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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th June 1873.*

No. 376. 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, 28th May 1873, No. 296 :—

ADVERTING to the Order of Government, dated the 18th February 1873, No. 544, the substance of which was communicated to the Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company, I have the honour to submit, for the information of His

Excellency in Council, a letter* from
Mr. Fisher, enclosing an extract from

one received by him from his Board. It will be seen that, before the Directors commit themselves to the expenditure that may be incurred by employing an Architect, they wish to receive the estimates and designs for the building and the proposed amount of remuneration to the Architect.

Extract from Board's letter No. 6, 7th March 1873.

Extract from Agent's letter No. 13, 5th April 1873.

2. The correspondence which has already passed upon this subject between the Board of Directors and their Agent is also enclosed for the information of Government.

From J. T. FISHER, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th May 1873, No. 167.

WITH reference to your letter, dated the 19th February 1873, No. 63, to the Board's observations in their letter, dated 7th March 1873, No. 6 ; to the conversation I had with you on the 4th April last, which was reported in my letter to the Board, dated 5th idem, No. 13, and a copy of which was forwarded to you in my docket, dated 9th idem, No. 121, I have the honour to submit, herewith, an extract of a letter from the Board, dated 2nd instant, No. 11, conveying a further expression of the Board's views upon the subject of the employment of a professional Architect in the preparation of the design for the passenger station in Madras.

Extract of a letter from the Board, dated 2nd May 1873, No. 11.

Madras Terminus and employment of a professional Architect for the design.—The Board are somewhat taken by surprise by the tenor of your letter, viz., "that, as long ago as the 19th February 1873, the Government sanctioned the employment of Mr. Chisholm (the Government Architect) in the preparation of the design for this building and instructed him direct ; it was considered now to be too late to take the action desired" (stated in the Board's letter No. 6 of 1873, you were answering), and further the Architect's fee will now in any case have to be paid." The Board cannot but assume that you have overstated the action of the Government and the position of the matter if such action was intended to bind the Company. The object of the Board in hesitating to employ the services of a professional Architect was to avoid, as far as possible, needless expenditure in the design and the ornamentation of the station buildings, which they think should be as simple and as limited as the circumstances of the undertaking at present demand, and which they thought might have been safely left in the hands of the Engineering Department. You will therefore respectfully represent to the Government that, before the Board commit themselves to the expenditure that may be incurred by employing an Architect, they would wish to receive from you the estimates and designs for the building and the proposed amount of remuneration to the Architect.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) J. T. FISHER,
Agent and Manager.

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Extract of a letter from the Board of Directors of the Carnatic Railway Company, to the Agent, dated 7th March 1873, No. 6.

Penitentiary Site, Madras Terminus, G. O. No. 198 of 21st January has decided the matter by granting this site.—In connection with this subject, attention has been given to your letter No. 35 of 30th January 1873, to the Government Consulting Engineer, forwarding the Chief Engineer's application No. 86 of 29th January 1873, to furnish the necessary plans, elevations, etc., required for the terminal passenger station. The Board desire you will point out to the Government that they consider the expense of employing a professional Architect unnecessary. The design (as to those parts for which Mr. Dibblee would enlist an Architect) to await the completion of the amalgamation. Economy is the most important consideration, consistent with the work to be done. Your attention is also directed to paragraph 20 of the Agent's instructions, dated 13th September 1870, for your caution and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Extract of a letter from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company, to his Board, dated 5th April 1873, No. 13.

Penitentiary Site, Madras Terminus.—The views of the Directors, stated in your letter under reply, was the subject of a conversation between myself and the Government Consulting Engineer yesterday morning; and, as the Government sanctioned the employment of Mr. Chisholm in the preparation of the design for this building and instructed him direct, so long ago as the 19th February* last, it was considered to be now too late to take the action desired. I may mention that before Mr. Dibblee submitted his application on this subject, he had privately consulted both the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Company and the Government Consulting Engineer, and the course pursued was I understand in accord with the views of both those gentlemen.

* Vide Consulting Engineer's letter No. 63, dated 19th February 1873, forwarded with my No. 8, dated 22nd idem.

2. I take leave further to point out that, as the station will be the principal terminus of a Railway of between 600 and 700 miles long, it will be placed in a very prominent position in the very centre of the Presidency town and surrounded by important public buildings. I trust that the Directors will on re-considering the matter agree with us and the Government that it is desirable that this building, though not necessarily of an extravagant character, should worthily represent the importance of the undertaking, and afford suitable accommodation for the work to be carried on within it. In these circumstances, and as the Architect's fee will now in any case have to be paid, I feel that I can only await the further instructions of the Board in the matter which there will be ample time to receive before any expense beyond that which is already incurred can be gone to.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 377.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1873, No. 1,653.

RAILWAY, No. 51.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has to observe that no action has been taken by the Government beyond acceding to the request of the Carnatic Railway Board's representative that the services of their Consulting Architect might be made available for designing the passenger station at Madras on the usual terms.

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2. The Government have no wish to force on the Railway Company the services of their Consulting Architect; but are constrained to remark that the course proposed by the Board, that the designs prepared by him should be submitted to them previous to the amount of remuneration being settled, is not in accordance with professional practice among Architects.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ld. E. C. Shunker.

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Extract of a letter from the Board
of Directors of the Bar. P. Co. to the Agent
dated 7 March 1873. No. 6.

Penitentiary site Madras Terminal - G.O.

No 198 of 21 Jan'y. has decided the
matter by granting this site - In
connection with this subject, attention
has been given to your letter No 85 of
30 Jan'y 73 to the Port Jns. Engr. -
forwarding the Chief Engineer's applica-
tion No 86. of 29 Jan'y 73 to furnish the
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dated 13 Sept. 70 for your caution and
guidance.

Yours Extract

Wm. L. R. E.
Gen. Engineer for Railways

Wm. L. R. E.

P.M. 3152/73

Extract of a letter from Agent of
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his Board dated 5 April 1873. No 13.

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19 Feb 73
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Masterwort St. J. R. E.

Gov. Engineer for Railways

S. S.
H. S. P.

Railway Department

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 296.

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,

Adverting to the
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*No 164
27 May 1873

P.M. 3/52/73.

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2. The correspondence which has already passed upon this subject between the Board of Directors and their Agent is also enclosed for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be, Sir

Your most obedient servant,
Munttewat S. H. P. R.
Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras
28 May 1873
Sd/-

Extract from Board's letter No 6
7 March 73
Extract from Agent's letter No 13
5 April 73

Letter from the Consulting Engineer
for Railways No 296 dated 28th May
1873-

Circulated for

Col. R. E.
Secretary to Govt.

I would not force on the Company the views of our Govt Architect if they think they can do without him. We shall see their design & estimate & sanction after careful professional advice. The remuneration their proposal that remuneration should be fixed after the design & estimates have been framed is preposterous. If the Company of aild - which seems certain - to produce a suitable design - we can then make our own Architect do what is necessary - It is a shabby business -

1683 P.D.

Proc. of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:-

From the Mysore Ry. (R.R. No. 296/28 May/73)

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Governor in Council
has to observe that
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to the request of the Car-
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representative that the
services of their Consult-
ing Architect might
be made available for
designing the Passenger
Station.

W.S.E.
for
[Signature]

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station at Madras, on
the usual terms -

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be submitted to them
previous to the amount
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cordance with professional
practice.

practice among Ar-
chitects - Q.M.W.

To the Engineer
Dated 2/7/73

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GOVT. OF NEW JERSEY.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Consulting Eng^r
In New Jersey

Encl.

Recd.

Post

6. 15 June 1856.

No. 3/4

New Jersey Prison
Station, Carmel, N. J.
Prof. Passin orders re
ited from the Eng^r.
Submitting cost estimate
for the design of the
design for the Station
to be paid to
the Eng^r. Architect for
preparation of the design.