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No. 124. 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, 12th May 1874, No. 286:—

I HAVE the honour to lay before Government, for their consideration, a letter* from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, in which Mr. Betts draws attention to the necessity for erecting the telegraph on permanent posts along the Trichinopoly-Tuticorin extension. The insecure condition of the existing temporary posts, and the superior economy of replacing them with teak, have been repeatedly brought to notice. These points are specially alluded to in the following papers:—

* No. 5,517, 8th May 1874.

Proceedings of Government, No. 1,849, 19th July 1873.
" " " 63, 12th January 1874.
" " " 195, 28th " "

2. An estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,06,702, for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph was submitted to Government upon the 25th* February 1874. This estimate provided for the erection of teak posts, for the transfer of the existing wire from the temporary bamboo posts, and for the erection of a second wire with the necessary instruments. I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the immediate expenditure of so much of this estimate as will provide for the erection of teak posts, and for the transfer to them of the existing wire, leaving the rest of the estimated outlay for future consideration.

* Proceedings of Government, 23rd March 1874, No. 805.

3. I agree with the Railway Authorities that the present is a most unsatisfactory state for a line of telegraph to be in when the working of trains is concerned; and I trust that the Government will be pleased to communicate their instructions to me as soon as possible.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 8th May 1874, No. 5,517.

I BEG again to draw attention to the necessity which exists for the erection of the telegraph permanently along the southern extension.

2. The Chief Engineer reports to me "many of the temporary posts are now so shaky that almost every gust of wind and rain bring several of them to the ground, and frequent interruptions both to public and service messages occur. During last week on District No. 5 a heavy squall from the hills struck down nearly two miles of posts, cutting off all communication between north and south for many hours, notwithstanding that the utmost exertions were made to repair the damage done. We shall shortly be running ballast trains, and I am sure you will agree with me that the present is a most unsatisfactory state for a line of telegraph to be in when the working of trains is concerned, to say nothing of the delays and annoyances to all interested in the transmission of messages."

3. The cost of repairing the damages caused to the temporary line of telegraph is largely increasing; but a more serious feature in connection with these break downs is the loss and annoyance caused to the public by the detention of their messages.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th June 1874.

4. Sanction has already been accorded to the erection of the permanent telegraph between Madras and Cuddalore, and I trust that no further impediment exists in according similar sanction for the southern line. The detailed estimate for this work was sent to you on the 20th of February last with my letter No. 5,398.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1874, No. 1,500.

RAILWAY, No. 18.

RECORDED with reference to the orders* of the Government of India in regard to the permanent line of telegraph along the Carnatic Railway, deferring orders on the subject till after receipt of reply to a certain communication made to the Secretary of State for India.

* G. O., No. 1,328A, dated 18th May 1874.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 5517 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 8 May 1874.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

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Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Guillaume Bell
Agent

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 293

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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No. 5517
8 May. 1874.

From

THE AGENT,

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, _____ 18

To

Great Southern of India Railway,

SIR,

Regarding the erection of the telegraph Extension along the Caudtoor Contract

Mr 2891/74
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From
The Agent
G.S.I. Ry.

To
The Executive Engr
for Railways
Negapatam

Dated 8th
Recd 11th May 1874

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[x] Pro. of Govt. 23 March 1874 No 805.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant.
Madras 12 May 1874.
Lieut. Colonel R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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

Pub. Works 1874 Dept.
Gen: Staff for Supt.
RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
No. 2839
From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

Dated 13 May 1874.
Recd. 13 May 1874.

Q.O. No: 1500. No. 2839, dt. 6-7-74.
Submitting a letter from the Agent Q.V.P. on the necessity of erecting the telegraph on hereinafter roads along the Kistnapatty-Cuttack as herein.

P.W.D.

Proceedings Mc — 1500
Madras Government
Read the following

From the Consulting Engr for Rys. (No. 2867 12th May 1874)

Proceeded with reference to the orders of the Government of India in regard to the permanent lines of Telegraph along the Carnatic Railway, deferring orders on the subject till after receipt of reply to a certain communication made to the Secretary of State for India.

Genl.

× G.O. No.

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Con. Engr for Rys:
V. Cypher despatch 15/6/74.

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To

The Consg. Engr. for Rys.

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1.

G. O., 8 June 1874, No. 1500

Nos. 124-125.

Telegraph-Poles.

Letter from the Consg Engr for Railways, submitting one from the Agent of the Great Sn of India Rail-way regarding the necessity of erecting the telegraph on Kumaon poles along the Trichinopoly Tuticorin extension, Recorded