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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 295. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd May 1873, No. 250 :—

REFERRING to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I have the honour to submit a letter* from the Acting Agent of the Madras Railway Company, from which it will be seen that Mr. Barton Wright is in communication with the authorities of the East Indian Railway regarding the purchase of two engines belonging to that Company, and also with the Deputy Consulting Engineer to the Government of India at Calcutta, regarding the purchase of two engines and certain machinery belonging to the Calcutta and South Eastern State Railway.

8th April 1872, No. 928.
30th Aug. ,, ,, 2,078.
11th Oct. ,, ,, 2,388.
* No. 295, dated 30th April 1873.

2. All the engines and machinery have been personally inspected by Mr. Barton Wright, he having visited the north of India for that purpose during March last.

From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th April 1873, No. 295.

WITH reference to the conversation which I had with you a few days ago as to the proposed purchase of locomotive engines from other Companies for use on this railway, I have the honour to inform you that though I am not in a position at present to write to you fully upon the subject, I think it well to send forward without further delay, for the information of Government, the enclosed copies of letters which I have addressed to the Agency* of the East Indian Railway, and to the Deputy Consulting Engineer† for Railways to the Government of Bengal.

* No. 1,201, 16th April 1873.
† ,, 1,229, 18th ,, ,,

2. In the latter I make offers for certain machinery which, I regret to say, I omitted to mention to you in the conversation I have referred to. Should however my offers be accepted, I will apply for formal sanction to make the purchases when I address you more fully in regard to the locomotives.

3. This I shall lose no time in doing when I receive replies to the letters of which I enclose you copies.

From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Agency, East Indian Railway, Calcutta, dated Madras, 16th April 1873, No. 1,201.

AT my interview with Mr. Sibley, on the 3rd instant, I expressed my intention of purchasing, on behalf of the Madras Railway Company, two of your Company's 17-inch cylinder six wheels coupled engines on the terms offered in your letter No. 1,168 of the 26th of February last, and I at the same time stated that I wished the engines to be erected and made ready for the road in your shops, and asked Mr. Sibley to be kind enough to arrange to have the engines put in hand as soon as possible.

2. I now write for the purpose of officially confirming my verbal communication on the subject of the purchase of the two engines, and shall feel much obliged if you be kind enough to inform your Locomotive Superintendent that as there is some doubt as to the communication over

the Kistna being kept open later than the end of May, it is of importance that the engines should be delivered at Jubbulpore at as early a date as possible.

3. I shall feel much obliged if you will let me know when I may expect to receive the engines, so that I may give timely notice to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, to enable that Company to make the necessary arrangements for their transport.

From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq, Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Major C. H. LUARD, R. E., Deputy Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, dated Madras, 18th April 1873, No. 1,229.

With reference to our conversation on the 3rd instant, on the subject of the spare stock of the Calcutta and South Eastern State Railway, I have the pleasure to inform you that I am willing to purchase, in the first instance, on behalf of the Madras Railway Company, two of your Engines, Nos. 3 and 5, at the prices quoted at page 9 of the paper handed me by you, viz, Rupees 11,196 for No. 3 engine and tender, and Rupees 5,602 for No. 5 engine and tender, or Rupees 16,798 for these two engines on condition that you undertake, on the part of the Government of India, to deliver the engines and tenders at Raichore for the above sum.

2. I have selected those engines because, in the first place, No. 5 will require a thorough overhaul and possibly renewal of the firebox and boiler as well as very heavy repairs to the gearing generally, the execution of which will enable me to form some idea of what repairs and renewals the other engines may need, whilst an examination of No. 3 will enable me to judge of the difference in condition of those engines which have been regularly worked and those which have been standing idle for so long a period.

3. If I find that these two engines can be put into thorough good working order at a cost that will justify the purchase of the rest of them at the valuation placed upon them, I shall be willing to take the remaining four engines and tenders of this class, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 6.

4. Will you kindly send me a complete list of your duplicate parts and the price at which they will be delivered at Raichore, as it will suit this Company to take them off your hands, provided they are in good order and reasonable in cost.

5. *28-ton overhead Traversing Crane.*—As regards the machinery, my Foreman reports that the overhead 28-ton traversing crane is incomplete. It is priced Rupees 3,955 on your list, but I cannot offer more than Rupees 3,000 for it.

6. *Foundry Crane.*—No price is mentioned for the foundry crane, but I will take it provided the price be reasonable.

7. *Wheel Lathe.*—The wheel lathe is unnecessarily large and heavy, and is more expensive than lathes that we have capable of doing similar work. If it will suit you to dispose of it for Rupees 3,000 I am willing to give that sum.

8. *Slitting Machine.*—This machine is also unnecessarily heavy and massive for locomotive work, but if it will suit you to part with it for Rupees 2,000, the price at which I could get a similar but lighter machine equally well adapted for our work, I will take it.

9. The prices I have put upon these machines are to include delivery over the ship's side at Madras.

10. If you accept my offer for the two engines kindly arrange to have them forwarded to Raichore as soon as possible, as it is probable that our communication with the Great Indian Peninsula Railway may be cut off by the coming down of the Kistna about the end of May.

11. I have addressed you direct in this matter to save time, but I will communicate officially to the Government of India, through the Consulting Engineer for Railways to the Madras Government.

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1873, No. 1,391.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to the correspondence ending with their No. 1,508 G. R., dated 20th September 1872.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 297. (DOCKET No. 1,392, dated 19th May 1873.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 295

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 30th April 1873.

From

William Dawes Knight Esq
Acting Agent and Manager. of the M. & C.

To

Col. Col. J. Hell. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to the conversation which I had with you a few days ago on the proposed purchase of the Carnatic Railway from their Company for us and on this Railway I have the honour to inform you that though I am not now prepared to write to you fully upon the subject I think it well to record forward without further delay for the information of Government the enclosed copies of letters which I have addressed to the Agent of the East Indian Railway and to the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways to the Government of Bengal.

2. In the latter I make offers for certain alterations which I regret to say I omitted to mention to you in the conversation I have referred to. Should however my offers be accepted I will apply for

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No. 1201-16th April 1873.

No. 1229-18th April 1873.

Formal auction to be the purchaser when I advertise you may fully in regard to the Documents.

3. This Deed Poll no time in doing when I receive replies to the letters of which I enclose you a copy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.

Acting Agent & Manager.

Nº 1201

Madras Railway Company
Agent & Manager's Office
Madras 16th April 1873.

Dear Sirs

At my interview with Mr Sibley on the 3rd instant, I expressed my readiness of purchasing on behalf of the Madras Railway Company two of your Company's 17 inch cylinder 6 Wheels Coupled Engines on the terms offered in your letter Nº 1168 of the 26th of February last and I at the same time stated that I wished the Engines to be erected and made ready for the Road in your Shops and asked Mr Sibley to be kind enough to arrange to have the Engines put in hand as soon as possible

I now write for the purpose of officially confirming my verbal communications on the subject of the purchase of the two Engines and shall feel much obliged if you be kind enough to inform your Locomotive Superintendent that as there is some doubt as to the communication over the Kistna being kept open later than the end of May it is of importance that the Engines should be delivered at Jubbulpore at as early a date as possible.

I shall feel much obliged if you will let me know when I may expect to receive the Engines so that I may give timely notice to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway to enable that Company to make

Dated 16th April 1873.
Recd 17th "
No. 295.
Re purchase of two 17 inch Cylinder 6 Wheels Coupled Engines and asking that arrangements may be made with the G.I.P. Railway Company for conveyance of same.
P.P.C. 21/4/73.

MADRAS RAILWAY
From
The Agent & Manager
To
The Locomotive Engineer
Nº 1201

the necessary arrangements for their transport

I am Dear Sirs &c
(signed) Wm. Barton Wright
Ag: Agent & Manager

The Agency
East Indian Railway
Calcutta

(True Copy)

J. W. Mollis.
for the Ag: Agent & Manager

down.

A.G. 2711/3.

N° 1229

Madras Railway Company
Agent & Manager's Office
Madras 18th April 1873.

Dear Sir

With reference to our conversation on the 8th instant on the subject of the spare stock of the Calcutta and South Eastern State Railway I have the pleasure to inform you that I am willing to purchase in the first instance on behalf of the Madras Railway Company two of your Engines N°s 3 and 5, at the prices quoted at page 9 of the paper handed me by you viz Rupees 11,196 for N°3 Engine and Tender and Rupees 5602 for N°5 Engine and Tender or Rupees 16798 for these two Engines, on condition that you undertake on the part of the Government of India to deliver the Engines and Tenders at Raichore for the above sum.

I have selected these Engines, because, in the first place N°5 will require a thorough overhaul and possibly renewal of the Firebox and Boiler as well as very heavy repairs to the gearing generally, the execution of which will enable me to form some idea of what repairs and renewals the other Engines may need, whilst an examination of N°3 will enable me to judge of the

difference in condition of those Engines which have been regularly worked and those which have been standing idle for so long a period.

If I find that these two Engines can be put into thorough good working order at a cost that will justify the purchase of the rest of them at the valuation placed upon them I shall be willing to take the remaining four Engines and Tenders of this class, namely Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Will you Kindly send me a complete list of your duplicate parts and the price at which they will be delivered at Raichore as it will suit this Company to take them off your hands provided they are in good order and reasonable in cost.

As regards the Machinery my Foreman reports that the overhead 28 Ton Traversing Crane is incomplete It is priced Rs 3955 on your list but I cannot offer more than Rs 3000 for it. — 28 Ton overhead Traversing Crane

No price is mentioned for the Foundry Crane but I will take it provided the price be reasonable. — Foundry Crane

The Wheel Lathe is unnecessarily — Wheel Lathe

large and heavy and is more expensive than I think that we have capable of doing similar work. If it will suit you to dispose of it for Rupees 3000 I am willing to give that sum.

Slotting Machine — This Machine is also unnecessarily heavy and massive for Locomotive work but if it would suit you to part with it for Rs 2000, the price at which I could get a similar but lighter Machine equally well adapted for our work I will take it.

The prices I have put upon these Machines are to include delivery over the ships side at Madras.

If you accept my offer for the two Engines Kindly arrange to have them forwarded to Raichore as soon as possible as it is probable that our communication with the Great Indian Peninsula Railway may be cut off by the coming down of the Krishna about the end of May.

I have addressed you direct in this matter to save time but I will communicate officially to the Government of India through the

Consulting Engineer for Railways to the Madras Government.

I am Dear Sir &c
(Signed) Wm. Barton Wright
Ag: Agent Manager

Major C. M. Luard R.E.
Sy: Consulting Engineer
to the Government of India
for Guaranteed Railways
Calcutta.

(True Copy)

J. H. Keeling
for the Ag: Agent Manager

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 173

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Referring to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I have the honour to submit a letter from the acting Agent of the Madras Railway Company from which it will be seen that Mr. Barton Wright in his communication with the authorities of the East Indian Railway regarding the purchase of two engines belonging to that Company and also with the Deputy Consulting Engineer to the Government of India at Calcutta, regarding the purchase of

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belonging to the Calcutta and Jessore -
Eastern State Railway -

and the engines and
machinery have been personally in-
spected by Mr Barton Wright, the -
Agent having visited the Works of India for
that purpose during March last.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Lieut Colonel RE.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

P. W. 1873 Railways

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.

From No. 2770

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 31 August 1872.
Read 5 " "

Rec'd 5.

No. 2770

Registered. The
Secretary of
State for India
in Council
London.

Hills Order.

Forwarding Copy of Correspondence relative to the purchase of Surplus Stock of other Railways required by the Madras Railway Company.

Forwarding orders on letter from the Secretary of State for India in Council relative to the purchase for the Madras Railway of Surplus Stock

Copy of Correspondence with the Secretary of State for India in Council relative to the purchase for the Madras Railway of Surplus Stock of other Railways.

Forwarding Copy of Correspondence relative to the purchase of Surplus Stock of other Railways required by the Madras Railway Company.

Forwarded with Despatch No. 124 dated 30th August 1872.

Copy of Correspondence with the Secretary of State for India in Council relative to the purchase for the Madras Railway Company of Surplus Stock of other Railways