, and Perambore							
Works	...	...	...	" "	225	3	10
Madras Division	...	...	...	" "	1,500	12	10
Second Division, South-West Line	...	...	...	" "	1,434	11	11
Third do., do.	...	...	...	" "	1,257	10	3
Fourth do., do.	...	...	...	" "	1,238	1	2
First do., North-West Line	...	...	...	" "	1,470	0	4
Second do., do.	...	...	...	" "	273	11	6
Cheyaur Bridge, Suspense Account, Revenue	...	...	...	" "	290	14	9
Contingencies—							
General Management	...	...	...	" "	775	12	0
Traffic Department	...	...	...	" "	680	2	0
Total...					1,39,803	9	3

2. The Agent and Manager submitted an application for the following cash advances for the month of April 1872:—

	Capital.			Revenue.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 1st March 1872	1,14,020	8	9	1,705	4	5
Amount received in—						
From Government	2,25,000	0	0	1,80,000	0	0
Do. other sources	15,921	10	0			
Total...	3,54,942	2	9	1,78,294	11	7
Expenditure in March 1872	1,75,914	10	11	1,51,130	15	0
Balance on 1st April 1872	1,79,027	7	10	27,163	12	7
Estimated expenditure in April 1872	2,27,100	0	0	1,49,500	0	0

3. It is requested that credit may be afforded on the Bank of Madras as follows, namely:—

	Capital.			Revenue.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
	1,50,000	0	0	1,50,000	0	0	3,00,000	0	0

4. With reference to Minute No. 6 of the Meeting held on the 6th of July 1871, read letter from the Chief Engineer, No. 128, of the 23rd ultimo, stating that the lathe, authority to purchase which was given by the above named Minute at a cost of Rupees 450, had upon examination been found not to be a screw-cutting lathe as described, and the purchase of it was not, therefore, concluded. A suitable lathe has, however, now been offered to the Company at a cost of

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Rupees 700, and authority is required for the expenditure of the additional Rupees 250.

The original cost of the lathe now offered is stated to have been £ 200, and the Committee recommend that the expenditure of Rupees 250 now asked for be sanctioned upon condition that the lathe is approved by the Chief Engineer before the price of Rupees 700 is paid for it.

5. Read letter from the Traffic Manager, No. 64A, dated 12th February 1872, asking for sanction to wipe off as a bad debt the sum of Rupees 312-1-11 outstanding in the accounts of the Coimbatore Station in respect of the defalcations of a man named F. J. Gay who was recently employed there as Station Master.

The Traffic Manager explained to the Committee that the amount had been, in the first instance, deducted out of Gay's security money, but that he had thereupon brought an action against the Company, which was tried before the first Judge of the Small Cause Court at Madras, when judgment was given against the Company.

In the course of the trial the accounts current kept with the station were produced, and they clearly showed that the amount above mentioned was due by Gay to the Company. The Judge however required that specific items appearing on the debit side of the account should be pointed out as not having been remitted by the plaintiff. This, as is quite apparent to the Committee, it was impossible to do, and his Honor refusing the Traffic Manager's request that the question, being a matter of account, should be referred to an Accountant, gave judgment against the Company with costs.

There being no appeal against this decision, application is made for sanction to write off the amount, and the Committee recommend that Government will authorize that course.

6. The Agent and Manager reported that the agreement of Mr. Bates, the present lessee of the refreshment-rooms on the line, terminated on the 31st of March last, and that he has given notice that he will give up possession on the 30th instant. Looking at the numerous complaints which have been made as to the quality of the refreshments supplied on the line, Mr. Elwin stated that it has been determined, subject to the approval of Government, to take the rooms under the management of the Company, as is now done with great success at Raichore and Tirupetty.

If this proposal is approved it will be necessary to incur an expenditure of about Rupees 6,500 for the purpose of providing furniture, crockery, etc., and the Committee request that Government will be good enough to sanction the outlay at once, as but a short time remains for making the necessary arrangements.

A detailed estimate of the cost of the articles required was submitted to the Committee and approved, but it was determined to include Erode Station in addition to those at first proposed, namely, Arconum, Jellarapett, Salem, and Coimbatore on the South-West Line, and Ghooty (in addition to Tirupetty and Raichore) on the North-West Line.

The estimate when revised accordingly will be submitted to Government through the Consulting Engineer in the usual manner.

7. Mr. Elwin reported to the Committee that he had granted Mr. R. Allon, the General Storekeeper, twelve months' furlough to enable him to proceed to

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... he having served the Company in this country for nineteen years without going home.

Mr. Allen will leave Madras by a canal steamer about the 20th instant, and it is proposed that during his absence Mr. J. W. Bradley, the Comptroller of Stores Accounts, shall conduct the whole of the duties of the Stores Department, receiving as an acting allowance and in addition to his own salary, £400 per annum, being 20 per cent. of Mr. Allen's pay.

Some discussion took place as to the best method of giving effect to the wishes* of the Government of India that passengers and soldiers should be enabled to travel between Bombay and Madras in through carriages.

Drawings of one or two descriptions of composite carriages suitable for inter-communication with the Great Indian Peninsula Company were submitted, and the Executive Superintendent was requested to prepare for submission to Government a revised drawing embodying one or two suggestions which were made by members of the Committee in the course of the discussion.

With reference to Minute No. 4 of the Meeting held on the 3rd November 1871, the Agent and Manager stated that he learned both from the Traffic Manager and from the Chief Auditor that the appointment of a travelling Auditor had resulted in a great improvement in the keeping and rendering of the station accounts, but that looking at the length of line now open one Auditor is not able to visit each station so frequently as is desirable.

Mr. Elwin therefore strongly advocated the appointment of a second travelling Auditor at a salary not to exceed Rupees 60 per mensem, and the Committee resolved to submit the recommendation for the favourable consideration of Government.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut. Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager, M. R.

Resolution for the approval of Government.

The authority for the expenditure of Rupees 450 in the purchase of a seven-cutting lathe, referred to in paragraph 4 of the above Proceedings, was recorded in the papers printed with the Order of Government, No. 1,983, dated the 15th July 1871.

The 6th paragraph of these Proceedings has reference to a loss which the Company has sustained through the defalcation of a man who was employed as Station Master at Coimbatore (Poothanore). While attending the Committee yesterday, I was under the impression that the circumstances had been previously reported to this office by the Railway Authorities, or I should have asked the Agent to deal with the matter by itself, and to submit a report upon the circumstances connected with the defalcation for the information of Government. This I have now asked him to do; but the matter was fully discussed in Committee, and I am satisfied that the only way of dealing with it is to write off the sum in question, Rupees 312-4-11, as a bad debt. The refusal of the Judge of the Small Cause Court, before whom the case was tried, to allow the question to be referred to a professional

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Accountant, was no doubt legally correct, but its result has necessarily been to preclude the Company from obtaining redress for a fraud.

4. The Government are probably aware that for some months past the refreshment-rooms at Raichore and Tirupetty on the North-West Line have been under the direct management of the Company through the Traffic Department. This arrangement has been attended with much success, as regards both the comfort of passengers and the financial results to the Company; and the Traffic Manager now proposes, as will appear from paragraph 6 of these Proceedings, that his department should undertake the management of the other principal refreshment-rooms on both lines. An estimate for the necessary outlay will in due course be submitted.

5. The arrangement proposed in paragraph 7 is recommended for sanction on the score of economy, and I have no doubt that Mr. J. W. Bradley will be found able to conduct with efficiency the entire duties of the Store Department.

6. The appointment of a travelling Audit Clerk, on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem, was sanctioned by Government in their Order No. 2,924, dated 18th November 1871; and in paragraph 9 of these Proceedings the appointment of an additional man, on a salary not exceeding Rupees 60 per mensem, is recommended. From the representations made by the Chief Auditor and the Traffic Manager, I am satisfied that the first appointment has already had very beneficial results; and I have no doubt that, in order to insure the regular and frequent examination of the accounts at every station, the services of an extra hand are required.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut. Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1872, No. 1,127.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

APPROVED, the appointment of an additional travelling Auditor being subject to the sanction of the Government of India.

2. The authority granted for writing off the sum of Rupees 312-4-11, representing the loss sustained by the defalcation of the Station Master at Poothanore, will be reported to the Government of India with reference to paragraph 8 of their letter, dated 29th April 1870, No. 198-A. R.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 38. (DOCKET No. 1,128, dated 3rd May 1872.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of 1872 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA.

Dated May 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. No. 107, 1872, No. 1, 125.

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Nos. 36-38

Forwarded copy of Proceedings on
the Minutes of Meeting held on the 6th
April 1872.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram
Terminus, on Tuesday the 9th April 1872.

PRESENT

Agent Col. J. Hall Shaw Stewart, P.C. Com. Engr. for Mys.
Captain C. J. Smith, P.C. D.Y. Com. Engr. for Mys.
Lieut. C. H. P. Christie, P.C. Asst. Do Do
Captain C. M. Mahabaly, Examiner of Railway Accounts
Mr. J. D. Hanna, for Chief Engineer, Madras Railway
Mr. W. D. Wright, Locomotive Supt. Do
Mr. H. G. Church, Traffic Manager Do
Mr. G. Church, Chief Auditor Do
Mr. J. Cramp, Chief Accountant Do
Mr. R. B. Clavin, Agent & Manager Do

1. The undermentioned applications for
advances and payments on account of "Capital"
and "Revenue" submitted by the Chief Auditor
were passed.

Madras Railway - Capital C.

Locomotive & other Roll - Jan'y 1872 -	Rs	as	p.
Construction and maintenance	7,287	15	5
as per statement	150,360	2	8
Salaries - General Management - Feb'y 72 -	7,854	7	0
Carried over -	1,65,502	9	1

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Brought over					165,302.9.1
Salaries - Police and Telegraph					
Departments -					Feb/72 - 816.10.0
do	General Superintendence	do			6,552.3.11
do	Locomotive Department	do			2,818.2.3
do	Salt Cstn., Madras				
	Central Station and				
	Pennambore Works.				
do	Madras Division	do			78.15.10
do	2 ^d Division, S. W. Div	do			107.15.9
do	3 ^d	do	do	do	294.15.11
do	4 th	do	do	do	556.3.8
do	Districts I and II & Kilgoberry				
	Branch				
do	1 st Division, S. W. Div	do			145.6.2
do	2 ^d	do	do	do	970.7.8
do	3 ^d	do	do	do	1,809.14.0
Contingencies - General Management					do 242.0.10
Abstract of Stores purchased - Mar/72					44,428.11.6
					<u>2,27,566.4.6</u>

Madras Railway - Revenue.

Locomotive & other Roll - Jan/1872 -					33,843.8.5
Construction and maintenance					
as per statement					do 36,511.1.1
Salaries - General Management - Feb/72					8,513.7.10
do	Police and Telegraph				
	Departments				
do	General Superintendence	do			3,035.8.6
do	Traffic Department	do			3,160.4.9
do	Locomotive Department	do			11,941.11.4

Brought over - 1,50,656.8.8

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Salaries - Salt Colours alludias					
Central Station and	} Feb/72	225.3.10			
Pernambuco Works -					
do allachas Division -	do	1,500	12	10	
do 5 th Division, S. W. Line	do	1,134	11	11	
do 3 rd	do	1,257	10	3	
do 4 th	do	1,238	1	2	
do 7 th	do, S. W. Line	1,170	0	4	
do 2 nd	do	273	11	6	
do Obergave Bridge Surpriser	} do	290.11.9			
Account Revenue					
Contingencies - General Management	do	475	12	0	
do Traffic Department	do	680	2	0	
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1,39,803.9.3					

2. The Agent and Manager submitted an application for the following Cash advances for the month of April 1872.

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Estimated Expenditure						
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3. It is requested that credit may be

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Capital	Revenue	Total
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Order of C.
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28th July/71.

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From

Superintendent Engineer
Office of the Division
Camp Weymouth
10th April 1871

Colonel J. J. Proctor, R.E.
Superintendent Engineer
2nd Division

To
Colonel J. Carpenter, R.E.
Secretary Government
Public Works Department

Sir,
In reply to G.O. No. 874, I enclose
I have the honor to report that I hope to
get all the field work of the Eastern Delta
including the river islands finished by
some night and the estimates in a few months
after.

The river did not rise within 10 ft of
highest or 7 ft of ordinary high flood in 1871
and in that state cannot reach any part
of the irrigable land of river - the clearing
of the channels would have done no good.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servant
J. J. Proctor, R.E.
Colonel

Superintendent Engineer
2nd Division

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Docket No. 128 dated

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15th April 1872

The Consulting Engineer
Examined

Resd 4/5/72

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Sur. of Mysore & Co.
11/4/72

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Office of the Secretary

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
and

To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Subject

Head

Foot

3" diag. 1127-1128

Nos 36-37 & 38

Meeting (Railway) Taking
orders in the Minutes, sub-
mitted by the Engineer, of
the meeting held on the
9th April/72

Summary copy of Res.
in the Minutes of Meeting
held on the 9th April/72