

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st March 1872.*

No. 497. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th March 1872, No. 123 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th March 1872, No. 150.

With reference to your letter No. 145, dated the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I expect, in the course of a few days, to be able to furnish a full and ample reply to the observations made by the Government of India as to the salaries of the officers of this Company, as communicated to me by G. O., No. 520, of the 26th of February 1872.

2. In the meantime I will point out that it is very evident to me, and it must be equally apparent to you, that when the Government of India stated that they have been "much struck by the great and general increase in the salaries attached to the various officers of the Madras Railway," they were under some misapprehension as to the real state of affairs, for it is, as you know, a fact that the salaries of

* No. 122 E. R., 9th February 1872. no 62 of the officers named in the letter* from the Government of India have been increased since the 1st of January 1871 except that of the Locomotive Accountant, whose salary was raised from Rupees 300 to Rupees 350 per mensem in July† last with the sanction of Government.

† Vide G. O., No. 1,983, 28th July 1871.

3. I shall not be able, until about the 15th of the current month, to furnish in detail a comparison of the existing establishments of the various departments with those of previous years, but I can assure the Government that taking into consideration the additional mileage which has been opened for public traffic, the comparison will not tend to diminish the reputation which the Madras Railway has heretofore enjoyed of having establishments "on the whole lower than in many other parts of India."

4. With reference however to the immediate subject of your letter under reply, it is of the utmost importance that no time should be lost in applying to England for additional assistance in the Traffic Department.

5. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Hugo and the return to England of Mr. Sandy and Mr. Chambers, the Traffic Manager has been deprived of three of his Assistants. Both Mr. Church and Mr. Moss, who is acting as Deputy Traffic Manager, are and for some time past have been thoroughly over-worked, and looking at the responsible nature of the duties of a traffic officer on a single line of Railway, the consequences of not keeping the establishment up to the requisite strength are likely to be most serious.

6. I trust therefore that the Government will not withhold their sanction to my applying to my Board to send out the officer applied for in my letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 117.

7. The reasons for the enhanced rate of pay offered are good and sufficient, and have been approved by the Government, and I cannot think that the Honourable the Governor in Council will withhold his sanction to my application, because the Government of India have given instructions which have been so evidently laid down under a mistaken idea of the real state of affairs.

8. With respect to the increase of the salary of my Assistant, I will only point out that in G. O., No. 2,838, dated the 8th of November 1871, the Government undertook to consider the subject upon being informed of the views of my Board thereon. The views of my Board have now been obtained and submitted to Government, and I trust that, for reasons stated above, His Excellency the Governor in Council will consider my recommendation upon its merits, particularly as, if necessary, this promotion can be submitted for the approval of the Government of India with the other which have been made since the 1st of January 1871, but I trust that upon explanation which I shall be able to offer in a subsequent communication such a course as is contemplated will not be considered necessary.

9. I return my applications* which were enclosed with your letter, and beg that they may be re-submitted to the Government of Madras together with this communication.

* To Consulting Engineer, Nos. 113 and 117, dated the 19th and 20th February 1872.

Submitted to the Government, with reference to G. O., No. 208, of the 28th ultimo.

2. The Agent submits again his applications for an Assistant Traffic Manager on the increased rate of £150 per annum, and for an increased salary to his own Assistant on the grounds already represented to, and accepted by, the Government, inasmuch as he considers that there is a misapprehension on the part of the Government of India as to the actual state of the establishments.

3. I have already explained to the Government in my letter No. 104, of the 1st instant, that the Budget Estimate of establishments was this year considerably raised on account of the Order of the Government of India that provision must be made for all anticipated increase. It was not intended that the amount entered in the Budget should be expended; but that expenditure should be made only on the sanctioned lists, unless or until a fresh sanction rendered it necessary to come upon the Budget Estimate for the provision of funds.

4. I would also venture to express my opinion that the Government of India in their letter No. 122 E. R., of the 9th February 1872, do not intend to limit the salaries disbursed from the 1st April next to the amounts actually drawn on the 1st February 1871, excepting only for the short interval until the statement of increased salaries has been examined, passed in Calcutta, and intimation is sent back to that effect.

If then the Agent shows in detail, as generally stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of his letter, that economy has been maintained, I anticipate that the approval of the Government of India will be signified to such increases of salary as have been made since January 1871.

5. In the meantime, however, I understand that salaries are not to be disbursed on the 1st April in excess of those that were drawn on 1st January 1871, even if the Agent in the present month furnishes such a comparison between

present and past establishments as will relieve the apprehensions of the Government of India as to there being a tendency to unduly increased cost.

6. I would also recommend to the Government that the Agent be authorized to forward to the Board of Directors his application for another Assistant Traffic Manager on £450 a year, explanation being furnished to the Government of India. But as regards the increased salary to the Assistant to the Agent, I presume that the excess should be entered in the statement to be furnished to the Government of India, and should not be disbursed until sanction is communicated.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Major, R.E.,
Acting Consig. Engineer for Railways.

No. 498.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1872, No. 804.

RAILWAY, No. 78.

THE Government have no objection to an application being made to the Board of Directors for another Assistant Traffic Manager, but regret that they cannot forestall the sanction of the Government of India to the salary of the appointment being fixed at a higher rate than that allowed prior to the 1st January 1871, namely, £350 per annum, nor are they prepared to pass to Mr. Mellis the proposed increase of salary until it has in due course been authorized by the Supreme Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Madras
11th March
1872

Wm. Henderly Major R.E.
Sg. Comd. Eng. for Railways

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
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28 July 1871.

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Your most Obedient Servant

W. J. H. W.
Agent & Advocate.

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 Madras Railway.

From
 The Deputy Commissioner
 M. A. C.
 The Ag. Commr. Engrs.
 for Rlys.

Received 6th
 Dec 27th 1874
 No 150.

Regarding the other
 members of the staff
 of Indian railways
 to the salaries of
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 Madras Railway.

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

21st March 1885

No. 497 & 498

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