

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th February 1872.*

No. 89. Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th January 1872, No. 23 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 51, of the 9th instant, I have the honour to submit copy of the orders of the Directors of the Madras Railway on their Agent's letter regarding the construction of the Cheyaur bridge by Mr. Edward Johnston.

2. I also send extract from the letter to the Board (paragraphs 2 and 3) referred to in the Agent's letter (enclosed) No. 22, dated 12th January 1872.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 12th January 1872, No. 22.

WITH reference to your letter No. 17 of the 11th instant, I have the honour to enclose you a copy of the orders* of the Directors on my letter† to them regarding the construction of the Cheyaur bridge by Mr. Edward Johnston.

* No. 483, dated 8th December 1871.
† „ 975, „ 8th November „

2. You will learn from paragraphs 2 and 3 of my letter to the Board, No. 982, (a copy of which is sent to you to-day,) that, in accordance with my instructions I gave Mr. Johnston notice that his agreement would cease and determine on Saturday, the 6th instant.

From JULIAN BYRNE, Esq., Secretary, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated London, 8th December 1871, No. 483.

THE Board have had under their most careful consideration your letter No. 975, together with the report of the commission appointed by Government to inquire into the causes of the failure of the Cheyaur bridge, as well as Mr. Edward Johnston's letter of explanation on the same subject. They cannot accept as satisfactory the reasons assigned by Mr. Edward Johnston for his great neglect of duty in failing personally to see that the foundations of that important work were sunk to the prescribed depth, and built in a thoroughly substantial manner. Mr. Johnston has offered no explanation of his having, without such personal knowledge, recorded the very strong assurances he gave on these points, thereby practically misleading his superiors as to the quality of the work. The Directors feel, therefore, that they can no longer repose in Mr. Johnston that confidence which is essential to his future usefulness in their service, and that it is more for the advantage of the Company that his connection with them should cease. Considering, however, Mr. Johnston's previous long service, and the palliating circumstances which have been adduced in his behalf, I am to convey the Board's authority to your terminating, as you have recommended, Mr. Johnston's engagement by giving him three months' pay and a passage to England.

Extract from a letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, to the Board of Directors, No. 975, dated 8th November 1871.

2. In due course a copy of the order of Government was forwarded to Mr. Edward Johnston for such remarks as he might desire to offer, and these were furnished in his letter of the 17th of August 1871.

3. I have now the honour to request that the Directors will be so good as to give their careful consideration to the report of the Committee, and to the observations thereon contained in the order* of Government, and also to Mr.

* Copy sent to the Board with letter No. 956, 14th July 1871.
† Copy sent to the Board with D. O. letter from Acting Agent and Manager, dated 26th August 1871.

Johnston's remarks as contained in his letter† mentioned above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Captain, R. E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Signature

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ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1872, No. 346.

No. 90.

RAILWAY, No. 5.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their letter, dated 19th December 1871, No. 2,597-R.

(True Extract.)

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

DOCKET No. 347, dated 5th February 1872.

No. 91.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Encl. E. C. Shunker.

No. 22.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 12 January 1872

From

Robert B. Clavin Esq
Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Major H. B. Prendergast, R.E.
Ag. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 17
of the 11th instant, I have the honour to
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on Saturday the 6th instant.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Yours most obedient servant
R. B. Clavin
Agent and Manager.

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Madras Railway Company
33 New Broad Street
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. W. 265/72

Dated 12th January 1872.
Recd. 15

No. 22.

Enclosing a copy of
a letter from the
Board of Directors
as requested, regarding
the termination of the
engagement of Mr.
Johnston from
Saturday the 6th
inst.

authority to terminate, as you
have recommended, Mr. Johnston's engage-
ment by giving him three months' pay
and passage to England.

I am, Sir
Yours obedient servant
Hof Johnstone, Byrne
Secretary.

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway
Madras.

1 True Copy

W. J. Johnston
Agent & Manager

P. M. 26/5/71

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Agent and Engrs.
dated 26th Aug 77

C. J. Smith Captain R.E.
Dy Cons: Engrs for Railways

P.W. 265-72
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Railway Department
Cons: Engrs Office
No 23
From Captain C. J. Smith R.E.
Dy Cons: Engrs for Railways
To Colonel J. Caspendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W. Dept
Fort Sam George
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January 1872.

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Sir,

Madras
16th January
1872

Your most obedient Servant

C. J. Smith Captain R.E.

Dy Commr. Engrs for Railways

Forward copy of the
 order of the S. of Bridges
 for the Pacific Railroad
 in the Agents letter regarding
 the construction of the
 Siphon Bridge by
 John Johnston

Box 9 - January 12 1892

Box 18 1892 Dept H
 Jan 11/1892

Yr day favor reply
 to yr day to Govt
 Mr. S.

20 Dec 11/1892

Enclosures 3

Regarding
 the construction
 of the (Siphon)
 bridge by Mr
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With an order

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PUBLIC WORKS.

*to the Consulting Eng^r
for the Secretary to the Govt
of India*

Encl 1

Encl 3

Recd.

G. O. 5th July 1872 3462
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Nos. 89-90 & 91

Chennai Bridge. Papering orders
in the letter from the Dy. Secy.
for the Secy. in submitting
copy of the orders of the
Board of Directors on the
letter Agents' letter regarding
the construction of the
Chennai Bridge by Mr. J. P. P. P.