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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th February 1872.*

No. 264. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st February 1872, No. 53 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th January 1872, No. 56.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 763, on G. O., No. 3,043, dated the 1st ultimo, and to the conversation which took place at the last meeting of the Stores Committee, I have the honour to invite your attention to the enclosed copy

• No. 20, 24th January 1872.

of a letter* from the Locomotive Superintendent on the subject of the spring-steel indented for by him.

2. In paragraph 2 of my letter No. 495, dated the 25th August 1871, I pointed out that some of the articles indented for are shown upon the lists of surplus materials available from the stock of the Railways in Bombay, and I enclosed copy of a letter† from Mr.

† No. 253, 23rd August 1871.

Wright, in which he explained the desirableness of getting them out from England.

3. Upon receipt, however, of the Order of Government mentioned above, I placed myself in communication with the Agents of the Railway Companies in Bombay and Bengal in view to obtaining the spring-steel from their surplus stock; but I learn from their replies that the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India is the only Company that can supply us with the steel, and that only of some of the sizes required, and at prices much in excess of what we have been paying.

4. Under these circumstances, and with reference to paragraph 7 of Mr. Wright's letter above quoted, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to communicate to me the authority of Government to my telegraphing to the Board for a small quantity of steel of the sizes most needed, to be sent out, as soon as possible, *via* the Suez Canal, and I trust that in the meantime the authority of the Government of India will be communicated to my sending home the indent for the whole quantity we require.

From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Locomotive Superintendent, to the Agent and Manager, dated Perambore Works, 24th January 1872, No. 20.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 3,043, dated 1st ultimo, copy attached to your memorandum of 9th instant, I beg to inform you that there would appear to be some misapprehension in supposing, as stated in the letter of the Under Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 14th November 1871, No. 2,339-R., that "it does not appear that due inquiry has been made as to the possibility of obtaining steel of the required quality from the spare stock of other railways."

2. In forwarding my indent of 23rd August 1871 I at the same time, in my letter, No. 253, of that date, referred to the list of surplus material which had accompanied the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter of 18th July 1871, No. 455, and stated that it would be observed that there were similar sizes of flat, round, and square iron to be had from the Bombay and Baroda Line; but that, considering the high prices quoted and the cost of carriage from Bombay, I did not think it would be advisable to purchase from the abovementioned Company.

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3. I also called attention to the fact of same Company having 100 tons of spring-steel in store, and added, "It would not be worth our while to take it unless a considerable abatement were made in the price quoted in the list, as it is far in excess of what we have been paying, the price quoted being Rupees 33-0-6 per cwt., exclusive of carriage from Bombay, while our last prices, inclusive of all charges, average about Rupees 16 per cwt."

4. Being in want of spring-steel, I had, a few days before sending in my indent, written to the authorities of the East India, Great India Peninsula, and Great Southern of India Railways asking them to let me have as much steel of the required sizes as they could spare, and, as you are aware, we have actually taken from these Companies such spring-steel as they could let us have.

5. I would also beg to refer you to my letter, No. 285, of 8th September last, on the same subject, forwarding copy of a letter from the Locomotive Superintendent, East India Railway, by which it will be seen that we were exceedingly anxious to get all the necessary spring-steel procurable at fair prices in India.

6. I may add, for your information, that the spring-steel received from the Great India Peninsula and East India Railways is very inferior to that sent out from England for our use by our Board.

7. As some portion of the 4,500 bars of steel is most urgently required, and as the unfortunate misunderstanding which has led to such great delay in the passing of our indent will seriously inconvenience us, I would suggest that the sanction of Government be solicited to allow us to telegraph home for a small quantity of the most needed sizes, to be sent out, as soon as possible, via the Suez Canal.

8. I will send you a list of quantity and sizes in a separate letter.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., No. 3,043, dated 1st December 1871.

2. The Agent of the Madras Railway has been in communication with the Agents of the Railway Companies in Bengal and Bombay since the receipt of the letter from the Government of India embodied in the Order quoted above, but finds that he could only obtain some of the steel required, and that at a much higher price than has been paid by the Madras Railway Company. Under the circumstances represented by the Locomotive Superintendent, I recommend that the Agent be authorized to telegraph to the Board for the quantity of steel emergently required, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India to the full supply entered in the indent.

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

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1872, No. 441.

RAILWAY, No. 29.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in these papers the Government authorize the Agent of the Madras

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Railway to telegraph to the Board for the quantity of steel emergently required, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, which will be applied for.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 266.

(DOCKET No. 442, dated 15th February 1872.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their letter dated 14th November 1871, No. 2,339-R.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 56

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 30th January 1872.

From

Robert B. Clavin Esq.

Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Prendergast, R.E.

Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement of 763 on J.O. of 3043 dated the 1st ultimo, and to the conversation which took place at the last meeting of the Stores Committee, I have the honour to invite your attention to the enclosed

1. copy of a letter from the Locomotive Superintendent on the subject of the spring steel indented for by him-
Ep 20-24
Jan 1872

2. In paragraph 2 of my letter of 495 dated the 25th August 1871, I pointed out that some of the articles indented for were shown upon the list of surplus materials available from the Stock of the Railways in Bombay, and I enclosed copy of a letter from Mr Wright in which he explained the desirableness of getting them out from England.

3. Upon receipt however of the Order of Government mentioned above, I placed myself in communication

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with the agents of the Railway Companies in Bombay and Bengal in view to obtaining the spring steel from their surplus stock, but I learn from their replies, that the Bombay, Baroda and Central India is the only Company that can supply us with the steel, and that only of some of the sizes required, and at prices much in excess of what we have been paying.

4. Under these circumstances and with reference to paragraph 7 of Mr Wright's letter above quoted, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to communicate to me the authority of Government to my telegraphing to the Board for a small quantity of steel of the sizes most needed, to be sent out as soon as possible via the Suez Canal, and I trust that in the meantime the authority of the Government of India will be communicated to my sending home the Indent for the whole quantity we require -

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. J. Smith
Agent & Manager.

Madras Railway
Locomotive Superintendent's Office
Perambore Works

N^o 20

24th January 1872

To

The Agent and Manager

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government N^o 3043 dated 1st ultimo, copy attached to your Memorandum of 9th instant, I beg to inform you that there would appear to be some misapprehension in supposing, as stated in the letter of the Under Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to Government D. P. W. Madras, dated 14th Novemb 1871, N^o 2339 B, that "it does not appear that any enquiry has been made as to the possibility of obtaining steel of the required quality from the spare stock of other Railways."

I am forwarding my Indent of 23rd August 1871 I, at the same time, in my letter N^o 253 of that date, referred to the List of Surplus Material which had accompanied the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter of 18th July 1871* and stated that it would be observed that there were similar sizes of Flat, Round, and Square Iron to be had from the Bombay and Baroda Line but that, considering the high prices quoted and the cost of carriage from Bombay I did not think it would be advisable to purchase from the abovementioned Company.

I also called attention to the fact of

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date 23rd January 1872
Recd 31st Jan

No. 56.

Ordering attention
to the enclosed copy
of a letter from the
Government to the
Agent and Manager
subject of the above
and intended to
be done -

P.O. 594/2.

* N^o 455

same company having 100 tons of Spring Steel
in store, and added "It would not be worth
our while to take it, unless a considerable
abatement were made in the price quoted in
the list, as it is far in excess of what we have
been paying, the price quoted being Rs 33 0 6 per
cwt. exclusive of carriage from Bombay, while
our last prices, inclusive of all charges averaged
about Rs 16 per cwt."

4. Being in want of Spring Steel I had,
a few days before sending in my Indent, written
to the authorities of the C. I. G. I. P. and G. I.
Railways asking them to let me have as much
steel of the required sizes as they could spare,
and, as you are aware, we have actually taken
from these companies such Spring Steel as they
could let us have.

5. I would also beg to refer you to my letter
No 285 of 8th September last on the same subject,
forwarding copy of a letter from the Locomotive
Superintendent C. I. Railway by which it will be
seen that we were exceedingly anxious to get all
the necessary Spring Steel procurable at fair prices
in India.

6. I may add for your information that
the Spring Steel received from the G. I. P. and
C. I. Railways is very inferior to that sent out
from England for our use by our Board.

7. As some portion of the 4500 bars of
Steel is most urgently required, and as the un-
fortunate misunderstanding which had led

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to such great delay in the passing of our
Indent with seriously inconvenience us, I would
suggest that the sanction of Government be
solicited to allow us to telegraph home for a
small quantity of the most needed sizes, to be
sent out as soon as possible via the Suez Canal
& I will send you a list of quantity
and sizes in a separate letter

Yours faithfully
Signed / Wm Barton Wright
Locomotive Superintendent

/ True copy /

W. J. H. W.
Agents and Manager

Comptroller

No 53
Submitted to Government
with reference to G.O. No. 3543,
dated 1st December 1891.

The Agent of the Madras
Railway has been in communication
with the Agents of the Railway
Companies in Bengal and Bombay
since the receipt of the letter
from the Government of India
embodied in the Order quoted
above; but finds that he could
only obtain some of the steel
required; and that at a much
higher price than has been paid
by the Madras Railway Company.
Under the circumstances represented
by the Local Manager Superintendent
I recommend that the Agent
he

P. H. 594/72.

be authorized to telegraph to the
Board for the quantity of steel
urgently required in anticipation
of the sanction of the Government
of India to the full supply
entered in the indent.

Madras
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The Secretary to Govt

Public Works Dept

Fort Saint George

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From
The Dy Com. Engr
for Indus
To The Secy to Govt
I. M. D.

Dated 1st July 1872
Recd 5th

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In submitting
Agent's letter and
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to apply to the
Board for the
Steel required

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Under the cir-
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notice in these papers,
the Government authorize
the Agent of the Madras
Railway to telegraph
to the Board for the
quantity of steel em-
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Cocket No. dated.

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12th the first day of August
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Copy of the above
forwarded to the Govt.
of India with reference
to their letter dated 14th
Nov-1871 No. 2339 R.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mr. Secretary
to the
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Madras

Date

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