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No. 292. 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, 9th September 1873, No. 475:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 29th August 1873, No. 2,172, calling for an expression of my opinion in regard to the salary of the Agent of the United Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railway Companies, and as to the need for a General Superintendent of Stores upon the amalgamated staff.

2. As bearing upon the points under discussion, I enclose, for the consideration of His Excellency in Council, letters* which have reached me within the last few days from the present Agents of the two Companies. It will be seen that, in spite of the delay which prevented the passing of the Amalgamation Bill during the late Session of Parliament, the Directors of the Carnatic desire to place the direction of their agency in the hands of Mr. Betts, the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company; and that they also wish the duties of the office of Chief Engineer to be undertaken by Mr. Logan, the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern of India Railway Company. These arrangements to take effect from the 16th instant, the date upon which the agreements of Messrs. Fisher and Dibblee, the present Agent and Chief Engineer of the Carnatic Railway Company, respectively, terminate.

* From Agent, Carnatic Railway Company, No. 278, 4th September 1873.
From Agent, Great Southern of India Railway Company, No. 5,195, 8th September 1873.

3. With regard to the salary to be drawn by the Agent of the amalgamated Company, I am of opinion that, under no circumstances, would a smaller sum than £2,000 per annum be a suitable remuneration for the duties and responsibilities of the post; and, looking to the fact that Mr. Betts has had more than twelve years of Indian experience, I consider that the salary named by the Great Southern Board in their letter to the Secretary of State, £2,500 per annum, will be in no way excessive. Upon the Madras Railway, so long ago as 1857, when only 81 miles were open for traffic, the Agent received a salary of £2,000 per annum. Mr. Elwin, the present Agent, received the same rate of salary on his first appointment in 1861; and after five years' Indian experience his salary was raised, in 1866, to £2,500 per annum. The duties devolving upon the Agent of the United Companies will be of great importance, and the advantage, both to the Company and the State, of securing for the post a man with long Indian experience will be considerable. I have therefore no hesitation in recommending that the rate of salary named by the Board be assigned to Mr. Betts.

4. The second point upon which I am asked to give an opinion is the need for a General Superintendent of Stores, and the proposed employment in that post of Mr. Fisher, the present Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company. I have had an opportunity of discussing this question with Mr. Betts, and I agree with him in the opinion that a responsible officer should be appointed to the charge of the General Stores Department, and that Mr. Fisher is qualified for the post. The enclosed letter from Mr. Betts will show that the duties will be of an important nature, and will involve considerable responsibility and a good deal of travelling.

Mr. Fisher at present receives a salary of £1,200 per annum; and, under the circumstances, I agree with Mr. Betts in the opinion that, during construction of the line, no change should be made in that salary.

5. As Mr. Fisher's employment in the capacity of Agent will come to an end in less than a week, I request that I may be informed by telegraph whether the Government approve of the proposal to appoint him to act as General Superintendent of Stores during the construction of the lines now sanctioned.

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, 4th September 1873, No. 278.

I HAVE the honour to submit a copy of a letter from the Secretary, Carnatic Railway Company, (Limited,) to the Secretary, Great Southern of India Railway Company, dated London, 6th August 1873, together with copies of Resolutions passed by the Board of this Company on the 5th idem, and I am desired to ascertain if the proposals contained in these Resolutions will have the approval of the Madras Government.

2. I understand that until the Bill for the amalgamation becomes law, under which the Carnatic and Great Southern of India Railway Companies are to be dissolved, and the South Indian Railway Company created, no change in the status and the constitution of the existing Companies is to be made; the bill in question was, I believe, necessarily withdrawn from Parliament in the last Session, owing to its not having been presented in time to admit of standing orders being complied with, but it is assumed it will be proceeded with, as early as possible, in the ensuing Session.

3. In the event, however, of the interim arrangements which have been proposed being approved by the Madras Government, I shall be prepared, in concert with yourself and the officers of the Great Southern Company, to acquiesce in such arrangements as may appear best calculated to give effect to the Resolutions in question.

From M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary, Carnatic Railway Company, (Limited,) to H. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, Great Southern of India Railway Company, dated 62, Moorgate Street, London, E. C., 6th August 1873.

Re Agent and Chief Engineer in India.

YOUR letter of 5th August 1873 is to hand. The Board has not yet terminated the agreement with Mr. Fisher our Agent, but as you are advised by the copy of our mail letter to him, No. 15-73, of 11th July 1873, handed to you yesterday, his services are continued monthly after the 16th September 1873.

2. At the present moment there are difficulties in the way of dispensing with a separate agency, keeping in mind the constitution of this Company. Acting, however, on the spirit of your letter under reply, the Board yesterday, with a view to an efficient and cordial working of the executive in India, passed the Resolutions which I enclose copy of, and will be obliged by the Great Southern of India Railway Company taking such steps as may be necessary to give effect to them pending the projected amalgamation.

Copy of Resolutions passed at the Board of the Carnatic Railway Company, (Limited,) on Tuesday, 5th August 1873.

Re Chief Engineer also the Agent in India.

Resolved that on and after 16th September, on the termination of Mr. Dibblee's engagement, Mr. Logan be requested to undertake the duties of the office of Chief Engineer, the subject of remuneration being left for the future decision of the Board in concert with the Secretary of State.

Resolved that Mr. Betts be requested, from 16th September 1873, to take the direction of the agency of the Carnatic Company, Mr. Fisher's services being retained for such purposes and

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th September 1873.

under such terms as, under the sanction of the Madras Government, may be deemed best; it being understood that the accounts and correspondence of the two Companies are kept separate pending the official settlement of the amalgamation.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th September 1873, No. 5,195.

I HAVE received (through this Company's Secretary) instructions from the Directors of the Carnatic Railway Company to take charge of their agency in this country from the 16th instant, and further to place the Carnatic Railway Engineering Department under the control of Mr. Logan. I do not send to you copy of the Resolutions which convey those instructions as they have already been furnished to you by Mr. Fisher.

2. With regard to that part of the Resolutions which refers to the retention of Mr. Fisher's services, I beg to recommend that that gentleman be appointed to the charge of the General Stores Department. During the construction of the Company's extensions we shall be having ships consigned to Madras, Cuddalore, Negapatam, and Tuticorin, and arrangements will require to be made for the landing and storage of the material sent to those ports. This is beside the ordinary work which requires to be performed for the open portion of the railway. The duties connected with this post will be of an important nature, and while the construction works are in hand, I consider no alteration should be made in the remuneration now accorded to Mr. Fisher.

3. I beg that you will let me know as soon as possible if this recommendation meets with the sanction of Government.

No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1873, No. 2,315.

RAILWAY, No. 42.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinions expressed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and resolves to address the following letter to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,316, dated 18th September 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 18*th September* 1873.

No. 294.

No. 2,316.

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. 43.

SIR,—With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 7th August 1873, No. 1,385 G. R., in which an expression of the opinion of this Government is invited regarding the salary which the Agent of the United Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railway Companies should be allowed and the necessity for a General Superintendent of Stores, I am directed to state that looking to the importance of the duties which will devolve on the Agent of the amalgamated Company, and the undoubted advantage of securing for that appointment an officer of Mr. Betts' long Indian experience, extending over a period of twelve years, His Excellency the Governor in Council has no hesitation in recommending that the salary be fixed at £2,500 per annum, as proposed by the Board of Directors.

2. With reference to the appointment of a Superintendent of Stores, I am to observe that while the works of construction are in progress it is highly expedient that a responsible officer should be appointed to attend to the landing and storage of the material which will be shipped to Madras, Cuddalore, Negapatam, and Tuticorin; and as the nature of the duties will necessitate a great deal of travelling, His Excellency in Council, while supporting the proposal, recommends that as the service of so efficient an officer as Mr. Fisher, the present Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company are to be retained for the appointment, the salary be fixed during the construction of the Company's extensions at £1,200 per annum, which is the salary that gentleman now draws.

3. It appears from papers which have been submitted to this Government that the Directors of the Carnatic Company have resolved, in anticipation of the passing of the Amalgamation Bill, to place the direction of the agency in the hands of Mr. Betts from the 16th September; and as Mr. Fisher's employment as Agent has ceased, his appointment to act as General Superintendent of Stores has been provisionally authorized, a proceeding which it is hoped will meet with the approval of the Government of India.

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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approved by the Madras Govt. I shall be prepared in concert with yourself and the officers of the Gt. Southern Co. to. acquiesce in such arangements as may appear best calculated to give effect to the resolutions in question.

I have the honor to be.
Sir.
Your most Obet. Servant.
Jno. T. Fisher
Agent & Manager.

From
The Agent & Manager.
Car: Ry Co Ltd

To
The Cons: Engineer
for Railways.
Madras

Dated 4th } Sept.
Recd 4. } 1873.

No. 278.

Forwards Resolutions of the Board & requests to know if they will have the approval of the Madras Government.

S.W. 5018/73.

Carnatic Railway Co. Ltd.
62 Moorgate Street. London E.C.
6 August 1873.

Copy.

Henry Notman Esq.
Secretary.
Gt. Southern of India Ry Co.

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I am: Dear Sir.
very faithfully yours.
p/o M.R. Scott.
Secretary.

1 Enclosure

True Copy.
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True Copy of a Copy.
for J. Fisher

No. 5795

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

Madras. ~~NEGAPATAM~~, 8th September 1873.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

Lieut Col. I. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
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I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

William R. Clift

Agent and Traffic Manager.

G. Fisher Esq. 13 Feb 73.

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Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 475. 17X

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

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

Secretary to Government,

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[x] From Agent Carn. Ry. Co. No. 218. 14 Sept. 73
Ch. Engr. Ry. Co. No. 2/18. 15 Sept. 73

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Lieutenant Col. R.E.
Cons. Engineer for Railways

Madras
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No 2316

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To,
The Secretary to the
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P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference
to the Proceedings of the
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No. 1385 P. W. inviting
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From. No. 5068.

The Consulting Engineer
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The Secretary to Government,
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Calcutta

Dated 9th September 1873.
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