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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th October 1872.

Read the following papers:—

No. 133. From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 5th September 1872, No. 1,425-G. R.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,900, dated the 10th August 1872, with enclosure, relative to the proposed change of gauge on the open line of the Great Southern of India Railway between Erode and Negapatam.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Government of India do not consider that immediate orders are necessary for the conversion of the existing line between Erode and Negapatam into a narrow gauge line. Hereafter the section from Negapatam to Trichinopoly can be altered, before the length from Trichinopoly to Erode, as the latter section is in direct connection with the Madras Railway, without the intervention of any length of narrow gauge line.

3. It is observed that the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, in his letter to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, No. 4,599 of the 19th July 1872, suggests, with reference to the question of the change of gauge, the transfer of the Company's broad gauge rolling stock to the Hyderabad State line. This, I am to add, cannot be effected, as the Nizam's Government when agreeing to the construction of the broad gauge line stipulated that it should not be required to buy any rolling stock whatever, but that the line should be let to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company to be worked with their stock.

4. I am also to invite attention to Public Works Department No 1,023-G. R., dated the 5th July 1872, requesting to be informed whether the Madras Government would recommend any change in the alignment of the proposed Railway, if, as suggested by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, the fusion of the three Companies in that Presidency into one were effected, and to request the favour of an early reply.

No. 134. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th September 1872, No. 475.

WITH reference to my letter dated the 22nd July 1872,* No. 383, I have the honour to submit a further letter† from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, pressing for an early decision as to the gauge which is ultimately to be adopted for the line between Negapatam and Erode. In his previous letter, as well as in the one now enclosed, Mr. Betts explains some of the many inconveniences which have resulted from the present state of uncertainty.

* *Vide* G. O., dated 10th Aug. 1872, No. 1,899.
† No. 4,669, dated 2nd September 1872.

2. In the Order dated the 26th July 1872, No. 1,788, the Government called for the submission of a scheme for working the proposed new station at Trichinopoly in view to the certain ultimate conversion of the whole line to narrow gauge; and I beg to suggest the Government of India be moved to communicate

as soon as possible, by telegraph, their decision as to the date to be fixed for the conversion.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 2nd September 1872, No. 4,669.

WILL you kindly inform me if you have been able to recommend Government to take speedy action on the subject named in my letter No. 4,399 of the 19th July last.

2. If it is decided that the existing line shall be converted into the narrow gauge at once it would be unadvisable to part with the spare material now in stock.

3. The Postmaster-General has called upon me to provide two additional second-class Mail carriages, but I have asked him to let this demand stand over until the gauge question is settled. To-day I have received an inquiry from the officer in charge of the Nizam's State Railway for travelling cranes capable of running over the existing gauge. If the narrow gauge be adopted we could transfer to the Nizam's State line those cranes we now have in use.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1872, No. 2,366.

RAILWAY, No. 17.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O., No. 1,899, dated 10th August 1872. The early conversion of the portion of the open line between Trichinopoly and Negapatam may be assumed, and estimates for the work required should be prepared with a view to their early submission to the Government of India.

2. The subject of paragraph 4 has been already dealt with.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 475.

From Lieut.-Coll. 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,

With reference to my letter dated the 22d July 1872 *Vide G.O. dated 10 August 1872 No. 1899. No. 3882 I have the honour to submit, for further orders, a further letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, No. 4669 dated 2 Septr. 1872, praying for an early decision as to the gauge which is ultimately to be adopted for the line between Negapatam and Erode. In his previous letter

letter, as well as in the one now enclosed, Mr Betts explains some of the many inconveniences which have resulted from the present state of uncertainty.

2 In the order dated the 26th July 1872, No 1788, the Government called for the submission of a scheme for working the proposed new station at Trichinopoly, in view to the certain ultimate conversion of the whole line to narrow gauge, and I beg to suggest that the Government of India be moved to communicate as soon as possible, by telegraph, their decision as to the date to be fixed for the conversion.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
[illegible] Lieut Colonel
Cons Engr for Railways

Madras
5th Sept 1872

No. 1669 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, September 2nd 1872

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Will you kindly inform me if you have been able to recommend Government to take speedy action on the subject named in my letter No. 4599. of the 19th July last

If it is decided that the existing line shall be converted into the narrow guage at once, it would be undesirable to part with the spare material now in stock

The Postmaster General has called upon me to provide two additional 2nd class Mail Carriages, but I have asked him to let this demand stand over until the

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Rec'd 5th Sept 1872
& 10 Aug 1872 — 376-38

No. 4385.

Dated 6th Sept 1872.
Recd. 7th

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

No. 435

Requesting for an early decision as to the gauge which is to be adopted for the line between Negapatam and Karaikal

C.R. 12th
and D.C. Call's letter

the gauge question is settled

To day I have received an inquiry from the Officer in charge of the Nizams State Railway for travelling Cranes capable of running over the existing gauge. If the narrow gauge be adopted we could transfer to the Nizams State line those Cranes we now have in use.

I have the honor to be

Your most Obt Servant

William Bell

Chief

Engineer in charge

Ry 23 Oct 1871

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 14254 R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~STATE~~ RAILWAYS.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Dept. (Railway)

Simla, 5th September 1872.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1900 dated the 10th August 1872, with enclosure, relative to the proposed change of gauge on the new line of the Great Southern of India Railway, between Erode and Negapatam.—

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Government of

Rly. Branch

To
The Chief Engineer &c.
The Accountant Genl.
Do. do. Railways
Director of Statistics &c
Secretary to Chief Commissioner &c

No. 4382 dated 7th Sept. 1872.

Recd. acknowledgment of the above.
Recd. intimation of the receipt of the above by the Govt. of Madras.

of India do not consider that im-
=mediate orders are necessary for the
conversion of the existing line,
between Erode and Negapatam,
into a narrow gauge line. Hereafter
the section from Negapatam to
Trichinopoly can be altered, before
the length from Trichinopoly to
Erode, as the latter section is
in direct connection with the
Madras Railway, without the
intervention of any length of
narrow gauge line.—

3. It is observed that the
Agent of the Great Southern of
India Railway Company, in his
letter to the Consulting Engineer
for Railways Madras, No. 4599 of

the 19th July 1872, suggests, with
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the Company's broad gauge roll-
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State line. This, I am to add,
cannot be effected, as the Nizam's
Government when agreeing to the
construction of the broad-gauge
line, stipulated that it should not
be required to buy any rolling stock
whatever, but that the line should
be let to the Great Indian Peninsula
Railway Company to be worked
with their stock.—

4. I am also to invite at-
=tention to P.W.D. No. 1023 G.R. dated
the 5th July 1872, requesting to be
informed

informed whether the Madras Government would recommend any change in the alignment of the proposed Railway, if as suggested by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, the fusion of the three Companies in that Presidency into one, were effected, and to request the favor of an early reply. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.
J. Brunnow Coll. R.E.
Offg. Deputy Secretary

Ref.

Public Works Department

No. 23 Feb. 1873

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From The Consltg Engr for Railways } H. C. No. 1450 of 6th Sept 1872

From The Govt of India ——— 1428 of 6 R. of ———

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to H. C. No. 1899 dated 10th August 1872

The early conversion of the portion of the open line between Trichinopoly and Negapatam may be assumed and estimates for the work required should be prepared with a view to

Public Works Dept
Dpts of Govt for Rlys
No. 2266 of 1872.

From
The Government of India.

Dated 5 September 1872.
Rec'd 13

No. 1125 G. R.

No. 2366 - 9th Oct 1872

Intimating that immediate orders are not required for the conversion of the Trichy line between Erode & Negapatam into a narrow gauge line and directing attention to P. W. D. No. 1899 of 10th July suggesting whether the Madras Govt would recommend any change in the alignment of the projected Railway in case the Trichy Erode Kirk Company are unable to effect.

Write or Elect.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to H. C. No. 1899 dated 10th August 1872.

The early conversion of the portion of the open line between Trichinopoly and Negapatam may be assumed and estimates for the work required should be prepared with a view to

Chief Engineer's Office
City

No 138

Letter to Govt No 144 of 1872

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their submission to

the subject of

paragraph 4 above

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

re. Consulting Engrs for Railways.

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