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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th October 1872.

No. 484. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th October 1872, No. 536 :—

THE Order of Government dated the 9th September 1872, No. 2,141, was communicated to the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, and with reference thereto I have the honour to submit a letter* from Mr. Betts, in which he intimates that "the Company declines to entrust the maintenance of its telegraph to the Government Telegraph Department." He adds that "the Company is willing to negociate with the Government Telegraph Department for the joint use or joint ownership of the standards used for the wires to rest upon."

* No. 4,716, 3rd October 1872.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 3rd October 1872, No. 4,716.

IN acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 395 of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to intimate that this Company declines to entrust the maintenance of its telegraph to the Government Telegraph Department. It is essential for the public safety that the exclusive control of a telegraph used in the working of a long line of single railway should remain in the hands of the executive officers of the Railway Company.

2. As I have before intimated, this Company is willing to negociate with the Government Telegraph Department for the joint use or joint ownership of the standards used for the wires to rest upon.

No. 485. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1872, No. 2,532.

RAILWAY, No. 69.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of these papers :—

(Here enter No. 2,533, dated 29th October 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

OOTACAMUND, 29*th October* 1872.

No. 486.

No. 2,533.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 70.

SIR,—Adverting to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 1,351 G. R., dated 21st August 1872, stating that the sanction of Rupees 12,000 for the provision of a temporary line of telegraph for the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway in no way affects the decision already* come to by the Government of India in regard to the construction of the permanent telegraph by the Government Telegraph Department, I am directed to forward, for such action as may be considered necessary, the accompanying letter from the Agent in which he intimates that the Company declines to entrust the maintenance of its telegraph to the Government Telegraph Department.

* Letter No. 968 G. R., dated 1st July 1872.

2. I am to state that this action on the part of the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, involving as it does a further ruling on the subject of the joint use and maintenance by the Government Telegraph Department of the Company's wire, is not held by this Government to invalidate the sanction as conveyed in paragraph 2 of the Government of India's letter under reply—as such, though suggested by the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, would not seem to have been the intention of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, while it would have been productive of delay most seriously affecting the progress of the Company's works and have in no way whatever facilitated a settlement of the point at issue between the Railway Company and the Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 4716 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE

NEGAPATAM, October 3rd 1872.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No 395 of the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to intimate that this Company declines to entrust the maintenance of its telegraph to the Government Telegraph Depart=ment. It is essential for the public safety that the exclusive control of a telegraph used in the working of a long line of single railway should remain in the hands of the Executive officers of the Railway Company.

As I have before intimated this Company is willing to negociate with the Government Telegraph depart=ment for the joint use or joint owner=ship of the standards used for

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the wries to rest upon

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most Obd Servant
Lieutenant Hobbs
Agent

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No 4716
From the Asst
to the Chief Engr
for Railways
Dated 3 Oct 1872
Rec'd 7 Oct
Intimates that the
Company declines
to entrust the maintenance
of its Telegraph
-nance of its Telegraph
to the Govt Telegraph
Department

No. 4891/72.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 536.

From Lieut.-Col. J. P. 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,

The Order of Govern-
-ment dated the 9th September
1872, No. 2141, was communicated
to the Agent of the Great Southern
of India Railway Company, and
with reference thereto I have the
honour to submit a *letter from
Mr. Betts, in which he intimates
that the Company declines to entrust
the maintenance of its telegraph
to the Government Telegraph De-
-partment. He adds that the

*No. 4716 - 3rd October 1872.

Company

Company is willing to negociate
with the Government Telegraph
Department for the joint use or
joint ownership of the standards
used for the wires to rest upon".

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Lieut. Col. R.E.,

Comm. Engineer for Railways.

Ottawa
7 October 1872

Rec'd 9 Octr 72 No 120-121

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Proc. of Govt. for October
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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 7 } @ctober 1872.
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No. 536.

Submitting a letter from the Agent G. I. P. Ry regarding the maintenance of telegraph by the Company.

No. 2532-2533-29 Octr 72.

Answd to Rly Letter

No. 4897

Public Works Department

No. 2532

Proceedings of the Government.

Read the following

From

The Consg. Engr. for Rys

Dated 5th October 1872

No. 536

Recd 9th October 1872

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Ordered that

the Government of India

be addressed on the

subject of these papers.

To. The Consg Engr
for Railways.

No. 2533

H. C. No. 87

Dispr 4/11/72 yesterday No 2533.

The Secretary to the
Government of India

Advertising to
paragraph 2 of your
letter

letter No. 1357 G. P. dated
21st August 1872, stating
that the sanction of
Rupees 12,000 for the
provision of a temporary
line of telegraph for
the Southern extension
of the Great Southern
of India Railway
in no way affects the
decision already come
to by the Government
of India in regard
to the construction of
the permanent telegraph
by the Government Te-
legraph Department.
I am directed to forward,
for such action as may
be considered necessary,

the accompanying letter
from the Agent in which
he intimates that the
Company declines to
entrust the main
terminus of its telegraph
to the Government
Telegraph Department.
I am to state that
this action on the part
of the Agent of the Great
Southern of India Rail-
-way Company in-
-volving as it does
a further ruling on
the subject of the joint
use and maintenance
by the Telegraph Depart-
-ment of the Company's
wire has not been

* letter No. 968 G. P. dated 1st July 1872.

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and the Government.

C.I.S.

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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. 29th Octr. 1872. Nos. 2532-2533.

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Telegraph (Railway) Papers

Memo. Letter from the Supt. Submitting three forms the Agent. S.I.R. & Ry. Co. declining to entrust the maintenance of the Telegraph to the Govt. Telegraph Dept.

Forwarded, with remarks, Letter from the Agent M. & S.I. Ry declining to entrust the maintenance of the Telegraph to the Govt. Telegraph Dept.