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No. 195. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 27th February 1873, No. 114 A. G. R.:—

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a draft resolution which it is proposed to issue in substitution of Public Works Department Resolution No. 49-54 A. R., dated 6th February 1871, and to request that you will favour the Government of India with any remarks thereon that may be considered necessary by the Government of Madras. The Government of India desire to meet the wishes of the Railway Companies as far as practicable in the procedure to be adopted in obtaining proper sanction to the execution of works, and I am therefore to request that the views of the Railway agencies on the subject may be obtained. As it is desirable that orders should be passed on this matter with as little delay as possible, care should be taken that the remarks asked for are in the hands of the Government of India by the 1st April at the latest.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Railway,) dated Fort William,—January 1873.

Capital Accounts of Guaranteed Railways.

Read again:—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 49—54 A. R., dated the 6th February 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to lay down the following rules for the sanction of future expenditure on the Railways under the control of the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in substitution for those contained in Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 49-54 A. R., dated 6th February 1871.

2. Six months after the opening of any portion of a line of railway for traffic, the original estimate for the construction of that portion is to be considered cancelled, and in the interval between the opening and the lapse of sanction, the local Consulting Engineer should go over the works on the opened section with the Engineer of the Railway concerned, and draw up a schedule of the probable cost of completing the several works that can fairly be considered necessary for meeting the traffic expected. This schedule, with the opinions of the Local Government and Railway Authorities in sufficient detail to enable orders to be passed, should be promptly submitted to the Government of India for instructions.

3. The sanctions granted for works entered in this schedule will, unless otherwise specified, remain in force for two years only from the date of the opening of the section to which they relate.

4. With regard to subsequent requirements, the Governments of Madras and Bombay are empowered to sanction expenditure on all necessary works, the estimated cost of which, including both English and Indian expenditure, is not in excess of Rupees 10,000 in each case; but, as a general rule, no new works, whether debitable to Capital or Revenue, should be sanctioned, or allowed to be undertaken, on a line or section of a line open more than two years until the

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opinion of the Company's Directors has been expressed, unless they are works of an emergent character or are minor works costing not more than Rupees 1,000 each, and Rupees 5,000, in the aggregate in each half-year, and approved by both the local agencies and the controlling Governments. Such minor works may, up to the limit here laid down, be debited to the Revenue Account. A monthly return of all sanctions to new works, whether debitable to Capital or Revenue, should be made for the information of the Government of India.

5. Ordinarily, the following procedure should be adopted:—

A schedule of all works (including works of construction and the erection and purchase of rolling stock) proposed to be carried out from Capital or Revenue should be prepared half-yearly in sufficient detail to allow their desirability to be apprehended. This schedule should be sent to the Directors for approval, and after their opinion has been recorded, should be submitted to the Governments of Madras or Bombay, as the case may be, for sanction as regards minor works and works chargeable to Revenue, and to the Government of India for sanction as regards works costing more than Rupees 10,000, and chargeable to Capital. This schedule should be prepared sufficiently early to enable it to be in the hands of the Government of India one month before the commencement of the half-year to which it relates.

6. To keep this system within proper control, it is desirable that the Governments of Madras and Bombay should name a date after which each sanction accorded by them will lapse, and they are requested to recommend a date to the Government of India in each case as that from which the larger sanctions should be considered cancelled.

7. When sanction to an uncompleted work has lapsed, the work must again be entered in the schedules with such explanations as may be necessary, and a fresh sanction will be required.

8. In regard to stores, as a provisional arrangement pending the settlement of the question of the limit of the reserve to be maintained for working purposes, no indents for the purchase of stores should be sanctioned against Capital, otherwise than for specific works duly sanctioned against Capital, unless with the authority of the Government of India. All current local purchases of stores should be made out of Revenue Advance Funds.

9. The Administrative Budget Estimates should, until further orders, be continued in their present form; but it must be borne in mind that an appropriation of money to meet the expected charges on account of the works contained in the schedules does not imply sanction to any work being commenced, while, on the other hand, sanctioned works cannot be carried out unless a regular provision of funds to meet the charge has been made from the Budget grant.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and guidance.

Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1873, No. 751.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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