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29th August 1873.*

No. 513. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) dated Simla, 7th August 1873, No. 1,385 G. R:—

Joint establishment of Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railways when amalgamated.

Read—

From Government of Madras, No. 721, dated 6th March 1873, with enclosures.
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 79 R, dated 9th April 1873.

Read also—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, the 26th June 1873, No. 89 R.

Your Excellency's Despatch and enclosures of the 9th April last, No. 79, having been communicated to the Directors of the Great Southern of India and of the Carnatic Railway Companies, the suggestions therein made in regard to the Indian establishment of the amalgamated Company were considered at a joint meeting of the two Boards, when it was arranged that "Mr. Betts, the present Agent and Manager of the Great Southern of India Company, be continued as Agent and Manager of the amalgamated Company;" and it was suggested that Mr. Fisher, the present Agent of the Carnatic Company, should be "appointed to act as General Superintendent of Stores during the construction of the lines now sanctioned, and up to the opening of the same for traffic."

2. It was further settled that "Mr. Logan, the Engineer-in-Chief of the Great Southern, be appointed to the same office in the united Company;" and that the engagement with Mr. Dibblee, the Chief Engineer of the Carnatic Company, which expires in September 1873, be not renewed.

3. With regard to the offices of Locomotive Superintendent, Chief Auditor, and Traffic Manager, it was resolved "that Mr. Sheward, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stanton, who now fill these offices in the Great Southern service, be continued in the same capacities respectively in the amalgamated Company."

4. I request that your Excellency, after communication with the Government of Madras, will furnish me with your opinion on the proposed employment of Mr. Fisher, and as to the salary which, under all the circumstances, you

consider would be proper to assign to Mr. Betts. On this latter point, copy of a recent correspondence* with the Great Southern Board is transmitted.

* Letter from the Board, dated 7th May 1873, No. 593.

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From H. W. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, London Board, Great Southern of India Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated London, 7th May 1873, No. 593.

The consideration of the salary of their Agent having now been deferred for five years, viz., from the expiration of his last agreement on 2nd May 1868, the Directors consider that, in justice to Mr. Betts, they are bound to bring the subject to the attention of the Secretary of State, and submit for his favourable consideration, the following facts.

Mr. Betts entered the service of the Company in May 1861, at a salary of 1,000L. per annum, to which, pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of 13th October, and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, as expressed in his letter of 22nd October 1863, an addition was made of 500L. per annum upon Mr. Betts signing an agreement for a further period of four years' service from 2nd May 1864. That agreement expired on 2nd May 1868, since when Mr. Betts

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has continued in the company's service at the same salary of 1,500l. a year, no augmentation having taken place since the date above referred to, upwards of nine years ago.

Although the Directors have hitherto deferred the consideration of the question pending final arrangements being made for active prosecution of the Southern Extension, the works on which are now being carried out, they deemed it due to Mr. Betts to record in their minutes (22nd October 1872) an acknowledgment that his services entitled him to a further increase of salary, irrespective altogether of the contemplated amalgamation with the Carnatic Railway Company.

They now respectfully request the sanction of the Secretary of State to Mr. Betts' salary being increased to Rupees 2,272-11-8 per

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Eastern Bengal	2,250	of his entering into a fresh agreement for a
Great Indian Peninsula	2,500	further period of service. The Board, in nam-
Bombay and Baroda	2,500	ing this sum, have had reference to the salaries
Madras	2,500	sanctioned to the Agents of the various other
Sinde, Panjab, etc.	2,500	Indian Railway Companies, as marginally noted.
Cuth and Bolikhund	2,500	
Carnatic	1,300	

The Board desire to remark that, so far as they are concerned, they would not propose any increase in the salary now applied for upon the contemplated amalgamation with the Carnatic Company taking effect, when the length of line to be administered by the Company will be about 400 miles. The salaries at present paid to the Agents of the two Companies amount to 2,700l. per annum, so that a saving under this head will be effected upon the offices being combined in one.

In conclusion, the Board have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the energy, good judgment, and undeviating devotion to the interests of the Company with which Mr. Betts, for upwards of twelve years, has fulfilled the duties of his important office; and they, therefore, confidently hope that, under the circumstances of the case, the Secretary of State will be pleased to sanction the application now made.

From M. E. GRANT DUFF, Esq., Under Secretary of State for India, to H. W. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, London Board, Great Southern of India Railway Company, dated India Office, London, 22nd May 1873.

I am directed by the Duke of Argyll to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 593, proposing that the salary of Mr. Betts, the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, be increased from 1,500l. to 2,500l. per annum.

In reply, I am to state that His Grace would in no case have been prepared to sanction an increase to the extent proposed. Moreover, he would not have been in a position to consider the matter in the absence of an expression of the views of the Government of India on the subject.

Almost simultaneously, however, with the receipt of your letter, the Duke of Argyll received a despatch from the Government of India, forwarding papers from the Government of Madras, containing their views on various points connected with the Indian establishment of the amalgamated Company, amongst others, the position and duties of the Agent. Copies of these papers are transmitted herewith for the Board's information, and His Grace would suggest that a meeting of the two Boards should be arranged for taking them into consideration, in order that he may be in a position to acquaint the Government of India with the Board's views on the several points raised when he addresses that Government in regard to the Agent's salary.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the Despatch now read, with enclosures, be forwarded to the Government of Madras, for an expression of opinion on the points raised, viz., in regard to the salary of the Agent of the amalgamated Company, and as to the need of the proposed General Superintendent of Stores.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Deputy Secretary.

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No. 514.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1873, No. 2,172.

RAILWAY, No. 73.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will be good enough to submit an expression of his opinion on the subjects under reference.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Dated SIMLA, August 7, 1873.

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Letter from the Govt. of India,
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Secy of State on certain points
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