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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 110. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 11th May 1872, No. 235 :—

THE order of Government dated the 23rd ultimo, No. 1,049, was in due course communicated to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, and at that gentleman's special request I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, three letters* which have subsequently passed between him and this office on the subject of the alterations and additions to the Bellary station, which are referred to in the above-quoted Order of Government.

Previous correspondence on the subject is recorded in the following orders of Government :—

28th Nov. 1871, No. 3,006.
9th Jan. 1872, „ 52.
21st March „ „ 801.
23rd April „ „ 1,049.

2. The question now at issue can be told in a few words.

In November 1871 an estimate, providing for certain minor works at the Bellary station, was sent to Government from this office for the sanction of the Government of India. In the following month sanction was accorded to part of the estimate, but, with reference to certain proposed alterations in the signals and sidings, the Government of India declined to sanction them from capital, suggesting “ that the former should be removed, and the latter eased at the cost of revenue, if a change is absolutely necessary.” In February last a revised estimate for the work was again submitted, through this office, from the Agent; and in April the Government of India repeated their previous orders, declining to sanction any capital expenditure in altering the signals and sidings, on the ground that there was no present necessity for the work.

3. The correspondence, which I have now the honour to submit, will show that the work has been carried out long ago on the strength of the suggestion from the Government of India, that, if absolutely necessary, it might be done at the cost of revenue.

4. I presume that the Government will agree with me that the Railway Authorities have been somewhat to blame in the matter: in the first place, for carrying out the work on the strength of the sanction supposed to have been conveyed in the passage from the Government of India's letter, quoted by the Chief Engineer with the avowed intention of attempting to get the charge subsequently transferred to capital; and, in the second place, for submitting in February a revised estimate for sanction without stating that the letter from the Government of India, received in January, had been understood to convey sanction, and without giving any intimation that the work had then been actually begun.

5. Had it not been for the express request of the Agent, I should not have troubled the Government again in the matter, as it seems clear that, under the circumstances, the expenditure must be treated as a charge against Revenue.

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

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 2nd May 1872, No. 271.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 292, upon G. O. No. 1,049, dated the 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to quote as follows from a letter from the Chief Engineer, No. 195, dated the 1st instant :—

“ The alterations and additions to the Bellary station have long since been effected.

“ In G. O. No. 52 of 9th January there is the following passage : ‘ As regards the signals and sidings I am directed to suggest that the former should be removed and the latter should be eased at the cost of revenue, if a change is absolutely necessary.’

“ This I looked upon as authority to execute the changes recommended, and the revised estimate, forwarded with my letter No. 50 of 31st January 1872, had reference only to the allocation of the charges.

“ There can be no doubt whatever as to the improvement that has been effected by the lengthening of the sidings and the easing of the curves.”

2. Under the circumstances explained by the Chief Engineer, I trust that, upon re-consideration, the charges to capital submitted in my revised estimate may be sanctioned.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 3rd May 1872, No. 320.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, No. 271, I have the honour to observe that the passage quoted by the Chief Engineer from the Government of India's letter, printed with G. O. No. 52 of the 9th January, does not give an unconditional sanction for the alteration in the Bellary signals and sidings.

2. If the passage in question is to be accepted as sanctioning the work, it seems clear that revenue must bear the charge.

3. If, on the other hand, the work has been carried out with the intention of getting it ultimately charged to capital, it seems equally clear that the passage quoted by the Chief Engineer conveys no sanction whatever.

4. I cannot see that there is any doubt as to the meaning of the Government of India. They decline to sanction the charge to capital ; but they say, if the work is absolutely necessary, it may be carried out at the cost of revenue.

5. With your letter dated the 19th February, No. 112, a revised estimate for the work in question was forwarded, with a request that the expenditure might be sanctioned. There was nothing in that letter to show that the letter from the Government of India, printed with G. O. of the 9th January, was understood to convey sanction, nor was any intimation given that the work had been begun.

6. Under the circumstances, I see no alternative but to treat the expenditure as a charge upon revenue.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 9th May 1872, No. 299.

In forwarding you a copy of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 211 of this date, I have the honour to express the hope that, under the circumstances explained by Mr. Anderson, you will agree with me in thinking that he was perfectly justified in carrying out the alterations at the Bellary Station under the authority of G. O. No. 52 of the 9th of January 1872.

2. My letter No. 271 of the 2nd instant was intended as an application for a re-consideration of the opinion expressed by the Government of India, that the expenditure in question should be charged to revenue, and I shall be obliged if you will submit the correspondence to the Government, and communicate the result to me.

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

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 9th May 1872, No. 211.

CONSULTING Engineer's letter No. 320 of 3rd instant.

2: The letter from the Government of India, printed with G. O. No. 52 of 9th January, was fully discussed at Stores Committee. The necessity for the proposed alterations at Bellary and the importance of carrying them out as speedily as possible were recognized: The Acting Consulting Engineer was present and took part in the discussion, so that I submit I was fully justified in having the work carried out without further reference. At the same time, feeling as I did that the greater part of the cost was fairly chargeable to capital, I was quite in order in seeking for a re-consideration of the question of the allocation of the charges.

No. 111.

ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1872, No. 1,423.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

THE expenditure incurred on the alterations and improvements to the Bellary station in excess of the amount sanctioned in G. O. No. 52, dated 9th January 1872, should appear as a charge against Revenue, pending the orders of the Government of India on these papers, which will now be laid before them.

(Here enter No. 1,424, dated 8th June 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 8th June 1872.

No. 1,424.

No. 112.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

To Government of India, No. 3,007, dated 28th November 1871.

From Government of India, No. 2,553R, dated 14th December 1871.

To Government of India, No. 802, dated 21st March 1872.

From Government of India, No. 522G.R., dated 9th April 1872.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence, noted in the margin, on the subject of alterations and additions to the Bellary Station on the Madras Railway, I am directed to forward a copy of the accompanying correspondence, from which it will be observed that the works which were disallowed by the Government of India in their letter

No. 2,553R, dated 14th December 1871, have been carried out by the officers of the Company under the impression that the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of that letter conveyed authority for their execution from revenue, and that the allocation of the charges would, on further representation, be re-considered; capital being made to bear the cost of all entirely new work.

2. The Agent and Manager now requests that the distribution of charges shown in his revised estimate, which was forwarded to the Government of India with letter No. 802, dated 21st March 1872, may be sanctioned, and urges that the necessity for the alterations and the importance of carrying them out as speedily as possible were admitted by the Stores Committee, of which the late Acting Consulting Engineer was a member.

3. Under the circumstances, I am to recommend the subject to the favourable consideration of the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.

Railway Department

No 235

Cons: Engrs: Office

From Lieut Col J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Cons: Engineer for Railways

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept
Fort Saint George

Received

The order of Government
dated the 23rd ultimo, No 1049, was
in due course communicated to the
Agent and Managers of the Madras
Railway; and, at that gentleman's
special request, I have the honour

* From Agent No 27172 dated 15/3/32
To Do No 32073
From Do No 29979

to submit for the
consideration of Govern-
ment three letters which

have subsequently passed between him

and this office on the subject of
the alterations and additions to the
Bellary Station which are referred
to in the above-quoted order of Govern-
ment.

Previous correspondence
on the subject is recorded in the
following orders of Government:
28th November 1871 No. 3006.
9th January 1872 No. 52.
21st March 1872 No. 801.
23rd April 1872 No. 1049.

2. The question now at
issue can be told in a few words.
In November 1871
it was suggested that

an estimate, providing for certain minor
works at the Bellary Station, was
sent to Government from this Office
for the sanction of the Government
of India. In the following month
sanction was accorded to part of
the estimate; but with reference
to certain proposed alterations in
the signals and sidings, the Govern-
ment of India declined to sanction
them from Capital, suggesting that
"the former should be removed and
the latter raised at the cost of
Revenue, if a change is absolutely
"necessary". In February last a
revised estimate for the work was

again submitted, through this Office, from the Agent; and in April the Government of India repeated their previous orders, declining to sanction any Capital expenditure in altering the signals and sidings, on the ground that there was no present necessity for the work.

3. The correspondence which I have now the honour to submit will show that the work has been carried out long ago, on the strength of the suggestion from the Government of India that, if absolutely necessary, it might be done at the cost of Revenue.

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4. I presume that the Government will agree with me that the Railway Authorities have been somewhat to blame in the matter: in the first place, for carrying out the work on the strength of the sanction supposed to have been conveyed in the passage from the Government of India's letter quoted by the Chief Engineer, with the avowed intention of attempting to get the charge subsequently transferred to Capital; and in the second place, for submitting in February a revised

estimate for sanction, without stating
that the letter from the Government
of India, received in January, had
been understood to convey sanction,
and without giving any intimation
that the work had then been actually
begun.

5. Had it not been
for the express request of the
Agent, I should not have
troubled the Government again
in the matter; as it seems clear
that, under the circumstances,
the expenditure must be treated
as a charge against Revenue.

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Madras
1st May
1873

Have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
Munthum Liem to Coll R.E.

Cons: Engineer for Railways

No. 271.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 20 May 1872.

From

R. D. Edwin Esq.

Agent and Manager of the M.R.O.

To

Lieut. Col. J. Hall Stewart Esq.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement
no 292 upon G.O. no 1049 dated the
20 ultimo, I have the honour to quote
as follows from a letter from the Chief
Engineer no 195 dated the 1st instant.

"The alterations and additions
to the Bellary station have long
since been effected."

"In G.O. no 52 of 9th January
there is the following passage. 'As
regards the signals and sidings I
am directed to suggest that the former
should be removed and the latter
should be ceased at the cost of
Revenue, if a change is absolutely
necessary.'"

"This I looked upon as
authority to execute the changes
recommended and the revised Estimate

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28 March 1872 - 492-495
28 April 1872 - 352-355

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"January 1872 had reference only to the
"allocation of the charges -

"There can be no doubt whatever
"as to the improvement that has been
"effected by the lengthening of the sidings
"and the easing of the Curves."

2. Under the circumstances explained
by the Chief Engineer, I trust that
upon reconsideration the Charges to
Capital submitted in my revised
Estimate may be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. J. Brown
Agent and Manager

Railway Department

No 320 Cons: Engineer's office

Excuse
Lieut Colonel J. H. de Shaw Stewart & Co.
Cons: Engineer for Railways

To The Agent and Manager
M. R. Company.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, No 271, I have the honour to observe that the passage quoted by the Chief Engineer from the Government of India's letter printed with G. O. of the 9th January, does not give an unconditional sanction for the alteration in the Billary signals and sidings.

2.

If the passage in question is to be accepted as sanctioning

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

Recd

No. 271.

22 March 1892

Requesting that the changes to signal submitted with the revised estimate for alterations and additions to the Billary station (see also memo) may be sanctioned.

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Notice No 6 to Agent No 320, 3/5/92

No 52

the work, it seems clear that Revenue must bear the charge.

3. If on the other hand, the work has been carried out with the intention of getting it ultimately charged to Capital, it seems equally clear that the passage quoted by the Chief Engineer, conveys no sanction whatever.

4. I cannot see that there is any doubt as to the meaning of the Government of India. They decline to sanction the charge to Capital; but they say, if the work is absolutely necessary, it may be

carried out at the cost of Revenue.

5. With your letter dated the 19th February, No 112, a revised estimate for the work in question was forwarded, with a request that the expenditure might be sanctioned. There was nothing in that letter to show that the letter from the Government of India printed with G.O. of the 9th January was understood to convey sanction, nor was any intimation given that the work had been begun.

6. Under the circumstances, I see no alternative but to treat the expenditure as a charge upon

Revenue of 1872
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 Cons. Engineer for R.R.
 (True copy)
 Cons. Engineer for Railways
 J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq.
 Cons. Engineer for Railways

P.O. 2398/72.

No. 299

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE.

Madras, 9 May 1872

From

Robert B. Vivian Esquire
 Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Lieut. Col. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq.
 Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In forwarding you a copy of the Chief Engineer's letter No 211 of this date I have the honour to express the ^{hope} that under the circumstances explained by Mr. Anderson you will agree with me in thinking that he was perfectly justified in carrying out the alterations at the Bel- lary Station under the authority of G.O. No 52 of the 9th of January 1872.

2. My letter No 271 of the 2nd instant was intended as an application for a recon- sideration of the opinion expressed by the Government of India that the expenditure in question should be charged to Revenue and I shall be obliged if you will sub- mit the correspondence to the Govern- ment and communicate the result to me.

I have the honour to be
 Your most obedt. Servant,
 R. B. Vivian
 Agent and Manager

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From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer.

for Railways.

Dated

Recd

No.

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223/16

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 7th May 1872

The Agent & Manager,
Dear Sir,
Consulting Engineer's letter No. 220
of 31st inst.

The letter from the Government of
India dated with J. O. of 22 of 9th January
was fully discussed at Stove Committee.
The necessity for the proposed alterations at
Polling and the importance of carrying them
out as speedily as possible were recognized.
The Acting Consulting Engineer was present
and took part in the discussion, & that
I submit I was fully justified in having
the matter carried out without further
reference at the same time feeling as I did
that the greater part of the cost was fairly
chargeable to Capital. I was quite sincere
in seeking for a re-consideration of the
question of the allocation of the charges.

Yours faithfully
W. J. Denford Esq. M.A.
Chief Engineer

True Copy
[Signature]
Agent & Manager.

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Public Works Department
 No 1423
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
 Read the following
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways

The expenditure incurred on the alterations and improvements to the Bellary Station in excess of the amount sanctioned m. p. Rs. 52 dated 9th January 1872 should appear as a charge against Revenue pending the orders of the Govt of India on these papers which will now be laid before them.

A.A.
 J. O.

To The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.
 Dated 11/6/72

H. C. Iswaraiah
 Secy to the Govt of India
 Sir

To G. of I. No 3007 d/28th Nov/71.
 From " " " 2553 R. 14th Dec/71.
 To " " " 802 " 21st Mar/72.
 From " " " 522 G. R. 9th Apr/72.

Sir With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of alterations and additions to the Bellary Station on the Madras Railway I am directed to forward a copy of the accompanying correspondence, from which it will be observed that the works which were disallowed by the Govt of India in their letter No 2553 R dated 14th (December) 1871 have been carried out by the officers of the Company, under the impression that the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of that letter conveyed authority for their execution from Revenue,

Revenue, and that the allocation of the charges would on further consideration be reconsidered. Capital being made to bear the cost of all entirely new work.

The Agent and Manager now requests that the distribution of charges shown in his revised estimate which was forwarded to the Govt of India with letter No 802 dated 21st March 1872 may be sanctioned, and urges that the necessity for the alterations and the importance of carrying them out as speedily as possible were admitted by the Stores Committee,

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways
and
To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

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G. O. 8th June 72, No 1423-142

Nos. 110-111 & 112

Kellany Station, Madras Rail.

May. Papering orders on
letter from the ~~Eng^r~~ Pub.
putting correspondence
on the subject of the altera-
tions ^{improvements} ~~alterations~~ of the
Kellany Station.

Forward, with remarks,
correspondence relating to
the ~~alterations~~ alterations and
improvements of the Kellany
Station on the Madras Rail.

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