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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th February 1873.

No. 271. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th January 1873, No. 66:—

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government dated the 24th instant, No. 216, I have the honour to represent that it is impossible, without interfering with more important work, to carry out the instructions conveyed in paragraph 2 of the Government of India's letter dated the 14th December 1872. To take over the materials and to be responsible for their correctness before despatch, would entail the constant presence at Negapatam of an officer of this department during the next six months. The Government are aware that our time is fully employed upon other duties; and I also respectfully submit that the manual labour entailed in counting and weighing material is not one upon which an Engineer Officer can be advantageously employed.

2. From my letters dated the 8th and 11th instant, Nos. 8 and 16, the Government will have learnt that, in consequence of Major Pemberton's anxiety to have the whole of the material sent forward before the 1st June, it was intended to commence the despatch as soon as the temporary communication had been restored across the Kistna. I have since learnt from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway that the transfer of the material was commenced on the 17th instant, and that since then material trains have been regularly sent from Negapatam. Under the circumstances I have taken the responsibility of sanctioning this arrangement, although there is at present no accredited Agent at Negapatam to take over the material on behalf of the Government of India. I see no reason to fear that the arrangement will entail loss; and I trust that my proceedings in the matter will be approved of.

No. 272. Order thereon, 12th February 1873, No. 464.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

Under the circumstances represented by the Consulting Engineer, coupled with the fact that the extension of the Carnatic Company's line is now sanctioned, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the action taken by that Officer; and the Government of India will be addressed on the subject with a view to a competent subordinate being deputed to the duty of superintending the despatch of the permanent way to Wuddy Junction.

(Here enter No. 465, dated 12th February 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 12*th February* 1873.

No. 273.

No. 465.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

SIR,—I am directed to forward a letter in which the Consulting Engineer for Railways represents his inability to meet the wishes of the Government of India by deputing one of the officers of his staff to the duty of superintending the despatch of the permanent-way material for the Nizam's State Railway. I am to state that at the present time, having regard to the length of line open and under construction, it is, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, hardly possible for the staff at its present strength to exercise that complete supervision and control which is desirable, and I am further to add that the arrangements made for the transfer of the material in question will involve duties extending over a period of time for which, in the opinion of His Excellency, it would be highly inexpedient to detach the services of a Deputy Consulting Engineer.

2. I am accordingly to request that a competent subordinate may be deputed by the officer in charge of the Nizam's State Railway to receive the material and superintend its despatch, a duty which may not improbably involve his presence daily at Negapatam for some months.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Lxd. E. C. Shunker.

Railway Department. Consulting Engineer's Office,

No. 66.

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,

I have acknowledging the receipt of the order of Government dated the 24th instant, No 246, I have the honour to represent that it is impossible, without interfering with more important work, to carry out the instructions conveyed in paragraph 2 of the Government of India's letter dated the 11th December 1872. To table over the Materials, and to be responsible for their correctness before despatch, would entail the constant presence

presence at Negapatam of an Officer of this Department during the next six months. The Government are aware that our time is fully employed upon other duties: and I also respectfully submit that the manual labour entailed in counting and weighing the material is not one upon which the Engineer Officers can be advantageously employed.

2. From my letters dated the 8th and 11th instant, Nos 8 and 10, the Government will have learnt that, in consequence of Major Pemberton's anxiety to have the whole of the material sent forward before the 1st June, I was induced to commence the despatch as soon as the temporary communication had been restored across the Vellaru. I have since learnt from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway that the transfer of the material was commenced on the 17th instant, and that since then material trains have been regularly sent from Negapatam. Under the circumstances I have taken the responsibility of sanctioning this arrangement, although there is at present no accredited Agent at Negapatam to take over the material on behalf of the Government of India. I see no reason to fear that the arrangement will entail loss; and I trust that my proceedings in the matter will be approved of.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Mountstuart Lt Col R.E.
Chief Engineer Jn Railways

Rec'd 3 Aug 1858

No. 64 P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following

From

The Consulting Engineer for Railways, (G. O. No. 66 of 29th Jan 1873)

Under the circumstances

Represented by the Com-
-sulting Engineer in
with the fact that the
Engineer

Pursuant to a
Consulting Engineer
taken by the Madras
His Excellency
approves of the action
and the Government
of India will be addressed
red on the subject with
a view to a complete
Inter-Colonial Railway -
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings for February 1873

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 29th January 1873
Recd. 30th January 1873

No. 66.

Stating that
it is impossible to
carry out the
instructions of the
Govt of India regarding
the despatch of
permanent way materials

No 271

Rec'd 3rd July 1873
Ex Feb 17th 1873

No. 465

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India.

Sir,

I am directed to forward
a letter in which the
Superintending Engineer for
Railways represents his
inability to meet the wishes
of the Government of India
by deputing one of the officers
of his staff to the duty of
superintending the despatch
of the Permanent Way material
for the Assams State
Railway. I am to state
that at the present time,
having regard to the length
of line open and under

P.S.E.

Superintending the despatch
of the Permanent Way material
for the Assams State Railway -

C.W. O.S.

S.S.

to Chief Engineer

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construction, it is, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council hardly possible for the Staff at its present strength to exercise that close complete supervision and control (the necessity for which has of late been so forcibly illustrated,) and I am further to add that the arrangements made for the transfer of the materials in question will involve duties extending over a period of time for which in the opinion of His Excellency, it would be highly inexpedient to detach the services of a Deputy Consulting Engineer.

(when & where ?)
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I am accordingly to request that a competent Subordinate may be deputed by the Officer in charge of the Nizam's State Railway to receive the material and superintend its despatch; a duty which may not improbably involve his presence daily at Negapatam for some months.

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Cy. J. Lett. 464 of 1873.

Forwarding with
remarks letter from the
Mysore Representing
his inability to depute
an Officer to superintend
the despatch of materials
for the Nizam's
State Railways.

Rec. 8 July 73
Ack. 9 July 73.

8th Sec 133

Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Engineer for Railways

& To the Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Nos. 271-272 & 273

Permanent way Materials.

Passing orders on letter from the Jeypore Engr. reporting his inability to depute an Officer to superintend the despatch of materials for the Nizam's State Railway.

G.C. 8 July 73
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