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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th February 1872.*

No. 233. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd January 1872, No. 31 :—
From the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company (Limited), to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th January 1872, No. 307.

By the last mail I received from the Board an application which had been addressed to the Chairman and Directors by a firm who were desirous of undertaking the construction of this railway in one whole contract, either at a schedule of prices or at a lump sum, as might be arranged, and I was desired to submit my recommendation to them on this subject after consultation with the Government authorities here.

2. In the conversation which passed between us, when I and the Chief Engineer met yourself, Captain Smith, and Mr. Christie, on this matter, I understood it to be the general opinion that one whole contract was not likely to be so satisfactory a mode of carrying out the works as the departmental system or by a system of petty contracts and task work, and that this opinion was the result of experience in this Presidency; but that if it could be shown that any saving in time or money or other advantages could be secured by letting the work to one person or firm, the Government might be disposed to entertain the question should it be the wish of the Directors to let it.

3. The Directors however being, as I believe, also inclined to prefer the departmental system, I feel that they will at once adopt the conclusions at which we have arrived, and if I have correctly understood your views, I will at once report therefore that we have resolved to recommend that, unless for some special and sufficient reason assigned, the Board should not adopt the contract system.

THE Board of Directors having received an application from Messrs. Barnett and Gale for the construction of the Carnatic Railway on contract, wrote to the Agent to ascertain the views of the Government.

2. At a meeting held at my office on the 11th instant, I stated my opinion that the Government would not approve of a close contract being entered into with one firm and without competition. The general sense of the meeting was, as Mr. Fisher expresses in his letter, that the most satisfactory method of carrying out the works is by the so-called departmental system, under which the supply of materials and construction of the works are given out on petty contracts.

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

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1872, No. 424.

RAILWAY, No. 22.

THE Government concur in the conclusion arrived at as to the mode in which the construction of the Carnatic Railway should be undertaken.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting letter
No 307 of 11th Jan 1852,
from the Agent for Mysore
reporting the contract
system referred by the
Board may not be
adopted.

With an Order

No 1424.

For

The Govt. Council in the conclusion made
at the latter meeting in which the construction of
the Carnatic Railway should be undertaken

By the Com. Board
for Mysore
26 Jan 1852

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