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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st August 1872.*

No 1. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th July 1872, No. 368 —

In paragraph 5 of their letter dated the 9th May 1872,* the Government of India declined to sanction any present increase to the salary drawn by the Assistant to the Agent of the Madras Railway, on the ground that the circumstances of the Railway do not justify it. They stated, however, that they would be prepared to re-consider the proposal when it could be shown that the work of the agency was so enhanced as to justify it

2. At the request of the Agent I have the honour to submit, for consideration, the accompanying letter,† in which Mr Elwin considers that he has shown that the salary proposed for his Assistant is fully justified by his duties, and that the conditions on which the Government of India undertook to re-consider the proposal have been fulfilled. Mr. Elwin expresses a hope that he may be favoured with sanction to increase Mr. Mellis's salary as authorized by the Board, namely, from £600 to £725 per annum, the increased rate to take effect from the 10th December 1871.

From R B ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 5th July 1872, No 469

With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter* from the Government of India, Public Works Department, No 658-G R, dated the 9th May 1872, in which it is stated that the Government of India will be prepared to re-consider the proposed increase of salary to my Assistant Mr. Mellis when it can be shown that the work of the agency is so enhanced as to justify it, I have the honour to quote as follows from the application which I made† to my Directors upon this subject —

“The duties appertaining to the general management of the line in which Mr Mellis assists me have increased with the growth of the undertaking, and as they are now much more numerous and responsible than they have hitherto been, I am of opinion that the office is fully worth the salary I claimed in my application to Government”

2. The duties of my Assistant are more particularly connected with the office work of my department, and it seems to me to be obvious that those duties would be less affected by the cessation of the construction work of the railway, to which the Government of India allude, than by the extensions of the line which have brought the Madras Railway into through communication with all the principal Railways of India

3 It will be noticed, moreover, that upon the representation which I made to the Board as stated above my Directors sanctioned the increase of Mr Mellis's salary now proposed, and that increase has also been strongly recommended by the Government of Madras for the confirmation of the Supreme Government

4 It will thus be seen that the very ground upon which the Government of India state that they will be prepared to re-consider this proposal, namely, that the work of the agency is so enhanced as to justify it, has already been recognized both by the Madras Government and the Board of Directors.

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1st August 1872*

5 With regard to the remark of the Government of India that the traffic on the Railway is not increasing, I have the honour to point out that the traffic receipts for the half-year ending the 31st of December 1871 were Rupees 7,21,831 in excess of the corresponding half-year, while the receipts for the current half-year were, up to the 15th ultimo, Rupees 3,50,000 in excess of the receipts for the corresponding period in 1871

6 In re-considering this subject, I hope that the Government of India will be pleased to compare the office establishment of this agency with the establishments of the other large Railway Companies in India, and will also take into consideration the fact that Mr Mellis is the only European besides myself in this department, and that during my absence on inspections, etc., the sole charge of the office devolves upon him.

7 I think I have thus shown that the salary proposed is fully justified by the duties of the office in question, and that the conditions upon which the Supreme Government undertook to re-consider the proposal have been fulfilled, and I trust that I may now be favoured with sanction to increase Mr Mellis's salary as authorized by the Board, namely, from £600 to £725 per annum, the increased rate to take effect from the 10th of December 1871.

No 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1872, No. 1,819

RAILWAY, No 1

It will be observed from the letter of the Government of India communicated with Proceedings No. 1,738, dated 22nd July 1872, that before finally deciding on the cases of exemption from the operation of their recent orders which have been recommended by the Government of Madras, the Governor-General in Council desires to be furnished with information on the several points noticed in letter No. 6,589-R.,* dated 9th May 1872.

* G O, No 1,348, dated 29th May 1872 The Consulting Engineer will accordingly bring the subject of these papers forward when replying to the Proceedings last quoted in the margin

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Ed L. C. Shunkler

No. 469

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 5th July 1872

From D. D. Shum Esqre,

Agent and Manager of the Madras

To Lieut Col J Hobb Shaw Stewart Esq

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter from the Government of India Public Works Department No 658 G O. dated the 9th of May 1872 in which it is stated that the Government of India will be prepared to reconsider the proposed increase of salary to my assistant Mr Mellis when it can be shown that the work of the Agency is so enhanced as to justify it, I have the honour to quote as follows from the application which I made to my Directors upon this subject,

"The duties appertaining to the General Management of the line in which Mr Mellis assists

* Embodied in G O No 1348 dated the 29th of May 1872

* Vide my letter to the Secretary Madras Railway Company London No 976 dated the 22nd of Nov 1871

"we have increased with the
"growth of the undertaking and
"as they are now much more nume-
"rous and responsible than they
"have hitherto been, I am of
"opinion that the office is fully
"worth the salary I named in
"my application to Government."

2 The duties of my Assistant
are more particularly connected
with the office work of my
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to be obvious that those duties
would be less affected by the
cessation of the Construction work
of the Railway, to which the Govern-
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by the extensions of the line which
have brought the Madras Railway
into through communication
with all the principal Railways
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3 It will be noticed moreover
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated

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period in 1871

6 In reconsidering this subject I hope that the Government of India will be pleased to compare the Office Establishment of this Agency with the Establishments of the other large Railway Companies in India and will also take into consideration the fact that Mr. Bellis is the only European besides myself in this Department, and that during my absence on inspection the sole charge of the Office devolves upon him.

7 I think I have thus shown that the salary proposed is fully justified by the duties of the Office in question, and that the conditions upon which the Supreme Government undertook to reconsider the proposal have been fulfilled, and I trust that I may now be favoured with sanction to increase Mr. Bellis's salary as authorised by the Board, namely from

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

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£600 to £725 per annum, the
increased rate to take effect
from the 10th of December 1871

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. J. H. Smith
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No.
From *Lieut Coll J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.*
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To *Cold G. W. Walker R.E.*
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In paragraph 5 of their letter dated
No 658. G. R.
Vide G. O. No 1345
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by the Assistant to the Agent of
the Madras Railway, on the ground
that the circumstances of the railway
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however that they would be prepared
to reconsider the proposal when it
could

Vide letter to Agent No 542 of 11th July 1872

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Date 5th July 1872
Recd b.

No 1109

Regarding the proposed
increase of salary
to the Agent the
Consulting Engineer
has been asked to
advise -

P. N. 3446/72.

and signed 11th July 1872

could be shown that the work of the
Agency was so enhanced as to jus-
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2. At the request of the
Agent I have the honour to submit,
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salary as authorised by the Board,
namely from £600 to £725 per annum,
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the increased rate take effect²
from the 10th December 1871.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Madras —
16th July 1872 }

Your most obedient servant
Wm. Stewart Esq. M.A. R.E.
Com: Engineer for Railways

No 1819

It will be observed from the letter of the Government of India communicated with Proceedings No. 17 dated 1872 that before finally deciding on the cases of exemption from the operation of their recent orders which have been recommended by

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No. 3446.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

1872

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George

Dated 16th July 1872.

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No. 3448

Regarding the increase to the
Munro's salary.

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with information on
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in letter 6589 P, dated
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forward when, replying
to the Proceedings last
quoted in the margin.

G.M.

* G. O. No 1348 dated
29th May 1872.

To The Consulting Eng^r
for Railway
Dept 8

C/o 3446

Gobt. of (1872) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

Date:

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G O. 1 August No 1519

Nos. 142

Mr. Mellis, Asst. Asst. Engr.
Manager, Indian Railway.

Refering orders on letter
from the Secy. to Govt.
writing to me from the
Asst. & Manager, Indian
Ry. recommending an
increase of the salary of
Mr. Mellis...