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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd September 1872.

No. 12. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th August 1872, No. 427:—

WITH reference to the Orders of Government marginally noted, I have the honour to request that the Government of India may be moved to give more particular instructions as to the intention and scope of the half-yearly meetings directed to be held for the authorization of establishments, and as to the power of sanction vested in the Consulting Engineer for Railways at those meetings, as well as generally at other times.

22nd December 1871, No. 3,215.
26th February 1872, ,, 520.
23rd April ,, ,, 1,053.
29th May ,, ,, 1,348.
6th August ,, ,, 1,852.

2. I am unable to gather, from the instructions communicated with the Government Orders referred to above, whether the schedule of establishments which, under the orders of the Government of India, accompanies the Budget Estimate, or the list of proposed establishments as arranged at the half-yearly meetings, is intended to be henceforth the vehicle for application for increases of salary or for additional establishments, or whether these applications must, as heretofore, be separately submitted, neither can I gather whether any and if any what power of sanction is intended to be vested in the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

3. G. O. No. 3,215 of 22nd December 1871, merely directs that "Minutes of the official meetings for the purpose of authorizing establishments may be punctually submitted in the first month of each half-year;" and in the absence of any further orders, I should have concluded that the establishments as proposed at these meetings must provide for promotion and increase of salaries, and that the Consulting Engineer had the power of sanctioning the establishments for the half-year, submitting the same to Government for confirmation.

4. But G. Os. Nos. 520 and 1,348 of the 26th February and 29th May respectively, direct as follows:—

1st.—That no higher pay than that drawn by the permanent incumbent of any office on the 1st January 1871 shall be passed after the 31st March 1872 without the sanction of the Government of India.

G. O. No. 520, paragraph 4.

2nd.—That no increase to the strength of any establishment is to be sanctioned until the traffic or work to be performed shall have actually increased to such an extent as to make it absolutely essential. To which is added, in G. O. No. 1,053 of 23rd April 1872, paragraph 15, that in such cases the sanction of the Consulting Engineer shall be held to be necessary before any new appointments are made.

3rd.—That in preparing the lists for the half-year ending 31st December 1871, the existing establishments should be thoroughly investigated in relation to the present and past work, the present and past cost, and any probable increase of work, no increase being permitted without a reference to the Government of India.

G. O. No. 1,348.

5. The order as to the first of the above three points is clear and unmistakeable; but with regard to the second and third points, I am left in doubt as to whether or not I am empowered to sanction an increase of establishment in any case in which I am satisfied that increase of work has rendered it necessary. G. O. No. 520 of 26th February 1872, taken in connection with G. O. No. 3,215 of 22nd December 1871, and G. O. No. 1,053 of 23rd April 1872, paragraph 15, seems clearly to imply that I am so empowered, whilst G. O. No. 1,348 of 29th May 1872, seems to imply, equally clearly, that I am not so empowered. If it is intended that the proposed half-yearly establishment lists should, before being acted upon, receive the sanction of the Government of India, it will, I submit, be necessary to send these lists forward at least two months before the commencement of the half-year to which they relate.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1872, No. 2,085.

RAILWAY, No. 2.

ORDERED that this letter be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,086, dated 2nd September 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, *2nd September* 1872.

No. 14.

No. 2,086.

To

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

RAILWAY, No. 3.

No. 602-E. R., 9th December 1871.
G. O. No. 3,215, dated 22nd December 1871.
No. 122-E. R., 9th February 1872.
G. O. No. 520, dated 26th February 1872.
No. 499-A. R., 6th April 1872.
G. O. No. 1,053, dated 23rd April 1872.
No. 658-G. R., 9th May 1872.
G. O. No. 1,348, dated 29th May 1872.
No. 1,130-G. R., 22nd July 1872.
G. O. No. 1,852, dated 6th August 1872.

SIR,—With reference to the letters from the Government of India marginally noted, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 427, dated 14th August 1872, and to solicit instructions on the various points noticed therein by Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 427

From

Lieut. Col. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, P.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel G. W. Walker, P.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to the Orders of Government marginally noted,*

*22nd December 1871, No. 3215.
26th February 1872, No. 520.
23rd April do No. 1053.
29th May do No. 1348
6th August do No. 1852.

I have the honour to request that the Government of India may be moved to give more particular instructions as to the intention and scope of the half-yearly meetings directed to be held for the authorisation of establishments, and as to the power of sanction vested in the Consulting Engineer for Railways at those meetings, as well as

generally,

generally, at other times.

2. I am unable to gather from the instructions communicated with the Government Orders referred to above, whether the schedule of establishments which under the orders of the Government of India accompanies the Budget Estimate, or the list of proposed establishments as arranged at the half-yearly meetings, is intended to be henceforth the vehicle for application for increases of salary or for additional establishments, or whether these applications must, as heretofore, be separately submitted: neither can I gather whether any, and if any, what, power of sanction is intended to be vested in the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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4. But G.O.S. Nos. 520 and 1348 of the 26th February and 29th May respectively, direct as follows.

1. That no higher pay than that drawn by the permanent incumbent of any office on the 1st January 1871 shall be passed

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passed after the 31st March 1873 without the sanction of the Government of India.

2. That no increase to the strength of any establishment is to be sanctioned until the traffic or work to be performed shall have actually increased to such an extent as to make it absolutely essential. - (To which is added, in G.O. No. 1053 of 23rd April 1872 para 15, that in such cases the sanction of the Consulting Engineer shall be held to be necessary before any new appointments are made.

D. No. 1348.

3. That in preparing the lists for the half-year ending 31st December 1871 the existing establishments should be thoroughly investigated in relation to the present and past works, the present and past cost, and any probable increase of work, no increase being permitted without a reference to the Government of India.

4. The order as to the first of the above three points is clear and unmistakable; but with regard to the second and third points I am left in doubt as to whether or not I am empowered to sanction an increase of establishment in any case in which I am satisfied that increase of work has rendered it necessary. G.O. No. 520 of 26th February 1872 taken in connection with G.O. No. 3215 of 22nd December 1871, and

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Madras
14th August 1872

[signature] Lieut. R.E.,
Cons. Engineer for Railways.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 14th Aug 1872.
Recd. 15th Aug 1872.

No. 2085 & 2086 - 2 Sept 72
No. 427

Requesting that Govt. of India may be moved to give more particular instructions as to the intention & scope of half-yearly meetings for the admission of establishments

P.W. Dept.

No. 2085

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 2d ~~August~~ September 1872
Read the following

From the Cons. Engineer
for Railways

(Here enter No. 427 of 14th August 1872)

Ordered that this letter be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

To Cons. Engineer
Desp. 7/9/72.

I.C.E. No. 7

To No. 2086.

The Secretary to the
Government of India

Sir,

With reference to the letters from the Government of India marginally

marginally noted, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways No. 427, dated 14th August 1872, and to solicit instructions on the various points noticed therein by Lieutt Colonel Shaw Stewart.

GMW

Desp. 7/9/72 with 7 copies of Govt 2085 of 1872

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Soliciting instructions on the points raised by the Engr. as to the intention & scope of the half yearly meetings held for the authorization of establishments & as to the power of sanction vested in him at those meetings as well as generally at other times.

C/e 3971

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

&
To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 2nd September 1872. No. 2085-86.

Nos. 12-13 & 14

Half yearly Meetings.

(Railway) - Passing orders on letter from the Congress requesting the Govt. of India may be moved to give more particular instructions as to the intention & scope of the meetings for the authorization of Establishments & the power of sanction [illegible]