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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th May 1872.

No. 262. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th May 1872, No. 236 :—

In reply to the Order of Government, dated the 6th instant, No. 1,161, I have the honour to submit the enclosed letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, in which Mr. Elwin states that he can add little to what is already before the Government as to the absolute necessity for an increase to the present stock of tarpaulins on the Madras Railway. Mr. Elwin observes that, even with the addition now applied for, the stock will still be kept considerably below the equipment sanctioned by Government.

* No. 302, dated 10th May 1872.

2. I fully endorse everything that is said by the Agent with regard to the urgency of the present demand ; and as further delay will be very prejudicial to the interests of the public and of the Company, I trust that this Government will authorize the stock of tarpaulins to be increased to the extent now applied for in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th May 1872, No. 302.

With reference to your letter No. 342, dated the 8th instant, and to G. O., No. 917 of the 6th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the Traffic Manager states* that "the only further evidence which can be adduced of the absolute necessity for an addition to our present stock of tarpaulins is the frequent occurrence of complaints from Station Masters of their inability to meet the demands made upon them for tarpaulins to carry on the goods traffic of the line."

* No. C 272-210, 9th May 1872.

2. Our difficulty in this respect is growing greater day by day in consequence of the increase in our foreign traffic, and, moreover, the traffic sent to foreign lines is much larger than that received from those lines, and there is a comparatively long interval of time between the despatch of tarpaulins from and their return to the Madras Railway.

3. The south-west monsoon is near at hand when the number of tarpaulins to each waggon must be increased, or the Company will incur the risk of damage to goods, and consequently the payment of heavy claims, and unless an addition to our stock be sanctioned, our only alternative is to delay traffic to the prejudice of the Company's revenue.

4. I will only add that the documents which accompanied my letter to you, No. 164, dated the 13th of March last, proved that the addition of 1,000 tarpaulins to our present stock as now applied for would still leave us considerably short of our equipment as sanctioned by the Government of Madras.

5. Setting aside the want of confidence in the officers of this Company which the action taken by the Government of India in this and other matters implies, and which I have no hesitation in saying is not justified by the amount of our working expenses, or in any other way, there can be no doubt that the delays which take place in dealing with our applications, and the numerous references which are now almost invariably made to us thereon, have an effect which is most prejudicial to the working arrangements of the Company and to economy.

No. 263. Order thereon, 14th May 1872, No. 1,235.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

These papers will be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India, with reference to their letter

dated 22nd April 1872, No. 586-G. R., with a recommendation that the proposal to increase the stock of tarpaulins be sanctioned and communication of the same be made by telegraph.

2. Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,236, dated 14th May 1872.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Extd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *14th May* 1872.

No. 264.

No. 1,236.

To

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

RAILWAY, No. 39.

SIR,—With reference to the letter from the Government of India dated 22nd April 1872, No. 586-G. R., I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways with the one from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company to which it gives cover, and to request that under the explanation therein afforded the proposal to increase the stock of tarpaulins be sanctioned and communication of the same be made by telegraph.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 302.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 10th May 1872.

From

A. D. Elwin Esqre,

Agent and Manager, of the M. R. Co.

To

Lieut Col J. H. Hall R. E. Consulting Engineer &c &c

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 342 dated the 8th instant and to G.O. No. 917 of the 6th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the Traffic Manager states that "the "only further evidence which can "be adduced of the absolute necessity "for an addition to our present "stock of tarpaulins is the frequent "occurrence of complaints from station "Masters of their inability to meet "the demands made upon them for "tarpaulins to cover on the goods "traffic of the line".

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2. Our difficulty in this respect is growing greater day by day in consequence of the increase in our foreign traffic and moreover the traffic sent to foreign lines is much larger

them that received from those lines, and there is a comparatively long interval of time between the dispatch of Wagons from and their return to the Madras Railway.

3. The South West Monsoon is near at hand when the number of Wagons to each waggon must be increased or the Company will incur the risk of damage to goods and Consequently the payment of heavy Claims, and unless our addition to our stock be sanctioned, our only alternative is to delay traffic to the prejudice of the Company's Revenue.

4 I will only add that the documents which accompanied my letter to you of 130 dated the 13th of March last, proved that the addition of 1000 Wagons to our present stock as now applied for, would still leave us considerably short of our equipment as sanctioned by the Government of Madras.

5. Setting aside the want of Confidence in the Officers of this Company which the action taken by the Government of

India in this and other matters implies, and which I have no hesitation in saying is not justified by the amount of our working expenses, or in any other way, there can be no doubt that the delays which take place in dealing with our applications and the numerous references which are now almost invariably made to us thereon have an effect which is most prejudicial to the working arrangements of the Company, and to economy.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Agent & Chairman

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated
Read

No.

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Railway Department

No 236

Coco: Empr's office

From

Lieut: Col J. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Coco: Engineer for Railways

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government

Public Works Deptt

F. Saint George.

Sir,

In reply to the order of Government, dated the 6th instant No 1161, I have the honour to submit the enclosed letter* from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, in which they state that they can add little to what is already before the Government as to the absolute necessity for an increase to the present stock of tarpaulins on

* No 302 of 10th Aug 1892.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 9th May 1892.

Recd. 11th May 1892.

No. 302.

Replies to Government Engineer's letter No 342 dated 2nd instant re = enclosing a list of tarpaulins = explaining why more are required = Cancels requirement of Nos 1 & 2 = Requires 2000 = Nos 4 & 5 = Requires 1000 = Nos 3 & 6 = Requires 2000.

P.W. 2399 92.

Rec'd 14 May 1892.

the Madras Railway. Mr Edwin observes that, even with the addition now applied for, the stock will still be kept considerably below the equip-ment sanctioned by Government.

2. I fully endorse every thing that is said by the Agent with regard to the urgency of the present demand; and as for the delay will be very prejudicial to the interests of the public and of the Company, I trust that this Government will authorize the stock of tarpaulins to be increased to the extent now applied for, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India.

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Madras
11th May
1858

I have the honour &c,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
Lieut Colonel &c
Comg Engineers Sth Dn

No 1235

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 14th May 72

Read the following.

From the Consg Engineer
for Railways.

(Here enter No 2307/11 May 1872)

I have propose will be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India with reference to their letter dated 22nd April 1872 No 686 R. with the accompanying enclosures. that the proposal to [illegible] the Telegraph [illegible]

[illegible]

To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Chief Engineer Railways dated 15th May 1872 No 2307/11 with enclosures on the subject of the proposal to [illegible] the Telegraph [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Railways

Forwarded for information and orders.

Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Fort St George
The 17th May 1872

No 1235 - 1230 - 14 May 1872

No 1236.

To The Secretary to the
Govt of Madras
Sir

With reference to
the letter from the
Government of Madras
dated 22nd April 1872
No 586 G. R. I am
directed to forward
the accompanying
letter from the Engr
in Railways with
the one from the Agent
of the Madras Railway
Company to which it
gives rise, and to
request that under the
explanation therein
afforded the proposal

to increase the stock
of tarpaulins has
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of two letters.
P.C. 23/5/72

No. 2.

Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Commanding Engrs for Railways and To the Secretary to the Govt of India.

Dated

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14th Jany 1238-123

Nos. 262-264

Forwarding. Passing orders.

On letter from the Engr for Rys reporting the receipt for additional Establishment required for the Madras Ry.

Forwarding, with remarks, letter from the Engr for Rys reporting the receipt

for the additional Establishment required for the Madras Ry: