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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	132-13	Press
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Dated	18	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1872.*

No. 158. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th April 1872, No. 190 :—

With reference to paragraph 12 of the letter* from the Government of India, dated the 2nd ultimo, No. 325-G. R., I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to lay before Government the enclosed letters† from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway. Mr. Betts' previous letters on the same subject have been already before Government, and were disposed of in the Proceedings marginally noted.

* *Vide* G. O., No. 803, dated 21st March 1872.

† Nos. 4,455 and 4,471, dated 12th and 18th April 1872.

G. O., No. 2,186, dated 25th August 1871.

" " 2,968, " 23rd November "

" " 227, " 24th January 1872.

" " 429, " 13th February "

2. In reply to the first of the letters now submitted, I informed Mr. Betts that, as the Government of India had decided on constructing the line of telegraph between Trichinopoly and Tuticorin by State agency, I did not think that any object would be gained by submitting a further application from the Railway Company for permission to construct the line themselves. I have also been in communication with the Telegraph Department on the subject, but I have not yet been able to ascertain what steps have been taken to insure the early construction of the line or when its completion may be looked for.

3. I beg leave to endorse all that has been urged by the Agent and the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern of India Railway as to the very great importance of having the line of telegraph set up along the proposed line of railway with the utmost promptitude. It is scarcely necessary for me to observe that the efficiency and economy of the Engineering Department will be materially helped by the early construction of the telegraph, and I trust that this Government will see fit to move the Government of India accordingly.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 12th April 1872, No. 4,455.

PARAGRAPH 12 of Government of India letter No. 325-G. R., dated 2nd March 1872, says, "the telegraph will be erected by Government on the same terms as were agreed to for the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway."

No. 4,034, 26th June 1871.

" 4,240, 25th Oct. "

" 4,212, 27th " "

" 4,378, 23rd Nov. "

" 4,397, 15th Dec. "

" 4,321, 2nd Jan. 1872.

" 4,340, 19th " "

2. With reference thereto, and to my letters noted in the margin, I beg again to intimate that this Company is unwilling to enter into an arrangement similar to that agreed to for the Oudh Line.

3. We are willing and anxious to meet the Government Telegraph Department in sharing the cost of the telegraph posts between Trichinopoly and Tuticorin, but the maintenance and control of its own telegraph wire the Company desires to retain.

4. The Chief Engineer has asked me to impress upon Government the very great importance to his work of having the line of telegraph set up along the proposed line of railway with the utmost promptitude; unless this is done, much loss of time and money will certainly result to the undertaking.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1872.*

5. I beg therefore that Government will permit me to make arrangement for the erection of the wire, etc., which we have already in stock leaving to be arranged hereafter the share to be borne by the Government Telegraph Department in the cost of the posts.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 18th April 1872, No. 4,471.

Your letter No. 146 of the 15th instant.

2. Although Government may not be in a position to accord the sanction I have asked for still I trust you will be kind enough to send forward my letter; there can be no doubt that much time will be lost in references between the Chief Engineer and his Assistants if any delay is allowed to occur in the erection of the telegraph, and Government may probably be pleased to urge upon the Government of India the advisability of dealing promptly with this question.

No 159. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1872, No. 1,182.

RAILWAY, No. 18.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1,183, dated 8th May 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 8th May 1872.

No. 160.

No. 1,183.

To

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

RAILWAY, No. 19.

No. 2,187, dated 25th August 1871.
" 2,969, " 23rd November "
" 228, " 24th January 1872.
" 234, " "
" 430, " 13th February "

SIR,—In forwarding in continuation of the papers noted in the margin the accompanying letters from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway deprecating the assumption by the Government of India of the control of the wires and the technical supervision

and maintenance of the system of telegraph to be erected on the Southern Extension, I am to urge upon the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council the great importance of early orders being issued for the prompt completion of the telegraph, as any delay in this respect is calculated, not only to be a source of inconvenience to the engineering staff employed on constructive operations, but to retard the progress of the works and add to their cost.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 11155

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, April 12th 1872.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
SIR, Madras

Paragraph 12 of Government of India letter No. 325 G. R. dated 2nd March 1872, says "The Telegraph will be erected by Government on the same terms as were agreed to for the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway"

No. 4083 - 26 June 1871.

" 4240 - 25 Octbr. '71

" 4242 - 27 Dec. '71

" 4278 - 22 Nov. '71

" 4307 - 15 Decbr '71

" 4321 - 5 Jan'y '72

" 4343 - 19 Jan'y '72

With reference hereto, and to my letters noted in the margin, I beg again to intimate that this Company is unwilling to enter into an arrangement similar to that agreed to for the Oudh line

We are willing and anxious to meet the Government Telegraph

Telegraph Department in sharing the cost of the telegraph posts between Trichinopoly and Tuticorin but the maintenance and control of its own telegraph wire the Company desires to retain.

The Chief Engineer has asked me to impress upon Government the very great importance to his work of having the line of telegraph set up along the proposed line of railway with the utmost promptitude, unless this is done much loss of time and money will certainly result to the undertaking.

I beg therefore that Government will permit me to make arrangements for the erection of the wire &c which we have already in stock leaving to be arranged hereafter the share to be borne by the Government Telegraph Department in the cost of the posts.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
William B. B. B.

P. N. 2005/72.
Am. & Mys. P. & L. Co.

No.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAIL.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

18

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

SIR,

Regarding
Construction of Telegraph
on the Eastern Section

Recd 12th
1872

April 1872

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

From the Agent
G.S.R.

Replied in No. 146 of 15th April/72

P. M. 2005/72.
Amended 1/22/1872

No. 14471

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

April 18th 1872

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Your letter No 146 of the 15th
Instant.

Although Government may not
be in a position to accord the
sanction I have asked for, still
I trust you will be kind enough
to send forward my letter; there
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if any delay is allowed to occur in
the erection of the telegraph, and
Government may probably be pleased
to urge upon the Government of India
the advisability of dealing promptly
with this question.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

William H. H. H.

agent

P. W. Dept.
No 1182.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th April 1872
Read the following

From the Commr. Engineer
for Railways H. B. No 190 of 20 April 1872

Ordered that these
papers be forwarded to
the Govt of India.

H. B. No 453 of.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Sir,
In forwarding,
in continuation of the
papers noted in the
margin, the accom-
panying letters from
the Agent of the G. S. of I.
Railway deprecating the

No 2187 of 25th Aug/71.
2969 " 23rd Nov " "
228 " 21st Jan 9/72
2341 " " " "
430 " 13th Feb " "

No 11471

From the Agent

H. B. No 12

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated 18th
Dec 20th April 1872

M.

Regarding
Construction of Telegraph
on the Western System

P. W. 2005/72
S. S. M. 11/12/72

the assumption by the
Govt of India of the con-
trol of the wires and the
technical supervision
and maintenance of
the system of telegraph
to be erected on the
Southern Extension, I
am to urge upon the
Rt. Hon: the Governor-
General in Council
the great importance
of early orders being
issued for the prompt
completion of the tele-
graph, as any delay
in this respect is
calculated not only
to be a source of in-
convenience to the
Engineering staff
employed on construc-
tion operations, but
to

to retard the progress
of the work, and
add to their cost.

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Govt. of India

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
And
To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Dated

Recd.

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8 May 1882 & 1883

No. 158-1598 160

Telegraph. Paper orders in
letter from the Inspector
Submitting Correspondence from
the Agent relative to the con-
struction of the Telegraph
line ~~on the Southern Railway~~
of the G. & S. Railway.

Forwarded, with remarks,
~~letter~~ Correspondence relative
to the construction of the Telegraph
line ~~on the Southern~~