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Government of Madras.

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26th February 1872.*

No. 413. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Fort William, 9th February 1872, No. 122-E.R. :—

IN reviewing the schedules of establishment accompanying the Railway Budget Estimate of the Madras Presidency for the year 1872-73, the Government of India have been much struck by the great and general increase in the salaries attached to the various offices of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways. On the Madras Railway the appointments of Assistant Agent, Chief Accountant, Consulting Physician, Company's Physician, Cashier, Assistant Cashier, Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent, Locomotive Accountant, Traffic Manager, and Deputy Traffic Manager, all seem to be more highly paid than heretofore. On the Great Southern of India Railway the pay of the Consulting Physician, Assistant Traffic Manager, Resident Engineer, and Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent, as well of the clerks, drivers, fitters, and firemen shows a considerable increase in cost. This increase is not confined to the supervising and executive branches of the railways, but even the office servants and messengers apparently receive increased pay.

2. Such an increase is not warranted by the condition of the traffic. The authorities of the Madras Railway have indeed estimated for a reduction of the gross earnings during the coming year, and though the Government of India trust that the receipts may be more satisfactory than is anticipated, it is nevertheless necessary that immediate steps should be taken to keep down all charges as far as possible.

3. The Governor-General in Council has on previous occasions remarked that the Railway Establishments in the Madras Presidency were on the whole lower than in many other parts of India. All establishments, however, have a tendency to increase, which requires constant check, and a perusal of these lists makes His Excellency in Council convinced that the curtailment which is now in progress, or about to be effected on the other railways in India, is also desirable on the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways.

4. I am therefore to request that the Government of Madras will cause the issue of the following instructions in regard to these Railways :—

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II.—The numbers of the several ranks in 1871-72 to be considered the present fixed strength in each department (except the Engineering), no increase being sanctioned until the traffic or work to be performed shall have actually increased to such an extent as to make it absolutely essential.

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No. 414.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1872, No. 520.

RAILWAY, No. 57.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will communicate the remarks of the Government of India to the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways, and draw their special attention to the instructions in paragraph 4, which will hereafter regulate charges on account of establishments.

2. Major Prendergast will furnish a statement showing the increases of salaries granted with explanation of the circumstances under which they were recommended and passed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed E. C. Shunkr.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 122 E. R.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India

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No. 211 S.R. dated 8 February 1872

From - The Government of India P.W. Department
To - The Resident at Hyderabad

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your officiating Secretary's letters, No. 5 R. G. of the 8th Ultimo and No. 30 R. G. of the 22nd idem, the former on the subject of the permanent way best suited for the requirements of His Highness the Nizam (State) Railway, and the latter regarding the offer of the Great Southern of India Railway Company to dispose of their broad gauge way, which, owing to the change of gauge, they will not now require.

2. The proposal of the Government of India, in P.W.D. No. 38 S.R. of the 10th Ultimo, that the Nizam's Government should purchase at Kaddy 87 miles of the 68 lb. rails, with hawl sleepers, belonging to the Great Southern of India Railway Company for 21½ lakhs, was considered, for the reasons set forth in that letter to be advantageous to the interests of the Nizam. The Government of India has no desire however to insist on.

on any that may not be considered as perfectly fair to the Nizam's Government, but will accept the rates proposed in your letter. —

3. You object to the bowl sleepers, as their use will cause inconvenience and expense whenever the intermediate third rail, which the Nizam's Government contemplated when agreeing to the adoption of the broad gauge, may be laid down. But, on the other hand, you admit that the early opening of the Nizam's Railway will be facilitated if this permanent way material now lying at Nagapatnam is taken over. —

4. — The Government of India desire that the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed transfer may be duly weighed, and I am to request that you will not use the pot sleepers, unless, on explaining the matter to His Highness's Minister, he is quite satisfied, in view to an early opening of a portion of the line, that it is expedient to sacrifice some

some of the convenience of the wooden sleepers for the third rail. —

5. A copy of a letter No. 37 of the 8th ultimo, received from the Government of Madras, giving the numbers of each part of the Great Southern of India permanent way, is enclosed, and I am to request that a speedy decision may be come to as to the amount, if any, of each description of material you may wish to acquire. This may be arranged in direct communication with the Government of Madras on the understanding that the Nizam's Government will agree to pay at the rate of 22,500 Rs. per mile for the complete iron way with pot sleepers; and that for any rails taken without sleepers the rate will be fixed so that the Nizam's Government will suffer no loss. The Government of India will recompense the Railway Company the difference. —

6. The traffic on the Nizam's Railway will not for many years be

be ^{of} such a nature as to justify the use
of steel rails, and therefore an Indent
for iron rails and fastenings sufficient
to finish the line should be prepared
and submitted without delay for transmission
to England. -

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From

The Govt of India

Dated 9th February 1872
Recd 19th

No. 122 E.P.

Paying orders
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Communicated to the Com. Insp. for Railways

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On 1st Jan 1873

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