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No. 109. 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, 23rd May 1873, No. 282:—

I HAVE the honour to solicit the attention of Government to my letter, dated the 5th July 1872, No. 351, upon the subject of two estimates for telegraph materials which had been submitted in February 1871 by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company.

2. The Order* of Government disposing of the letter in question was not communicated to this office, and, as it does not find a place in the volume of Railway Proceedings for August 1872, I do not know what action was taken upon my letter by His Excellency in Council.

* No. 1,878, 8th August 1872.

3. Of the two estimates referred to in my letter, one for the construction of the telegraph on the Neilgherry Branch was sanctioned by the Government of India* on the 1st November 1872; but no instructions have reached me regarding the other estimate for the re-construction of the telegraph line between Madras and Beypore. The Agent has lately addressed me with regard to the latter estimate, but I am only able to tell him that his letters on the subject have been laid before Government, and that I believe their disposal is contingent upon the settlement of the general question regarding the proposed transfer of the Railway telegraphs to the State.

* *Vide* G. O., 4th November 1872, No. 2,586.

4. I beg that I may be favoured with copies of any letters which have passed between the Government of Madras and the Government of India upon this subject, and I request that you will represent to His Excellency in Council how necessary it is that I should be made aware of the views held by the Government upon all matters connected with railways. I trust that His Excellency will be pleased to issue orders that all Proceedings of Government which dispose of letters addressed to them by me may be communicated to me, and also all other proceedings of Government which touch upon matters connected with railways.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1873, No. 1,516.

RAILWAY, No. 11.

THE Consulting Engineer for Railways will be furnished with a copy of the letter to the Government of India under date the 8th August 1872, No. 1,879, paragraph 3 of which supports Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart's recommendation to continue the arrangement under which renewals of the telegraph posts on the South-West Line of the Madras Railway are made whenever necessary. As, however, a considerable time has since elapsed without final orders in regard to the assumption, by the State, of the lines of Railway telegraph, subject to which the question of thoroughly renewing the telegraph line between Madras and Beypore has been held in abeyance, the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council will be again addressed and early orders solicited.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th June 1873.

2. It was by an oversight that the order of Government referring the question to the Government of India was not communicated when issued to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, but it would appear that this information was subsequently obtained by the Consulting Engineer on application to the Government Office.

(Here enter No. 1,517, dated 7th June 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

OOTACAMUND, *7th June* 1873.

No. 111.

No. 1,517.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 12.

SIR,—Adverting to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 1,879, dated 8th August 1872, intimating that it will be sufficient to continue for the present the arrangement of renewing, wherever necessary, the wooden posts supporting the line of telegraph between Madras and Beypore, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to suggest that if there is little probability of the early settlement of the question of the assumption by the State of the Railway telegraphs, the estimates for substituting iron for wooden posts on the South-West Line, which is already before the Government of India, may be taken into consideration, and orders passed thereon as soon as practicable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 282.

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,

I have the honour to solicit the attention of Government to my letter dated the 5th July 1872, No. 357, upon the subject of two estimates for telegraph materials which had been submitted in February 1871 by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company.

No 1878 Aug. 72

2. The Orders of Government disposing of the letter in question was not communicated to this

this office, and as it does not find
a place in the Volume of Railway Proceedings for August 1872, I do not know what action was taken upon my letter by His Excellency in Council.

3 Of the two estimates referred to in my letter, one, for the construction of the telegraphs on the Chilghery branch, was sanctioned by the Government of India on the 1st November 1872: but no instructions have reached me regarding the other estimate, for the reconstruction of the telegraph line between Madras and Bezpore. The Agent has lately addressed me with regard to the latter estimate, but I am only able to tell him that no letters on the subject have been laid before Government, and that I believe their disposal is contingent upon the settlement of the general question regarding the proposed transfer of the Railway telegraphs to the State.

4 I beg that I may be favoured with copies of any letters which have passed between the Government of Madras and the Government of India upon this subject: and I request that you will represent to His Excellency in Council how necessary it is that I should be made aware of the views held by the Government upon all matters connected with railways. I trust that His Excellency will be pleased to issue orders that all proceedings of Government

Government which disposes of letters addressed to them, & may be communicated to me, and also all other proceedings of Government which touch upon matters connected with Railways.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Millantcourt Lt Col R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras
the 23 May 1873

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Draft

Copy

Public Works Department
Railway Department.

1873
No. 1516

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 23rd May 1873
Recd. 26th do 1873

No. 1516-1517-7 dated 23rd May 1873.
No. 282.

Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 5th August 1872, No. 851, upon the subject of two estimates for Railroads which have been submitted to Public Works Department for sanction.

P. W. D.

No. 1516

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 187 .

Read the following:—

From Consulting Engr Rys: Lt. No 282 dd 23rd May 73.

The Consulting Engineer for Railways will be furnished with a copy of the letter to the Government of India under date the 8th August 1872. No 879, paragraph 3 of which supports Lieutt Colonel Shaw's

Mr. Stewarts recommendation to continue the arrangement under which renewals of the telegraph posts on the South West line of the Madras Railway are made wherever necessary. As however a considerable time has since elapsed, without final orders in regard to the assumption, by the State, of the lines of Railway telegraph, subject to which the question of thoroughly renewing the telegraph line between Madras and Bezwada has been held in abeyance, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council will be again addressed and early orders solicited.

It is observed that the Consulting Engineer for Railways is invariably furnished with Orders of Government bearing upon matters connected with Railways and this course will continue to be followed.

Dept. 13 Dec 78

To the Consulting Engr for Railways.

Nov 1878

Would Samuel say.

2. It was by an oversight that the order of 1st ult. approving the erection of the first of India was not communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways - but it appears that subsequently this information has obtained by the Consulting Engineer on application to the Secretary Office

JK

It would be well that the attention of the S. of S. should be called to this omission - with a view to ensuring that all such orders should invariably be sent to the Chief Secretary Govt

No. 1517

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India.

Sir,

Adverting to
paragraph 3 of my
letter No 1879 dated 8th
August 1872 intimat-
-ing that it will be
sufficient to continue
for the present the
arrangement of renew-
-ing, wherever necessary,
the wooden posts sup-
-porting the line —
— of telegraph between
Madras and Bangalore,
I am directed by
His

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
to suggest that if there
is little probability
of the early settle-
-ment of the question
of the assumption
by the State of the
Railway telegraphs &
the Estimates for sub-
-stituting iron for
wooden posts on the
South West line which
is already before the
Government of India
may be taken into con-
-sideration, and orders
passed thereon as soon
as practicable.

I have

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Commanding Engrs
for Railways
& The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 7th June 1873, No. 1516-1517.

Nos. 109-110 & 111

Drawing attention to letter No. 1879 of 1872 forwarding estimate for the renewal of the telegraph posts between Madras & Bezwada & requesting early orders in the subject.

Telegraph. Passing orders on letter from Govt of Engr. Drawing attention to his letter forwarding Estimate for the reconstruction of the telegraph posts between Madras & Bezwada & requesting that all papers on Railway matters be communicated to him.