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

No. 146. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd October 1872, No. 573:—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 21st October 1872, No. 766.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Chief Auditor, I have the honour to state that a difference of opinion has arisen as to whether a charge should be made for the conveyance on this line of the materials used in the re-construction of the Cheyaur Bridge.

*No. 223, 21st October 1872.

2. You are aware that the Government has consented that, for the present, the final allocation of the cost of the work shall, as requested by my Board, remain an open question, but as by G. O., No. 1,882, of the 9th August last, we were ordered to include all the expenditure in the Revenue Account, the Chief Engineer considers that he is precluded from paying for the carriage of the materials by the orders of Government which rule that stores are to be carried free on Revenue Account.

3. I conclude, however, that when directing that the expenditure on the Cheyaur Bridge was to be included in the Company's Revenue Accounts, the Government of India did not thereby intend to withdraw the consent which had been previously given to the suggestion of the Directors that the final allocation should remain an open question, and that, therefore, as the expenditure has not been finally allocated to Revenue, the carriage of stores to be used at the bridge cannot properly be said to be on "Revenue Account."

4. I think, moreover, that it is clearly the intention of the Government as well as of my Board that the whole of the cost of repairs and re-construction in this case shall be kept distinct, and as the conveyance of the materials certainly forms a portion of the cost, it appears to me desirable for this reason alone that the carriage should be charged to the works as they proceed.

5. I shall be glad, however, if you will submit the question for the orders of the Government, and communicate the result to me as early as possible.

From the Chief Auditor, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 21st October 1872, No. 223.

Referring to our discussion this day, will you kindly ascertain whether, in consequence of the recent order of the Government of India, that the cost of the restoration of the Cheyaur Bridge is to be included in the Revenue Account until the decision as to the incidence of cost is finally disposed of, brings the cost of the carriage of the materials required for that work, and provided for in the estimate, under the same ruling as Revenue stores, namely free carriage by Railway.

Submitted to Government.

2. Under orders from the Government of India all expenditure incurred in the re-construction of the Cheyaur Bridge appears in the accounts as a charge against Revenue, subject, however, to adjustment hereafter. It seems proper, therefore, that the work should, for the present, be dealt with entirely as a Revenue

charge, and that the stores and material for the work should be carried free. If any portion of the expenditure should eventually be charged against Capital, the necessary adjustments on account of carriage of material can easily be made.

(Signed) C. H. P. CHRISTIE, Lieutenant, R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1872, No. 2,642.

RAILWAY, No. 37.

As under the orders of the Government of India the expenditure on the re-construction of the Cheyaur Bridge will for the present appear in the Revenue Accounts of the Company, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the materials for the work should be carried free of charge as is done in the case of Revenue works generally, the transaction being subject to final adjustment hereafter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 573.

Submitted to Government.

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Lieut.

Madras
22nd October
1872

Charles Alex. Hutchinson Lieut., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Consr. Engr. for Rys.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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No. 766

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 21st October 1872.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqr.

Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To

Lt Col J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chief Auditor, I have the honour to state that a difference of opinion has arisen as to whether a charge should be made for the conveyance on the line of the Materials used in the re-construction of the Cheyair Bridge.

No 223. 21st October 1872

2. You are aware that the Government has consented that for the present the final allocation of the cost of the work shall, as requested by my Board, remain an open question, but as by G. O. of 1882 of the 9th August last, we were ordered to include all these expenditure in the Revenue Account, the Chief Engineer considers that he is precluded from paying for the carriage of the Materials by the Orders of Government which rule that stores are to be carried free on Revenue Account.

3. I conclude however that when directing that the expenditure on the Cheyair Bridge was to be included in the Company's Revenue Account, the

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No 5145.

The Actg Dy Com: Engineer for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Govt P. W. Dept

Dated 22d Oct 72
Rec'd 23d

Encl. 2 No 573.

Submitting a letter received from the Agent &c. R. Co'y requesting information as to the cost of the restoration of the Cheyair Bridge.

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4. I think moreover that it is clearly the intention of the Government as well as of my Board that the whole of the cost of repairs and reconstruction in this case shall be kept distinct, and as the conveyance of the materials certainly forms a portion of the cost it appears to me desirable for this reason alone that the carriage should be charged to the works as they proceed.

5. I shall be glad however if you will submit the question for the orders of the Government and communicate the result to me as early as possible.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 21st October 1872

Recd. 22nd } No. 766

Requesting information as to the cost of the Restoration of the Cheyair Bridge.

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Madras Railway,
Chief Auditor's Office
21st October 1872.

No 223

To

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company

Dear Sir

Referring to our discussion this day, will you kindly ascertain, whether, in consequence of the recent order of the Government of India that the cost of the Restoration of the Cheyair Bridge is to be included in the Revenue Account until the decision as to the incidence of cost is finally disposed of, brings the cost of the Carriage of the materials required for that work, and provided for in the Estimate, under the same ruling as Revenue Stores Viz free Carriage by Railway.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor

(True Copy)

Agent and Manager

P. W. 5705/22.

No. 2642 P. W. Dept.

To the Madras Govt.

Read the following

from the Secretary of State (Tel. No. 574 of 22nd Augt.)

As under the orders of the Government of India the expenditure on the reconstruction of the Cheyaur bridge will for the present appear in the Revenue accounts of the Company His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the materials for the work should be carried free

free of charge. as is done in the case of Revenue works generally - the transaction being subject to final adjustment hereafter.

Cur 26th Febr.

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To The Const. Engr. for Railways & Examiner Ry Acct.s

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To The Consulting Engr for Railways

Dated

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G. O. 9th Novr 72. No. 2642.

Nos. 146 & 147

Peyaur Bridge, Cudapa Railway. The Expenditure on the Reconstruction of the Peyaur Bridge directed to appear, for the present, in the Revenue Accounts of the Company and the Conveyance of Materials for the work to be carried free of charge.