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No. 317. Read the following letter from Lieutenant W. H. COAKER, R.E., for Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th October 1873, No. 573 :—

In forwarding letter, No. 331, dated 27th October 1873, from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway, I have the honour to report that, under the circumstances explained by the Chief Engineer, I have authorized the transfer to the Carnatic Railway Company's Engineering staff of the services of Mr. Nicholls.

2. The strength of Assistant Engineers, as sanctioned for the current half-year on the Carnatic Railway, is as follows :—

2 First-class.
4 Second ,,
4 Third ,,

but two Engineers of the second-class have not been appointed.

3. The transfer of Mr. Nicholls as a first-class Engineer will not involve expenditure in excess of the total amount sanctioned for the Engineering Department during the current half-year, and as Mr. Logan does not propose to fill up the vacancy on the Great Southern of India Railway, a saving will be effected on the two undertakings.

4. I trust that the Government will approve of the action taken in the matter.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 27th October 1873, No. 331.

I shall feel obliged by your informing me if Government have any objection to the transfer to this Company's staff of the services of Mr. Nicholls, the Assistant Engineer now in charge of District No. 4, on the Great Southern of India Railway.

The Chief Engineer reports to me, "I am anxious to have a man of experience in whose powers and energy I have confidence to place in charge of the important bridge works about to be undertaken at the crossing of the river Palar, and Mr. Nicholls is, in my opinion, a man of this description. He has now been nearly four years under my orders, and I have consequently had a sufficient opportunity of judging of his merits.

"There are only two first-class Engineers sanctioned for the Carnatic staff, and Mr. Nicholls, who is already a first-class Engineer, would of course make one in excess of the number sanctioned; but as I do not propose to fill up the vacancy caused by his transfer on the Great Southern Railway, the aggregate sanction for the two railways will not be exceeded, even putting out of view the saving just effected of a Chief Engineer on £1,200 per annum, and Rupees 250 per mensem in office-rent for head-quarters given up in Madras."

2. As it is important to get an immediate start at the Palar, will you please favour me with a reply as early as possible.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd November 1873.

No. 318. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1873, No. 2,827.

RAILWAY, No. 48.

APPROVED, on the understanding that the vacancy on the Great Southern of India Railway is kept open.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 319. DOCKET No. 2,828, dated 22nd November 1873.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

True Extract.

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 573.

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.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Madras
29 Oct. 1853

W. Logan Lt. R.E.
for Com. Engineer for Railways

2nd Secy.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

From No. 5899.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 29
Recd. 30 October 1873.

Genl. No. 573.

Informing that authority had been granted to transfer Mr. Nicholls from the G. S. of I. Ry to the Carnatic Rys as first class Engineer

Letter Noted

Approves No 2824 the arrangements with the Spread Eagle Hotel

that the vacancy on the Spread Eagle Hotel

Carnatic Railway in Fort St. G. No 2828 B

Copy of the above forwarded to

the Government of Madras.

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Asst. Secy.

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Despd. 1st Nov 1873

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Wm. Nicholls, Asst. Engr.

Forwards copy of Pro approving of the transfer of Wm. Nicholls, Asst Engr. G. S of I Ry, to the Carnatic Ry for employment on bridge works.

G. S of I Railway - Approving of the transfer of Wm. Nicholls to the Carnatic Ry for employment on bridge works.