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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th September 1873.

No. 143. 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, 22nd August 1873, No. 446 :—

REFERRING to paragraphs 4 and 6 of my letter No. 351, dated 5th July 1872, I have the honour to submit, for the sanction of the Government of India, an estimate of the cost of Siemen's and Hamilton's standards used, in substitution for wooden telegraph poles, on the South-West Line of the Madras Railway, including the number which will probably be further used up to the 31st March 1874, amounting to Rupees 56,207-12-9, of which Rupees 29,179-12-9* will be chargeable to Capital, and Rupees 27,028 to Revenue.

* English.

2. The Chief Engineer explains that being unwilling to pass a charge to Revenue which, under Sir Charles Wood's despatch, dated 9th March 1864, is clearly a charge to Capital, (*i.e.*, the difference in original cost between the wooden and iron posts,) he has been compelled to leave the cost of materials in stock, and he adds :—

"Pending the settlement of the question of purchase by the State of the Railway telegraphs, allow me to suggest the desirableness of requesting the sanction of the Government of India to bring to account the cost of such of the Siemen's standards as have been actually used and are being used from time to time in replacing decayed wooden posts."

3. In paragraph 3 of their letter to the Government of India, this Government was pleased to express their concurrence with me in considering it sufficient to continue for the present the arrangements under which renewals are made whenever absolutely necessary, leaving the consideration of the estimate of Rupees 2,73,136, for the re-construction of the entire line of telegraph between Madras and Beypore, for a future time. I recommend that application be now made to the Government of India for sanction to the estimated expenditure of Rupees 56,207-12-9.

4. It is proposed to debit to Capital the difference in original cost between the wooden and iron posts, and the labour to Revenue.

5. It is also proposed to meet the Capital portion of the expenditure from the item Unforeseen Requirements in Schedule B. of the Budget Estimate for 1873-74.

Rupees 29,179-12-9.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1873, No. 2,236.

RAILWAY, No. 25.

ORDERED that the estimate submitted with this letter be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,237, dated 10th September 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 10*th September* 1873.

No. 145.

No. 2,237.

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. 26.

SIR,—In your letter No. 1,355 G. R., dated 5th August 1873, it is intimated that as the questions relating to Railway Telegraphs have been laid before the Secretary of State it is considered undesirable to sanction the estimates for iron standards along the South-West Line of the Madras Railway before the decision of Her Majesty's Government is known. It was however explained in paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 1,879, dated 8th August 1872, that pending the settlement of these questions none but absolutely necessary renewals would be carried out, and it now appears that under this arrangement a sum of Rupees 56,208 will be required up to the end of March 1874. The Chief Engineer of the Company is desirous that Revenue should not be wholly burdened with the charge, and he accordingly submits the accompanying estimate to which I am to recommend that sanction may be accorded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 446

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,

8th Augt 1878

Referring to paragraphs 4 and 6 of my letter No 351 dated 5th July 1878, I have the honour to submit for the sanction of the Government of India an estimate of the cost of Drummond and Hamilton's standards used in substitution for wooden telegraph poles on the South-West line of the Madras Railway, including the number which will probably be further used up to the 31st March 1874, amounting to Rs 56,207-12-9 of which Rs 29,179-12-9 will be chargeable

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chargeable to Capital, and Rs 27,028 to Revenue.

2. The Chief Engineer explains that being unwilling to pass a charge to Revenue which under Sir Charles Wood's Despatch dated 9th March 1864 is clearly a charge to Capital, (i.e. the difference in original cost between the wooden and iron posts) he has been compelled to leave the cost of materials in stock; and he adds:-

"Pending the settlement of the question of purchase "by the State of the Railway "telegraphs, allow me to suggest "the desirableness of requiring the "sanction of the Government of "India to bring to account the "cost of sticks of the Siemens "standards as have been "actually issued and are being "used from time to time in "replacing decayed wooden "posts."

3. In paragraph 2 of their letter to the Government of India this Government was pleased to express their concurrence with me in considering it sufficient for the present the arrangements under which renewals are made wherever absolutely necessary, leaving the consideration of the estimate of Rs 2,73,136 for the reconstruction of the entire line of telegraph between Madras and Beyphore for a future time. I recommend that application be now made to the Government of India for sanction to the estimated

estimated expenditure of Rs 56,207-12-9

4. It is proposed to debit to Capital the difference in original cost between the wooden and iron posts, and the labour to Revenue.

It is also proposed to meet the Capital portion of the expenditure from the item — Rs 29,179-12-9
unforeseen requirements in Schedule B of the Budget estimate for 1873-74.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[illegible] Lt Col RE
Madras Consulting Engineer for Railways
22 August 1873

P. W. 1873 Department.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From 1873. No. 4649.
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 22 August 1873.
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No. 446
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Submitting an estimate of the cost of Pieman's & Hamilton Standards used in substitution for wooden telegraph poles on the South West line of the M. Ry.

No. 2236, 10 Sept/73.

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Rec'd of the Madras Govt.

Read the following

from the Consulting Engr. Rys. (H.E. No 446 of 22 Augt 73)

Ordered that the Estimate submitted with this letter be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India.

H.E. No 91

No. 2237

To The Consg Engr. for Railways.

H.E. ack 17/9/73

To The Secretary to the Government of India.

Sir,

In your letter No. 1355 G.R. dated 5th August 1873

1873 it is intimated that as the questions relating to Railway Telegraphs have been laid before the Secretary of State it is considered undesirable to sanction the Estimates for Iron Standards along the South West line of the Madras Railway before the decision of Her Majesty's Government is known. It was however explained in para 3 of my letter No 1879 dated 8th August 1872 that pending the settlement of these questions none but absolutely necessary renewals would be carried out, and it now appears that under this

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this arrangement a sum of Rupees 56,208 will be required up to the end of March 1874.

The Chief Engineer of the Company is desirous that Revenue should not be wholly burdened with the charge, & he accordingly submits the accompanying Estimate to which I am to recommend that sanction may be accorded.

G.W.

S.C. sent 17/9/73 with the working Papers & 1 Rec.

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Govt. of [1873] Madras.

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To The Consulting Engr for Railways and The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 10 Sept 1873, No. 2236-2237.

Nos. 143-144 & 145

Telegraph Estimate

Submitted by the Engr for Renewing Wooden Telegraph posts on the S.W. line of the Madras Ry with Spencer's & Hamilton Standards ordered to be forwarded for the Sanction of Govt

Telegraph Posts
Madras Railway.

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