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

No. 62. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department (Railway), dated Simla, 10th June 1872, No. 777-G. R.:—

Great Southern of India Railway. Project for the Extension from Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Tinnevely.

Read again the following papers:—

Public Works Department No. 325-G. R. of the 2nd March 1872, to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department (Railway).

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 46 Railway, dated the 2nd March 1872.

Read also the following Despatch, from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway), dated 30th April 1872, No. 59.

I HAVE considered in Council your Excellency's letter dated the 2nd March, No. 46, transmitting a project for a metre gauge railway from Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Tinnevely, in extension of the Great Southern of India line.

2. The plan has been carefully prepared, and does credit to the Engineers by whom it has been laid out, and the estimate for the work, when stocked, is moderate, being about a million sterling, which for a length of some 216 miles is little above £4,600 a mile.

3. It is with satisfaction that I communicate to you the approval of Her Majesty's Government to the project, and I trust that no delay will be allowed to occur in the submission of indents for the materials, especially those required for the large bridges across the rivers Vygay and Vypar, for the preparation of which, in the present state of the iron trade in this country, more than the ordinary length of time will probably be required. A telegram on this subject, of which a copy is enclosed, was sent to your Excellency on the 25th instant.

4. I observe that, with the letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras of the 8th December 1871, a correspondence was forwarded to your Government in which the question was raised whether the Chief Engineer of the Carnatic Railway Company was to be required, in the preparation of designs for narrow gauge works, to submit duplicate sets of plans and calculations, the one based upon the metre and decimal parts thereof for the purposes of the Government, and the other on the ordinary English measures of yards and feet for transactions with native workmen and contractors. The letter from your Secretary in the Railway Department, of the 2nd March 1872, acknowledging this and other letters, does not refer to the point, probably because the affairs of the Carnatic Railway Company were not immediately under discussion. The matter is, however, one on which definite instructions should be laid down. It does not appear to me that the adoption of the metre gauge for the line creates any necessity for a set of calculations on the metrical principle in addition to those which must needs be expressed in measures with which native workmen are familiar.

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5. Copy letter from the Great Southern of India Railway Company, No. 513, dated 24th instant, in which they state their willingness to sell their broad gauge materials to Government for the Nizam's State Railway at their present market value, is forwarded herewith for your information. A telegram acquainting you with this decision was despatched on the 25th instant.

Copy of Telegram from the Secretary of State, to the Viceroy, dated 25th April 1872.
Great Southern Railway Extension from Trichinopoly. Scheme approved. Send tenders for materials speedily.

From the Secretary to the Great Southern of India Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated London, 26th April 1872, No. 513.

At the Meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held yesterday, the Government Director stated that a telegram had been received from the Government of India, dated the 20th instant, to the following effect:—

"Move Directors, Great Southern of India Railway, to agree to some arrangement to sell to Nizam's Railway eighty-seven miles broad gauge permanent-way material now at Negapatam; immediate decision necessary; this unexpected hesitation delays work on Nizam's Line."

2. The Directors having had submitted to them two communications which had been received from their Consulting Engineer on this subject since the date of their last Meeting, and having considered the matter, instructed me to telegraph to the Agent of the Company at Negapatam in the following terms:—

"Board agrees to sell the whole permanent materials to Nizam, present market value. Letter giving prices follows."

3. This telegram was accordingly despatched yesterday afternoon. It is understood that the sale to the Nizam's Government will include the whole of the eighty-seven miles of broad gauge permanent-way material now in store at Negapatam, and not be confined to one description of material to the exclusion of the others.

4. The Company's Consulting Engineer is engaged in ascertaining definitely the actual prices now ruling in the market for the various descriptions of the permanent-way materials in question.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Despatch be communicated to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department (Railway), with the request that a copy of the letter giving prices of the permanent-way materials proposed to be made over to the Nizam's Railway, which is alluded to in the telegram from the Board to their Agent, despatched on the 23rd April 1872, may be transmitted for the information of the Government of India with the least practicable delay.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Deputy Secretary.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1872, No. 1,600.

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COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

2. It is observed that a copy of the letter containing the prices of the Great Southern of India broad gauge materials was forwarded to the Government of

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India on the 2nd July 1872, a summary of the prices having been previously transmitted by telegraph on the 8th June 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY.

Sunda, 10th June 1872

Great Southern of India Railway. -
Project for the extension from Trichinopoly to
Tuticorin and Sinnerelly. -

Read again the following papers: -

P.W. Dept. No. 325 G. R. of the 2nd March 1872
to the Govt. of Madras in the P.W.D. (Railway)
Desp. to Secy. of State No. 46, Railway, dated the
2nd March 1872. -

Read also the following despatch

No. 59 Ry. dated 30th April 1872

From The Secy. of State for India
To The Government of India, P.W.D.

1. I have considered in Council
Gillman's letter dated the 2nd March
No. 46, transmitting a project for a me-
gauge railway from Trichinopoly

to Indore and Lucknow, in extension of
the Great Southern of India line. -

2. The plan has been carefully
prepared, and does credit to the Engineers
by whom it has been laid out, and the
estimate for the work, when started, is
moderate being about a Million Sterling,
which for a length of some 216 miles
is little above £4600 a mile. -

3. It is with satisfaction that
I communicate to you the approval of
Her Majesty's Government to the pro-
ject, and I trust that no delay will
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tion of tenders for the materials, es-
pecially those required for the large
bridges across the rivers Ghygh and
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required. A telegram on this subject

of which a copy is enclosed, was sent to
your Excellency on the 25th Instant. -

4. I observe that, with the letter
from the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
of the 8th December 1871, a correspondence
was forwarded to your Government
in which the question was raised -
whether the Chief Engineer of the private
Railway Company was to be required
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Railway Department of the 2^d March
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letters, does not refer to the point,
probably because the affairs of the

the Curative Railway Company were not immediately under discussion. The matter is, however, one on which definite instructions should be laid down. It does not appear to me that the adoption of the metric gauge for the line creates any necessity for a set of calculations on the metrical principle in addition to those which must needs be expressed in measures with which native workmen are familiar.

5. Copy letter from the Great Southern of India Railway Company, No 513, dated 21st Instant, in which they state their willingness to sell their broad gauge materials to Govt. for the Vizian's State Railway at their present market value, is forwarded herewith for your information. A telegram acquainting you with this decision was despatched on the 25th Instant.

Copy Telegram from the Secretary of State to the Viceroy, dated 28th April 1872. —

Great Southern Railway Extension from Trichinopoly. Scheme approved. Send Indents for materials speedily. —

Great Southern of India Ry. Co.
2 Leadenhall Street
London, 24th April 1872

No 513

To The Under Secy. of State for India
Sir

At the Meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held yesterday, the Govt. Director stated that a Telegram had been received from the Govt. of India, dated the 20th Instant, to the following effect:

None Directors Great Southern of India Railway to agree to some arrangement.

arrangement to sell to Vizian's Railway
"eighty seven miles Broad Gauge per.
"permanent way material now at Negapatam,
"immediate decision necessary, this was,
"expected hesitation delays work on
"Vizian's Line": -

The Directors having had submitted
to them two communications which
had been received from their con-
sulting Engineer on this subject since
the date of their last meeting, and
having considered the matter, instructed
me to telegraph to the Agent of the
Company at Negapatam in the
following terms:-

"Board agrees to sell the
"whole Permanent Materials
"to Vizian - present market
"value. Letter giving prices
"follows": -

This Telegram was accordingly
despatched yesterday afternoon.

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It is understood that the sale
to the Vizian's Govt. will include
the whole of the eighty seven
miles of Broad Gauge Permanent
Way Material now in store at
Negapatam, and not be con-
fined to one description of mate-
rial to the exclusion of the
others. -

The Company's Consulting
Engineer is engaged in ascertain-
ing definitely the actual prices
now ruling in the market for
the various descriptions of the
Permanent Way Materials in question.

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Secretary

Order

Ordered that this dispatch
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be communicated to the Government of
Madras in the P.W. Dept^y (Railway),
with the request that a copy of the
letter giving prices of the permanent
way materials proposed to be made
over to the Vizian's Railway which
is alluded to in the Telegram from the
Board to their Agent, despatched
on the 23^d April 1872, may be
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the Government of India with the
least practicable delay. —

W. C. C. R. Brummond J. C. R. E.
Offg. Deputy Secretary

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The Govt of India.

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Extension (Railway). No. 1
 The Govt of Madras forwarding
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