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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1872.

No. 181. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th August 1872, No. 429 :—

IN submitting for sanction with my letter No. 330, dated 26th June 1872, seven estimates for furnishing and equipping certain refreshment-rooms on the Madras Railway, the proposed expenditure for each additional work being below Rupees 5,000, I asked for orders regarding the incidence of the charge.

2. I mentioned that the ruling of the Government of India was to the effect that no estimate for any work was to be passed against Capital on lines that have been opened for more than two years if less than Rupees 5,000; and that the

* G. O., No. 257, dated 10th October 1872. Agent referred to his previous letter of 8th September 1871,* in which, under instructions from the Board of Directors, he had requested that the rule in question might be held in abeyance for twelve months, which letter having been submitted to the Government of India, and no reply received to the proposal, he assumed that the suspension of the rules suggested by the Board had been agreed to.

3. I referred again to this matter in my letter No. 400, dated 1st August 1872, when submitting the estimate for a new station at Veerinjepooram.

4. I have the honour now to forward a letter* from the Agent enclosing an extract from a letter† received from the Board of Directors in which they decline to accept the principle of

* No. 519, dated 22nd July 1872.
† „ 494, „ 21st June „ charging to Revenue all items of expenditure on lines which have been open to traffic for two years, if the cost of any such item exceeds Rupees 1,000, or if the aggregate cost of such items during any half-year exceeds Rupees 5,000.

5. The correspondence is with special reference to the bridge at the Erode Station, the cost of which the Government, in their Order No. 985, dated 16th April 1872, directed should be charged to Revenue.

6. I beg that the Government of India may be moved to issue definite instructions on the general question at issue.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd July 1872, No. 519.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for submission to Government, a copy of paragraph 8 of the Secretary's letter No. 494, dated London, the 21st of June, as well as of the correspondence alluded to therein with the Secretary of State, having reference to the proposal to charge to Revenue all items of expenditure on Guaranteed Railways or sections thereof, which shall have been completed and open for traffic for two years, which do not exceed Rupees 5,000.

2. From the paragraph of the Secretary's letter it will be observed that the Directors of this Company decline to carry that principle further than Rupees 1,000 in each particular case.

3. Under this ruling I have the honour to apply for the sanction of Government to provide an over-bridge at Erode at the cost of Capital.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1872.*

Extract from a letter from the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, No. 494, dated London, the 21st June 1872.

As to over-bridge required at Erode, and proposal to charge to Revenue items of expenditure not exceeding Rupees 5,000 on lines open for two years.

PARAGRAPH 8.—In reply to your request in paragraph 32 of No. 998 for the instructions of the Board on the subject of the new over-bridge required to be built at Erode, I am directed to forward to you copy of correspondence with the Secretary of State, relative to the proposal to charge to Revenue all items of expenditure on Guaranteed Railways or sections thereof, which shall have been completed and opened for traffic for two years, which do not exceed Rupees 5,000, by which you will perceive that the Board have declined to carry that principle further than Rupees 1,000 in each particular case. Should this arrangement be assented to, as the estimate for the over-bridge exceeds Rupees 1,000, it would be dealt with as usual according to the principles laid down in the Despatch of the Secretary of State of the 9th March 1864, under which, as it is clearly an additional building not previously contemplated, it ought to be charged against Capital, and the Board authorize its construction provided its charge against Capital be allowed.

From HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., to JULIAN BYRNE, Esq., dated India Office, 26th April 1872.

I AM directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Madras Railway Board, that it has been proposed by the Government of India that, after a Guaranteed Railway or Section thereof shall have been completed and opened for traffic for two years, all items of expenditure thereon, of whatever kind which do not exceed Rupees 5,000 each, shall be borne by Revenue. The Duke of Argyll agrees with the Government of India as to the expediency of the proposed arrangement, and will be glad to learn that no objection to it is entertained by your Board.

From JULIAN BYRNE, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated London, 24th May 1872, No. 2,811.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Merivale's letter of the 26th ultimo, intimating that it has been proposed by the Government of India that, after a Guaranteed Railway or Section thereof shall have been completed and opened for traffic for two years, all items of expenditure thereon, of whatever kind which do not exceed Rupees 5,000 each, shall be borne by Revenue, and stating that the Duke of Argyll will be glad to learn that the Board entertain no objection to the proposed arrangement.

In reply I am instructed to state that the Board consider it very desirable that uniform principles for the discrimination of charges against Capital and Revenue should be followed in all cases without reference to amount, and they would have much preferred to adhere to those clearly laid down in the Secretary of State's Despatch of the 9th March 1864. But in order to meet the wishes of the Government of India as far as practicable, they will consent to the adoption of the proposal in regard to charges for works executed on emergency, with the sanction of Government, and not exceeding Rupees 1,000 at one time provided that these emergent outlays do not, in the aggregate, exceed Rupees 5,000 in any half-year, and that estimates for all other expenditure chargeable against Revenue and Capital shall before the works be entered upon be submitted for the Board's approval with the explanations of their officers and the views of Government thereupon.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1872.*

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1872, No. 2,170.

RAILWAY, No. 30.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on this subject.

(Here enter No. 2,171, dated 12th September 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker

Gobt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS.

Dated September 12th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 12th September 1872, No. 2,170.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 181-182

Madras Railway.—Passing orders on letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the subject of charging to Revenue the cost of all items below Rupees 5,000.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 12th September 1872.

No. 183.

No. 2,171.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 31.

SIR,—In Colonel Carpendale's letter No. 2,580, dated 10th October 1871, were forwarded for the consideration of the

Government of India certain papers setting forth the objections entertained by the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway to the instructions issued for the guidance of certain Companies in making up their Capital Accounts; and in a subsequent letter No. 1,691, dated 13th July 1872, when applying for sanction to certain estimates therewith submitted, I requested the instructions of the Government of India as to the incidence of the charge.

2. I am now directed to forward a letter from the Consulting Engineer enclosing one from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, and an extract from a letter from the Board of Directors, in which they decline to accept the principle laid down of charging to Revenue the cost of all items below Rupees 5,000, and I am to request the instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

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. 429

From

Lieut. Col. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In submitting for sanction, with my letter No. 339, dated 26th June 1892, seven estimates for furnishing and equipping certain refreshment rooms on the Madras Railway the proposed expenditure for each additional work being below Rs 5,000, I asked for orders regarding the incidence of the charge

2.

I mentioned that the ruling of the Government of India was to the effect that no estimate for any work was to be passed against Capital on lines that have been opened for more than two years if less than Rs 5,000; and that the Agent referred ^{to} his previous letter of 8th September 1871 in which, under instructions from the Board of Directors, he had requested that the rule in question might be held in abeyance for twelve months, - which letter having been submitted to the Government of India and no reply received to the proposal, he assumed that the suspension of the rules suggested by the Board had been agreed to

40 No 257
dated 10 Oct 1872

3. I referred again to this matter in my letter No 400 dated 1st August 1872, when submitting the estimate for a new station at Veerinjepooram.

4. I have the honour now to forward a letter from the Agent enclosing an extract from a letter received from the Board of Directors in which they decline to accept the principle of charging to Revenue all items of expenditure on lines which have been open to traffic for two years, if the cost of any such item exceeds Rs 1,000, or if the aggregate cost of such items during any half year exceeds Rs 5,000.

5. The correspondence is with special reference to the bridge at

2. From the paragraph of

the Secretary's letter it will be
observed that the Directors of the
Company decline to carry that
principle further than Rupees 1000
in each particular case -

3. Under this ruling I
now the honore to apply for the
sanction of Government to provide
an Order-Bridge at Eroder at the
cost of Rs 1000 -

I have the honore to
be,
Your most obedient servant

W. J. A. M.
Agent and Manager.

India Office
26 April 1872

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Madras Railway Board that it has been proposed by the Government of India that after a guaranteed Railway or section thereof shall have been completed and opened for traffic for two years, all items of expenditure thereon of whatever kind which do not exceed five thousand rupees (Rupees 5000) each, shall be borne by Revenue. The Duke of Argyll agrees with the Government of India as to the expediency of the proposed arrangement and will be glad to learn that no objection to it is entertained by your Board.

I am &c
(Signed) Herman Merivale

J. Bryce Esquire
N 284

Madras Railway Co
33 New Broad Street
London 24 May 1872

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Merivale's letter of the 26th ultimo intimating that it has been proposed by the Government of India that after a guaranteed Railway or section thereof shall have been completed and opened for traffic for two years all items of expenditure thereon, of whatever

Kind

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 22nd } July 1872.
Recd 23rd }

P. M. 3987/1872 519

Submitting the views of
the Board of Directors
having reference to the
proposed works by the
Secretary of State to show
to Service all items of
expenditure in guarantee
of railways

See 12. Sept 2. 1872

Kind which do not exceed Rupees 5000 each shall be borne by Revenue and stating that the Duke of Argyll will be glad to learn that the Board entertain no objection to the proposed arrangement.

In reply I am instructed to state that the Board consider it very desirable that uniform principles for the discrimination of charges against Capital and Revenue should be followed in all cases without reference to amount, and they would have much preferred to adhere to those clearly laid down in the Secretary of State's Despatch of the 9th March 1864. But in order to meet the wishes of the Government of India as far as practicable, they will consent to the adoption of the proposal in regard to charges for works executed on emergency, with the sanction of Government, and not exceeding Rupees 1000 or more provided that these emergent outlays do not, in the aggregate exceed Rupees 5000 in any half year, and that estimates for all other expenditure, chargeable against Revenue and Capital shall before the works be entered upon be submitted for the Board's approval, with the explanations of their Officers and the views of Government thereupon.

I am &c

(Signed) Julian Prynne
Secretary

The Under-Secretary of State
for India

(True Copies)

Wm. H. Smith
Agent and Manager

Wm

Extract from a letter from the Secretary W. H. C.
No. 494 dated London the 21st June 1872

As to over-bridges
required at Croder,
and proposal
to charge to Revenue
items of expenditure
not exceeding
Rs 5000 on bridges
open for 2 years.

Her Majesty's
to J. Prynne Esq.
25 April 1872
By order of the
Secretary of State
28th May 1872

Para 8. In reply to your request, in
para 32 of 998, for the instructions of the
Board on the subject of the new over-bridge
required to be built at Croder, I am directed
to forward to you a copy of correspondence with
the Secretary of State, relative to the proposed
to charge to Revenue all items of expe-
ditures on guaranteed railways or sections
thereof, which shall have been com-
pleted and opened for traffic for two
years, which do not exceed Rs 5000, by
which you will perceive that the Board
have declined to carry that principle further
than Rs 1000 in each particular case.
Should this arrangement be assented to,
as the estimate for the over-bridge exceeds
Rs 1000, it would be dealt with as usual
according to the principles laid down in
the Despatch of the Secretary of State of the
9th March 1864, under which, as it is clearly
an additional building not previously
contemplated, it ought to be charged against
Capital; and the Board authorize its
construction provided its charge against
capital be allowed.

1 June Extract

Wm. H. Smith
Agent & Manager

Wm

Public Works Department
 No. 217
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways { H.E. No. 4297/15th Aug 2/72

Ordered that the fork of
 India be added in this
 subject.

The Consulting Engineer -
 Des. 18/3/72 Ld.

H.E. No. 217/72

The Secy. to the Govt.
 of India. P. W. D.

Sir In Colonel
 Carpendale's letter No. 2580
 dated 10th October 1871
 was forwarded for the
 consideration of the
 Government of India,
 certain papers setting
 forth the objections en-
 tertained by the Board
 of Directors of the

P.W. 3987/72
 From the Secy to the Govt.

Madras Railway to the
instructions issued
for the guidance of cer-
tain Companies in
making up their capi-
tal accounts.
and in a subsequent
letter No. 1691 dated
13 July 1872 when
applying for sanction
to certain estimates
therewith submitted
I requested the in-
structions of the
Government of India
as to the incidence
of the charge.

I am now directed
to forward a letter

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from the Consulting
Engineer enclosing
one from the Agent
and Manager of the
Madras Railway
and an extract
from a letter from
the Board of Di-
rectors in which
they decline to accept
the principle laid
down of charging to Revenue
the cost of all items below Rs 500 and
am to request the in-
structions of the Govt
of India on the subject.

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Despatch 18/9/72 with 74-7
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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS. ✓

To The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways
And
To The Secretary to the
Govt of Madras

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 3

G. O. 12th Sept 2170-2171

Nos. 181-182 & 183

Madras Railway. Repair

orders on letter from the Eng^r
Says for Rs. on the subject
of charging to Revenue the
cost of all items below
Rs. 5000.

Forwarded

Requesting instructions
on the subject of charging
to Revenue the cost of all
items below Rs. 5000.