

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th January 1872.*

No. 511. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 5th January 1872, No. 4:—

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 20th December 1871, No. 4,312.

I BEG to forward, for the consideration of Government, the attached copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, in which he points out the delay to work caused by his inability to increase his staff.

2. The Chief Engineer's remarks have reference to your memorandum No. 377 of the 13th instant.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, dated Trichinopoly, 18th December 1871, No. 4,209.

Your No. 9449/3145 of 16th instant.

I have not got Assistant Engineers sufficient to go on with any work south of Madura for the present, and therefore the marking out of the land required on that part of the line must wait until the Government of India sanctions an increase to my staff.

2. I have again and again pointed out the delay which would result from the continued refusal to permit me to be forming a working staff in anticipation of the work coming upon us. I am now short-handed, and the work of building bungalows, collecting material, and marking out the land required is at a stand-still on about one-half of the line. From the length of time which has elapsed since the line was staked out, more than a year, it is found that this work has to a very great extent to be done again before the land can be marked out, as the pegs have been nearly all eaten by ants or torn up by the villagers.

SUBMITTED to the Government.

2. The Chief Engineer does not appear even now to understand that the Government orders do not admit of the Engineering staff for the extension being got together before sanction has been accorded to the estimates.

3. I presume the Government have nothing to add, with reference to this application, to paragraph 3 of their Order No. 3,081 of the 6th December 1871.

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

No. 512.

ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1872, No. 265.

RAILWAY, No. 75.

THE Government have already intimated their inability to authorize any expenditure in connection with the staff

required for construction on the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway till the sanction of the Government of India has been accorded to the estimates. His Excellency in Council has, however, not failed to press upon that Government the importance of prompt measures being taken for the collection of the required staff, and early orders will doubtless be passed on the Agent's application which is recorded with the Proceedings quoted by the Acting Consulting Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

H. L. Prendergast

No. 4312

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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

December 20. 1871.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways

SIR,

Madras

I beg to forward for the consideration of Government the attached copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer in which he points out the delay to work caused by his inability to increase his staff.

The Chief Engineer's remarks have reference to your memorandum No. 377 of the 13th instant.

I have the honor to be

Yours most ^{truly} obedient servant

William Stettin

Agent

W. Stettin

No 4209

Great Southern of India Railway
Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly Decbr: 18th 1871.

W. S. Betts Esq
My dear Sir

Your No ⁹⁴⁴⁹/₃₁₄₅ of 16th instant.

I have not got assistant Engineers sufficient to go on with any work South of Madurai for the present, and therefore the marking out of the land required on that part of the line must wait until the Government of India sanctions an increase to my staff.

I have again and again pointed out the delay which would result from the continued refusal to permit me to be forming a working staff in anticipation of the work coming upon me and now short handed and the work of building Bungalows, collecting material and marking out the land required is at a stand still on about one half of the line. From the length of time which has elapsed since the line was staked out, more than a year, it is found that this work has to a very great extent to be done again before the land can be marked out as the pegs have been nearly all eaten by ants or torn up by the villagers.

Yours faithfully
David Logan
Chief Engineer

(True Copy)
Fred. W. Korneman
Asst. Secy

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No 4212

From

The Agent

W. S. Betts

The Asst. Consulting Engineer

for Railways

State of Madras
Decr 22nd 1871

P. H. 22/72

Forwarding copy of
letter from the Chief Engineer
regarding the increase of
staff

N^o 4.

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Chief Engineer does not appear even now, to understand, that the Government orders do not admit of the Engineering Staff for the Extension being got together; before sanction has been accorded to the estimates.

3. I presume the Government have nothing to add, with reference to this application, to para 3 of their Order N^o 3081 of the 16th December 1871.

Madras
January
1872

Newbouldsgate Major R.
Asst. Comm. Eng^r for Railways

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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The Government have already intimated their inability to authorize any expenditure in connection with the staff required for construction on the Southern Extension of the G. S. & F. Railway till the sanction of the Govt of India has been accorded to the estimate. His Excellency in Council has however not failed to press up on that Government the importance of prompt measures being

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Govt. of 1872: Madras.
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To *Chief Consulting Engr
for Railways*

Dated

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Content between— *Showing orders on
the correspondence submitted by the
Consulting Engr for Railways, relating
to the establishment of additional
Engineering staff required for the
extension of the Great Southern
of India Railway.*

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