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Government of Madras.

public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd October 1872*

No. 14. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th September 1872, No 488 —

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government dated the 6th instant, No. 2,116, I regret to state that I am not yet in a position to supply the information called for by the Government of India with regard to the amount of capital that ought to be allowed to remain locked up in stores upon the Madras Railway. The Proceedings of the Government of India upon this subject, dated the 25th March 1871, No 238-A-R, were received in this office on the 14th April 1871, and ever since that date this office

• To Agent, Madras Railway, 14th April 1871, has been in communication with the Agent. The information at present available upon the subject will be best understood by a reference to some of the correspondence* which has passed between this office and the Agent.

No 233			
To do do,	24th January 1872,	No 47.	
From do do,	30th " "	65	
To do do,	1st February " "	75	
To do do,	1st June " "	411	
From do do,	13th July " "	491	

2. It will be seen that immediately on receipt of the Order of Government dated 14th April 1871 a copy was sent to the Agent with a request for the early submission of the statements called for by the Government of India, with explanation of any accumulation of stores under any head and an expression of his opinion as to the limit which should be placed upon the capital locked up in stores. Several reminders were from time to time sent from this office, and on the 30th January 1872 Major Prendergast received the Agent's letter No. 65 containing a statement which showed that the total value of stores in all departments amounted on the 30th June 1871 to Rupees 43,58,400, and stating, although he considered it premature to say what amount of capital should be provided for the purpose until the completion of the Madras Railway system, that, so far as he was able to judge, about £500,000 would be required as a permanent addition to Capital in the shape of stores.

3. On the day after receiving this letter Major Prendergast wrote† to the Agent pointing out that he had not been

† Letter No 75, 1st February 1872 supplied with the information necessary to enable him to give the explanations required by the Government of India; that from the figures given by the Agent it was clear that there must be a large accumulation of stores under five out of the six heads, but that there was nothing to show what portion belonged to construction or what might be taken as representing the requirements of the open line. Major Prendergast asked that the different departments might be called on to submit statements showing the value of the stores on hand that would be issued for works in progress separate from the value of those stores required for general current use, and stated that, in his opinion, instead of 50 lakhs a sum of 10 or 12 lakhs ought to represent the amount of capital to be necessarily locked up in stores.

4. Several reminders were again sent from time to time, and on the 15th July 1872 I received the Agent's letter No. 491, in which information was given as to the amounts which had been charged from stores to Capital by the various departments during the second half of 1871, also as to the future charges to

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Capital in the Engineering and Locomotive Departments. The Agent also showed that the store balances had stood as follows,

	Rs.
30th June 1871	43,58,400
31st December 1871	41,25,597
31st March 1872	39,84,237

remarking that the importance of reducing the balance of reserve stock had not been lost sight of, and that although heavy stores are still received by the Cape the Suez Canal route would be used, as far as possible, for the transmission of lighter stores.

5. Upon receipt of this letter I found myself still unable to furnish the information required by the Government of India, and after discussing the matter with the Railway authorities I asked to be furnished with a statement in this form,

Description of stores.	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Value	Average yearly consumption	Remarks

showing in detail the quantity, value, and average yearly consumption of all stores in hand in all departments at the latest date for which such information was available. I understand from the Agent that the preparation of this statement has been delayed by the prevalence of dengue fever among the office establishments of the several departments, but I expect to receive it soon, and I trust that I shall then be in a position to give the information required by the Government of India. I regret extremely that there has been so much delay in submitting it. So far as I am able to judge from the imperfect data now available, I am of opinion that the amount of capital to be locked up in stores on the Madras Railway should be certainly below 20 lakhs.

6. The Great Southern of India Railway is not alluded to in the Order of Government now under acknowledgment, and, inasmuch as the construction of 215 miles of extension is in active progress, it is by no means an easy matter to fix at present any limit upon the amount of its capital which should be locked up in stores. This office has, however, been for some time in communication with the Agent upon the subject, and I hope that I shall soon be able to lay before Government proposals with regard to that Railway also.

From the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 14th April 1871, No 233

In continuation of G. O., No 595, of the 1st March 1871, a copy of which was forwarded with this office No 145 dated 3rd idem, I have the honour to send you copy of a Resolution of the Government of India dated the 25th ultimo, and to request that you will favour me, at as early a date as practicable, with the statement referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3.

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2 I shall also be glad to be favoured with any explanation of the special circumstances that may have led to large accumulation of stores under any one head with an expression of your opinion as to the limit that ought to be placed on the amount of capital that may be allowed to be locked up in stores taking into account the probable ultimate requirement of the Madras Railway.

3 I also request that you will be good enough to let me have your opinion as to the desirability of sending forward half-yearly indents for stores required from England instead of indenting annually as is the present practice

From Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 24th January 1872, No. 47

The Government of India having called for an immediate reply to their Proceedings of the 25th March 1871, No 238-A-R, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to let me know how soon I may expect an answer to this office letter of the 14th April 1871, No 233

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th January 1872, No 65

With reference to your letter No 47, dated the 24th instant, I have the honour to annex a statement showing the value of all stores in hand in all departments at the 30th of June 1871, classified in accordance with the instructions contained in the Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 238-A-R, dated the 25th of March 1871, namely —

	RS.	A.	P.
Plant	4,41,316	0	2
Permanent Way materials	12,28,264	0	11
Locomotives (unereected)	1,45,306	13	6
Rolling stock (unereected) (including carriage and waggon iron work)	6,46,918	12	11
Coal, coke, and wood	4,09,969	8	4
Miscellaneous stores	14,86,625	1	1
Total ..	43,58,400	4	11

2 With regard to the question of the limit that ought to be placed on the amount of capital that may be allowed to be locked up in stores taking into account our probable ultimate requirements I think that it would be premature to say what amount of capital should be provided for the purpose until our system is completed and it is seen how far the present stock, which includes stores both on account of Capital and Revenue, is thereby reduced. As far as we are at present able to judge it is estimated that about £500,000 would be required as a permanent addition to Capital for the object in view

3 It is the practice on this line to send to England indents for stores whenever necessity arises, and I do not recommend any alteration in the existing system.

From Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 1st February 1872, No 75.

With reference to your letter No 65 of the 30th January 1872 I have the honour to observe that I am not put in possession of such information as will enable me to give the explanations required by the Government of India in paragraph 4 of their letter No 233, dated 25th March 1871. From the figures given by you there must be a considerable accumulation of stores under five out of the six heads (the third, Locomotives, being not high in amount), but there is nothing to show what portion of the stores belongs to construction and will rapidly decrease, or what portion

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may be taken to represent the normal requirements of open line. Thus there is 12½ lakhs against permanent way materials, but a large share of this amount may be intended for the Neilgherry Branch. Miscellaneous stores come to nearly 15 lakhs; but this sum may include spare girders or other special materials referred to in paragraph 3.

2. I beg, therefore, you will be so good as to obtain from the different departments statements showing approximately, at any rate, if not precisely, the value of stores that will be issued to works of construction now in progress separate from the value of stores that are not so specially required but are kept in hand for general current use. The total value of all stores is given at 43½ lakhs, including, I imagine, a considerable amount that will be taken off the store list for works in the next two years, so that I am disposed to think a sum of 50 lakhs is much higher than necessary on the completion of the system.

3. In the absence of evidence to the contrary I would have thought 10 or 12 lakhs would represent the amount of capital to be necessarily locked up in stores, and I shall be glad of explanations to set me right if that sum is too low.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 1st June 1872, No 411.

IN continuation of this office letter No. 75, of the 1st February 1872, and with reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to forward copy of G. O. No 1,317, dated 14th May 1872, where the Government of India at the instance of the Secretary of State, again direct special attention to the importance of reducing the balance of reserve stock to the lowest possible limits consistent with efficiency.

2. In disposing of the subject I beg that you will have in view the increased facilities afforded by the Suez Canal for replenishing the reserve stock with supplies of all kinds (and especially light stores, obtained through the Board of Directors.

3. I beg to be favoured with an early reply on the whole question, for the Resolution of the G. O., No 1,009, dated 12th April 1871. Copy sent with Government of India, No. 238-A-R, dated 25th March 1871, remains still unanswered.
letter No 233, dated 14th April 1872.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 13th July 1872, No 491.

WITH reference to Major Prendergast's letter No. 75, dated the 1st February 1872, and to your letter No 411, of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that during the half-year ended the 31st of December 1871 the Engineering Department charged to Capital out of Rs. the stock on hand at the 30th of June 1871 ... 30,981 and estimate their future expenditure out of that stock on the same account at ... 3,11,364

The Locomotive Department expended on Capital in the half-year ended the 31st December 1871 stores to the value of ... 70,952 and estimate their future expenditure at ... 2,51,579

Other departments expended stores on Capital account in the half-year ended the 31st December 1871 to the value of ... 2,132

2. It is difficult to say how much more will be charged to Capital on the respective accounts of other departments than the Engineering and Locomotive; but the amount is not likely to affect any estimate which may now be made of our ultimate requirements

3. The store balances of the Engineering, Locomotive, and General Stores Departments stood on the undermentioned dates as follows.—

	Rs.	A	P
30th June 1871	43,58,400	4	11
31st December 1871	41,25,596	13	5
31st March 1872	39,84,237	7	6

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4. It will, therefore, be seen that the importance of reducing the balance of reserve stock to which the Secretary of State has directed special attention is not lost sight of on the Madras Railway. The heavier and more expensive stores are still received from England via the Cape, but, as far as the comparatively high rates of freight render it desirable, the Canal route is made use of for the transmission to this country of the lighter descriptions of stores.

No 15 ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1872, No. 2,309.

RAILWAY, No. 1.

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

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 16. (DOCKET No. 2,310, dated 2nd October 1872.)

FORWARDED to the Government of India with reference to their Proceedings dated 22nd August 1872, Nos. 1,096-99-A-R.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 488.

From

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Maclean M.B.

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel L. W. Walker M.C.

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of the order of Government dated the 6th instant, I regret to state that I am not yet in a position to supply the information called for by the Government of India with regard to the amount of capital that ought to be allowed to remain locked up in stores upon the Madras Railway. The proceedings

proceedings of the Government
of India upon this subject dated
the 25th March 1871, No 238 A.R.
were received in this office on
the 14th April 1871, and ever since
that date this office has been
in communication with the Agent.

The information at present available
upon the subject will be best
understood by a reference to

some of the
correspondence
which has passed
between this office
and the Agent.

To Agent Madras Coy.	14 th April 1871, No 238.
Do Do	26 th January 1872 - 47.
From Do	30 th January 1872 - 65.
Do Do	1 st February 1872 - 75.
Do Do	1 st June 1872 - 411.
From Do	19 th July 1872 - 491.

It will be seen
that immediately on receipt of
the order of Government dated

14th April 1871, a copy was sent
to the Agent, with a request for
the early submission of the
statements called for by the
Government of India, with an
explanation of any accumulation
of stones under any head, and
an expression of his opinion as
to the limit which should
be placed upon the capital
locked up in stones. Several
reminders were from time to time
sent from this office, and on
the 31st January 1872, Major
Prendergast received the Agent's
letter No 65, containing a state-
ment which shewed that the
total value of stones in all
departments

departments amounted to ~~the~~ 303
June 1871 to Rs. 48,58,400; and
stating, although he considered
it premature to say what amount
of Capital should be provided
for the purpose until the comple-
tion of the Madras Railway
system, but, so far as he was
able to judge, about £ 500,000
would be required as a permanent
addition to Capital in the shape
of stones.

3 On the day after receiving
this letter, Major Prendergast
wrote to the Agent, pointing out
that he had not been supplied
with the information necessary
to enable him to give the
explanations

Letter No 75
1st Dec: 1872

explanations required by the
Government of India;— That from
the figures given by the Agent
it was clear that there must be
a large accumulation of stones
under fire out of the sea-head,
but that there was nothing to
show what portion belonged to
construction, or what might be
taken as representing the re-
quirements of the open line.
Major Prendergast asked that
the different departments might
be called on to submit statements
showing the value of the stones
on hand that would be issued
for works in progress, separate
from

from the value of those stones
required for general current use;
and stated that in his opinion
instead of 50,000,000, a sum of
10 or 12,000,000 ought to represent
the amount of Capital to be
necessarily locked up in stones.

Several Reminders
were again sent from time to
time, and on the 15th July 1872
I received the Agents letter N^o 49,
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as to the amounts which had
been changed from stones to
Capital by the various depart-
ments during the second half
of 1871, also as to the future
changes to Capital in the

Engineering

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Engineering and ¹³Locomotive depart-
ments. The Agent also stated
that the stone balances had stood
as follows:-

31st June 1871 16,435,600.

31st December . . . 41,255,772.

31st March 1872 . . . 39,842,372.

Remarking that the importance of
reducing the balance of Reserve
stocks had not been lost sight
of, and that, although heavy
stones are still received by the
Coast, the Suez Canal Route would
be used as far as possible for
the transmission of lighter stones.

5th . . . Upon receipt of this
letter I found myself still
unable to furnish the information

required

required by the Government of India, and after discussing the matter with the Railway Authorities I asked to be furnished with a statement in this form:

Description of stores	Placed	Quantity	Rate	Value	average yearly consumption	Remarks

showing in detail the quantity, value, and average yearly consumption of all stores in hand in all departments at the latest date for which such information was available. I understand from the Agent that the preparation of the statement has been delayed by the prevalence of

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of dengue fever among the office establishments of the several departments, but I expect to receive it soon, and I trust that I shall then be in a position to give the information required by the Government of India. I regret extremely that there has been so much delay in submitting it. So far as I am able to judge, from the imperfect data now available, I am of opinion that the amount of capital to be locked up in stores on the Madras Railway should be certainly below 20 lacs.

b. The Great Southern of
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and inasmuch as the ex-
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extension is in active progress,
it is by no means an easy
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limit upon the amount of its
capital which should be
laid up in stone. This
office has however been for
some time in communication
with the Agent upon the
subject, and I hope that
I shall soon be able to lay
before Government proposals
with

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with regard to that railway
also.

Madras
12 September
1872

I leave the honors to be,
Sir,
Oyours Most Obedt Servt.

Wentworth Mall
Cons: Engineer for Railway

Railway Dept.

Cons. Eng. Office.



To

The Agent and Manager

Madras Railway Company

Sir

In continuation of G.O. No. 595

of the 1st March 1872 a copy of which was forwarded

and letter No. 115 dated 28th March 1872

have the honour to send you copy of a Resolution

No. 1009 dated April 1872

of the Government of India dated the 28th

ultimo and to request that you will

favours me at as early date as practicable

with the statement referred to in paragraph 2

and 3.

I shall also be glad to be

favoured with any explanation of the special

circumstances that may have led to large

accumulation of stores under any one head

with

in close relation the
Madras Railway.

Mr. J. B. B. B. B.
No. 444 93
RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
1872.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 12th April 1872.
Recd. 13th April 1872.

No. 2309-2310-2311

No. 488-61

Stating that he is

not yet in a position

to supply the information

called for by the

Govt of India with

to the amount of Rs. 1000

to be allowed

to remain locked up

with an expression of your opinion as to the
limit that ought to be placed on the
amount of Capital that may be allowed
to be locked up in stores taking into account
the probable ultimate requirement of the
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opinion as to the desirability of sending
forward half-yearly orders for stores
required from England instead of
disturbing annually as is the present
practice.

I have recd
Madras 14 April 1871
Signed C. J. Smith Captain R.E.
Dy. Cons. Eng. for Railways
[unclear]
[unclear] Lt Col R.E.
[unclear] for R.E.

Railway Department.

Consulting Engineer's Office

N: 47

To,

The Agent and Manager,
Madras Railway Company

Sir,

The Government of India
having called for an immediate reply to their
Proceedings of the 25th March 1871 N:
238 A. P. I have the honour to request
that you will be good enough to let me
know how soon I may expect an answer
to this Office letter of the 14th April 1871
N: 233.

Copy embodied
in G.O. 1029 dated
12 April 1871.

Madras
24 January 1872

I have Recd
1001/R.L. Prendergast, Major, R.E.,
Ag. Cons. Eng. for Railways.

True copy,
[unclear] Lt Col R.E.
[unclear] for R.E.

No. 65-

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE

Madras, 30th January 1872.

From

Robert B. Clavin Esq
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Major H. B. Prendergast, R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of 4th dated the 24th instant, I have the honour to annex a statement shewing the value of all stores in hand in all Departments at the 30th of June 1871, classified in accordance with the instructions contained in the Proceedings of the Government of India Public Works Department of 23rd of March dated the 25th of March 1871. vizt.

Plant	441,316. 0. 2
Permanent way materials	12,28,264. 0. 11
Locomotives (unrepacked)	1,45,306. 13. 6
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(including Carriage and	
Wagon repair work)	6,46,918. 12. 11
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	<u>Rs 43,58,400. 4. 11</u>

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on the amount of Capital that may be allowed to be locked up in Stores taking into account our probable ultimate requirements I think that it would be premature to say what amount of Capital should be provided for the purpose until our system is completed and it is seen how far the present stock, which includes Stores both on account of Capital and Revenue is thereby reduced. As far as we are at present able to judge it is estimated that about £500,000 would be required as a permanent addition to Capital for the object in view.

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I have the honour to be
 Yours most obedt^{ly} Servant
 W. F. Whelan
 Agent & Manager.

Railway Dept. 27 Cons: Eng^g Office.

Cons: Eng^g Office.

To the Hon. Secy. of the Madras Railway Company.
 Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of the present month, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to observe that the same has not yet been put in possession of such information as will enable me to give the explanations required. I beg to inform you that in paragraph 16 of the letter of the 25th dated 25th March 1871, I have the figures given by you; there must be a considerable accumulation of stores under the 1st and 2nd heads: (the 3rd locomotives being not high in amount). but there is nothing to show what portion of the stores belong to construction, and will rapidly decrease.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

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The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Date: 30th January 1892.

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No.

Chrysomelidae

showing the value of all

shares in bond in all

Departments, at the 30th

of June 1871 Classified in
Boxed #11

withhold the performance of the

Proceedings of the Court of Deeds.

L. R. DePue Jr. Esq. M. J. C.

dated the 25th of March 1871

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the normal requirements of open line. Thus
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Capital to be necessarily locked up in
stores. And I shall be glad of explanations
to set me right if that sum is too low.

I have seen

Madras
1st February 1872 }
Signed/ H. L. Prendergast
Major R. G.
Ag. Com. Engrs for Ry.
/ True Copy /
Wm. Stewart Esq. R. S.
Com. Engineer for Ry.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Consulting Engineer's office
 Railway Dept^{mt} ... 4/11

The Agent and Manager
 Madras Railway Company

Sir,

In continuation of this
 office letter No. 75 of the 7th February 1872
 and with reference to previous corres-
 pondence, I have the honour to for-
 ward Copy of G. O. No. 1357 dated 14th
 May 1872, where the Government of
 India at the instance of the Secretary
 of State again direct special attention
 to the importance of reducing the ba-
 lance of reserve stock to the lowest
 possible limits consistent with effi-
 ciency.

In disposing of the subject

[Handwritten flourish or signature mark.]

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 13th July 1872.

From

Robert D. Edwin Egner
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

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

Sir,

With reference to Major Pendergast's letter of 7th dated the 7th February 1872 and to your letter of 4th of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that during the half year ended the 31st of December 1871 the Engineering Department charged to Capital out of the stock on hand at the 30th of June 1871 ————— Rs 30,981 . 0 . 0 and estimate their future expenditure out of that stock on the same account at ————— 3,11,364 . 0 . 0

The Locomotive Department expended on Capital in the half year ended the 31st December 1871, stores to the value of ————— 70,952 . 0 . 0 and estimate their future expenditures at ————— 2,57,579 . 0 . 0

Other Departments expended stores on Capital account in the half year ended the 31st December 1871 to the value of ————— 2,132 . 0 . 0

I beg that you will have in view the increased facilities afforded by the Suez Canal for replenishing the reserve stock with supplies of all kinds (and especially by light stores) obtained through the Board of Directors.

I beg to be favoured with an early reply on the whole question, for the Resolution of the Government of India No. 238 A. B. dated 25th March 1871 remains still unanswered.

Madras 13th July 1872
Lieut Col. J. H. Shaw Stewart Lieut. Col. R. E.
Cons. Engr. for Railways

Three copies,
Manthorpe H. R. S.
For Engrs.
for R 45

P. R. 4493/72

G. O. 1809 of 12th April 1871
Copy sent with letter 2338/14 April 1872

2 It is difficult to say how much more will be charged to Capital on the respective accounts of other Departments than the Engineering and Locomotive, but the amount is not likely to affect any estimate which may now be made of our ultimate requirements.

3 The Store Balances of the Engineering, Locomotive and General Stores Departments stood on the under-mentioned dates as follows:-

30 th June 1871	Rs. 58,400	4	11
31 st December 1871	41,259	6	13
31 st March 1872	39,842	37	7

4. It will therefore be seen that the importance of reducing the balance of reserve stock to which the Secretary of State has directed special attention is not lost sight of on the Rhodes Railway. The heavier and more expensive stores are still received from England via the Cape but as far as the comparatively high rates of freight render it desirable the Canal route is made use of for the transmission to this Country of the lighter descriptions of Stores.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. J. Smith
Agent and Chartered

P. M. Sept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the September 1872
Read the following

From the Cons. Engr
for Railways. (Here enter No. 88 of 12 Sept 1872)

Ordered that

these papers be forwarded
to the Government of
India.

LC No 2310

Forwarded to
Government of India
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From

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To

The Consulting Engineer

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Dated

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