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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th July 1872.

No. 239. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th June 1872, No. 330 :—

In the Minutes* of the Meeting held at Royapoorum on the 9th April 1872, it was explained that the agreement with the late lessee of the refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway had terminated, and that it had been determined to take the rooms under the management of the Traffic Department from the 1st May 1872. It was also stated that it would be necessary to incur a certain outlay in the provision of furniture, crockery, etc.

* *Vide* G. O., 3rd May 1872, No. 1,127.

2. With my letter† dated the 4th April 1872, I forwarded an estimate, amounting to Rupees 6,409, for furnishing and equipping the refreshment rooms at Raichore, Tripetty, and Adoni. This estimate was sanctioned‡ by the Government of India on the 26th April 1872.

† *Vide* G. O., 16th April 1872, No. 988.

‡ *Vide* G. O., 10th May 1872, No. 1,194.

3. I have now the honour to submit for sanction seven estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 8,718, for furnishing and equipping the remaining refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway, as specified in the margin. There can be no doubt as to the necessity for the outlay, as the refreshment rooms must be furnished and equipped; but there is some doubt as to the correct incidence of the charge.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Arconum	1,300	0	0
Cuddapah	1,109	1	4
Ghooty	1,300	0	0
Jollarpett	1,300	0	0
Salem	1,300	0	0
Erode	1,109	1	4
Coimbatore	1,300	0	0
Total...	8,718	2	8

4. In the first place the ruling of the Government of India in their Resolution§ of the 6th February 1871, to the effect that no estimate for any work is to be passed against Capital on lines that have been opened for more than two years if less than Rupees 5,000, implies that the estimates now submitted should form a charge against Revenue, inasmuch as each estimate is considerably below the limit named by the Government of India.

§ *Vide* G. O., 1st March 1871, No. 595.

On the other hand, the Agent of the Madras Railway, in a letter‖ herewith enclosed, refers to his previous letter¶ dated the 8th September 1871, in which, under instructions from his Directors, he requested that the rule in question might be held in abeyance for twelve months. This letter was forwarded to the Government of India; and the Agent now states that, as no reply has been received to the proposal, it has been assumed that the suspension of the rules suggested by the Board had been agreed to.

‖ No. 407, dated 13th June 1872.

¶ No. 533, *vide* G. O., 10th October 1871, No. 2,579.

5. In the second place, there seems to me to be some doubt, irrespective of the ruling referred to, as to the correct mode of dealing with the charge in question.

Up to the end of April 1872, the refreshment rooms were let to contractors, at whose expense the rooms were furnished and equipped. From the 1st ultimo the rooms have fallen under the sole management of the Traffic Department. As the profits from these rooms, which formerly went to the refreshment contractors, now go to Revenue, it seems to be not unreasonable that Revenue should be called on to furnish and equip the rooms, an expense which previously fell upon the contractors.

6. I have the honour therefore to submit the estimates for sanction, and to request that the ruling of the Government of India may be obtained as to the correct incidence of the charge.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 13th June 1872, No. 407.

In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 2 of your letter No. 420 of the 4th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, for the approval of Government, a separate estimate of the cost of furnishing and equipping the refreshment rooms at each of the following Stations, namely,—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Arconum	1,300	0	0
Cuddapah	1,109	1	4
Ghooty	1,300	0	0
Jollarpett	1,300	0	0
Salem	1,300	0	0
Erode	1,109	1	4
Coimbatore	1,300	0	0
Total...	8,718	2	8

It is proposed to meet this expenditure from the provision for "Stores" in the Budget for 1872-73.

2. You will remember that it was reported to the Meeting of the Store's Committee held on the 9th of April last, that the former lessee of the refreshment rooms had given notice that he would give up possession of the rooms on the 30th of April, and that it had been determined, subject to the approval of the Government, that the rooms should in future be taken into the Company's own hands under the management of the Traffic Department. It therefore became necessary to incur the expenditure for which estimates are now submitted, Erode and Cuddapah being included in addition to those stations mentioned at the Committee.

3. Erode was added in accordance with the suggestion made at the Meeting by the Deputy Consulting Engineer, and Cuddapah has been added in consequence of the recent alteration of the train service on the North-West Line, which renders a refreshment room at that station necessary.

4. As regards the allocation of the expenditure alluded to in paragraph 1 of your letter, No. 420, I have the honour to remind you that on the 8th of September 1871, a letter from this office was addressed to the then Acting Consulting Engineer, in which by the desire of my Board it was requested that the rules communicated by G. O., No. 595, of the 1st March 1871, should be suspended for a period of twelve months. As no reply to that communication has been received in my office, it has been assumed that the suspension of these rules suggested by the Board had been agreed to.

5. As the money expended upon furnishing the refreshment rooms should be properly borne by Capital, I trust that the Government will therefore be pleased to sanction its being charged thereto.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th July 1872.

6. As estimates for the refreshment rooms at the Erode and Cuddapah stations are sent herewith, I request that you will be so good as to cancel my letter, No. 346 of the 25th ultimo, and the estimate sent therewith.

No. 240. Order thereon, 13th July 1872, No. 1,690.

RAILWAY, No. 54.

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

(Here enter No. 1,691, dated 13th May 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 13*th July* 1872.

No. 241.

No. 1,691.

To

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

RAILWAY, No. 55.

Docket No. 988, dated 16th April 1872.
From Government of India, 26th April 1872, No. 589—G. R.
Docket No. 1,128, dated 3rd May 1872.

SIR,—Referring to the papers marginally noted, I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways giving cover to estimates aggregating Rupees 8,718-2-8 for fitting and furnishing the refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway at Arconum, Cuddapah, Ghooty, Jollarpett, Salem, Erode, and Coimbatore.

2. No explanation seems needed as to the necessity for the outlay; but it will be seen that doubts are entertained as to the incidence of the charge. The estimate in the case of each station being under Rupees 5,000 on lines of Railway that have been opened for more than two years, the cost, under the ruling in the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 6th February 1871, No. 49—A. R., is properly debitable to Revenue, but the Agent, construing into acquiescence the silence of that Government on the application made by him in September last under instructions from his Board of Directors, for holding the ruling in question in abeyance for twelve months, requests sanction for charging the outlay to Capital. On the other hand, seeing that the management of the refreshment rooms on the termination of the agreement with the late lessee has been assumed by the Traffic Department, and that the profits are credited to Revenue, Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart does not consider it inequitable that the expense of furnishing the rooms should be borne by that source.

To Government of India, dated 10th October 1871, No. 2,580.

3. In applying for sanction to the estimates submitted, I am to request the instructions of the Government of India as to the incidence of the charge with reference to the views above expressed.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA.

Dated July 13th.

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th July 1872, No. 1,691.

JULY

No. 241

FORWARDING, with remarks, estimates for fitting and furnishing certain refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway.

Railway Deptt

No 330

From

Lieutt Colo J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Cons: Engineer for Railways

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government

P. W. Department

Fort Saint George

Sir,

In the Minutes of the Meeting held at Royapooram on the 9th April 1872, it was explained that the agreement with the late lessee of the refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway had terminated, and that it had been determined to take the rooms under the management of the Traffic department from the 1st May 1872. It was also stated that it would be necessary

× Vide G. O. 3d May 1872 No 1129.

to incur a certain outlay in the provision of furniture, crockery, &c.

2. With my letter[x] dated the 4th April 1892 I forwarded an estimate amounting to Rupees 6409, for furnishing and equipping the refreshment rooms at Raichore, Tripetty, and Adoni. This estimate was sanctioned[x] by the Government of India on the 26th April 1892.

[x] Vide G.O. 16th April 1892, No 988.

[x] Vide G.O. 10th May 1892 No 1194.

3. I have now the honour to submit for sanction 7 estimates amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 8,718, for furnishing and equipping the remaining refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway, as specified in the margin

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Cuddapah	1,109-1-4
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Erode	1,109-1-4
Coimbatore	1,300-0-0
	8,718-2-8

There can be no doubt as to the necessity for the outlay, as the refreshment rooms must be furnished and equipped; but there is some doubt as to the correct incidence of the charge.

4. In the first place the ruling of the Government of India in their[x] Resolution of the 6th February 1891, to the effect that no estimate for any work is to be passed against Capital on lines that have been opened for more than two years if less than Rupees 5,000, — implies that the estimates now submitted should form a charge against Revenue, inasmuch as

[x] Vide G.O. 1st March 1891 No 595.

each estimate is considerably below the limit named by the Government of India.

On the other hand the Agent of the Madras Railway, in a letter herewith enclosed, refers to his previous letter* dated the 8th September 1871, in which, under instructions from his Directors, he requested that the rule in question might be held in abeyance for twelve months. This letter was forwarded to the Government of India; and the Agent now states that, as no reply has been received to the proposal, it has been assumed that the suspension of the rules suggested by the Board had been

* No 407 dated 13th June 1872.

* No 533 Vide G. G. 10th October 1871 No 2579.

agreed to.

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on to furnish and equip the rooms, an expense which previously fell upon the Contractors

4. I have the honour therefore to submit the estimates for sanction, and to request that the ruling of the Government of India may be obtained as to the correct incidence of the charge.

I have the honourable,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt

Madras
26 June
1872

J. Mauleverer Leeuth Coll RE
Cons: Engineer for Railways

Pub Depth

A:1690.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th July 1872
Read the following Correspondence

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways -

(Here enter No 330 of 26 June 1872)

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

To The Chief Engineer
Despd 19/7/72

A:1691.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of India P.W.D.

Sir

Referring to the papers marginally noted I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Docket No 968 dated 16th April 1872.
From Govt of India 26th April No 587 L.R.
Docket No 1128 dated 3rd May 1872.

Rec'd 1st March 1/71 913-4-
" 10th Octr — 155-156-157
" 16th April 1/72 — 233-234
" 3rd Jany — 36-37
" 10th — 176-177.

P.W. 1872 Despatches.
From Govt of India for July
No 3141.

The Consulting Engineer for Rlys
Madras

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 26th
Received 27th June 1872
No 330
Encl: 15
A:1690-1691-13th July/72
Submitting letter No 415 dated 13 June 1872 with enclosure from the Agent for Rlys Salem with enclosure
Rlys: 85 18 for Journalising and questioning the remarks of Government para 2 of the Govt letter No 239 dated 26 June/72

No 239
Despd to Govt 27 June/72

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To Govt of India 10 Oct/71
No 2580

Refreshment rooms on the termination of the agreement with the late lessee has been assumed by the Traffic Department, and that the profits are credited to Revenue.

Lieut.-Col. Shaw Stewart does not consider it inequitable that the expense of furnishing the rooms should be borne by that source.

In applying for sanction to the estimates submitted, I am to request the instructions of the Govt. of India as to the incidence of the charge with reference to the views above expressed.

Gen.

Despn 19/1/72 with 7 encls
of Govt 1690 of 1872 & 16 encls.

Letter regarding
certain Refreshment
Rooms on the Indus
Ry.

Refreshment rooms on

No. 3141

Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engr for Railways and To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Rcvd. Encl. 1

G. O. 13 July 1872. 1690-1691.

Nos. 239-240-2241

Refreshment Rooms.

Estimates, submitted by the Conservator, for putting & furnishing certain Refreshment Rooms on the Madras Ry, ordered to be forwarded to the Govt of India

Commanding, with Remarks, Estimates for