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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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No. 287. 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, 18th May 1874, No. 299 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of the Government of India, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,554, of the cost of constructing Porters' huts at the Avenashy Station on the South-West Line of the Madras Railway.

With Plan No. 1,010.

2. The necessity for the huts is explained as follows by the Traffic Manager :—

“ The Collector of Coimbatore has called upon us to vacate the land occupied at present by the subordinate staff at the Avenashy Station, as the land is required for a public purpose at the instance of the District Engineer of the Division.”

3. I have subsequently learnt from the District Engineer that the land is required in consequence of a chuttrum being built close to the huts in question.

4. No previous expenditure has been incurred upon the huts, the old quarters having been erected by the Porters themselves.

5. The Agent informs me that the most suitable position for the Porters' huts will be in the north-west corner of the station compound, on class A land.

I enclose copies* of the correspondence which has passed thereon, and request

* From Consulting Engineer, No. 338, dated 17th April 1874.
From Agent, No. 357, dated 27th April 1874. that they may be submitted to the Government of India in continuation of my letter, No. 222, dated 10th April 1874, in view to my being favoured with early instructions on the general question.

6. Funds are available from the allotment for “ unforeseen requirements ” in the budget-estimate for 1874-75, and the sanction will lapse at the end of the fourth quarter after receipt of sanction.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 17th April 1874, No. 338.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 320, dated 15th April 1874, I have the honour to state that under the ruling of the Government of India communicated to you with my letter, No. 889, of the 24th September last, I am precluded from submitting for sanction the estimate of the cost of constructing Porters' huts at the Avenashy Station. In your letter under acknowledgment it is stated that the most suitable position for these huts will be in the north-west corner of the station compound, on class A land. But you will observe from the Proceedings of Government above quoted that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has ruled that the only dwelling houses that can be considered to be conveniences under the contract, and of which the sites therefore come under class A, are those of the persons whose duties require that they should live on the line. The duties of Porters are not of that description, and I request that you

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will be good enough to re-consider the matter, and to arrange for the houses in question being built on class C land.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th April 1874, No. 357.

With reference to your letter, No. 338, of the 17th instant, I have the honour to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of the Acting Chief Engineer's letter of the 22nd idem, No. 273, as to the class under which the land required for Porters' huts at Avenashy should be held by the Company.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Going that the duties of Porters at a station like Avenashy require that they should live on the line, and I beg to point out to you that the same reasons which render it necessary that Station-masters should live at their stations, naturally apply also to Porters who are a part of the station staff without whose assistance the Station-master could not perform his work.

From T. H. GOING, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 22nd April 1874, No. 273.

With reference to your endorsement on Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 338, of 17th instant, I beg to make the following observations, viz. :—

The Government and the Board are both agreed as to the intention of the contract in providing land rent free for "stations, offices, warehouses, fixed machinery and other works and conveniences." The interpretation of the word "conveniences" is the only question at issue between them.

The Order of Government, No. 1,063, dated 7th April 1873, however, defines this very clearly for that division of conveniences included under the head "Dwelling houses," and I do not think the officers of this Company have any objections to raise against the definition, namely, that "the only dwelling houses that can be considered as conveniences under the contract, and of which the sites, therefore, come under class A, are those of the persons whose duties require that they should live on the line." But then the question still remains an open one as to who are those persons whose duties require that they should live on the line, and this, I think, should not be decided without a reference to the Company's Officers who are naturally the most competent persons to decide.

For my own part I certainly am of opinion that the various classes of employés, enumerated in paragraph 4 of the Order of Government above quoted, ought to live on the line (except certain classes of mechanics), because their duties require their constant attendance at the stations when they are not employed on running trains. As for the class of servants specially referred to in the Consulting Engineer's letter under reply, viz., Porters, it appears to me that, as their entire time, except when engaged in sleeping, must necessarily be spent on the line, and as they are liable to be roused from sleep for urgent duty, it is most desirable that they should have some accommodation provided for them within the station compound.

No. 238.

ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1874, No. 1,581.

RAILWAY, No. 50.

ORDERED that the plan and estimate accompanying these papers be forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India, to whom the correspondence between the Consulting Engineer and

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the Railway Authorities will also be submitted for consideration, in continuation of the papers submitted with letter No. 1,463, dated 4th June 1874.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 289.

(DOCKET No. 1,585, dated 15th June 1874.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

Railway Department.

Consulting Engineer's Office

No. 338

To.

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Company

Sir,

With reference to your
letter No 320 dated 15 April 1874, I
have the honour to state that, —
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from submitting for sanction the
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In your letter under acknowledgment

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it is stated that the most suitable position for these huts will be in the north-west corner of the station compound, on class A land. But you will observe, from the Proceedings of Government above quoted, that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has ruled that the only dwelling-houses that can be considered to be conveniences under the contract, and of which the sites therefore come under class A, are those of the persons whose duties require that they should live on the line. The duties of porters are not of that description; and I request

request that you will be good enough to reconsider the matter, and to arrange for the houses in question being built on class C land.

Shaw & Co

Madras 2 Sep. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq. Esq.
17 April 1871 3 Cons. Engineer for Railway
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Esq. Esq.
Cons. Engineer for Railway

No 273.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 22^d April 1874.

The Agent and Manager

Dear Sir

In reference to your endorsement on Consulting Engineer's letter No 338 of 17th instant, I beg to make the following observations, viz:-

The Government and the Board are both agreed as to the intention of the Contract in providing land rent free for "stations, offices, warehouses, fixed machinery and other works and conveniences". The interpretation of the word "Conveniences" is the only question at issue between them.

The Order of Government No 1068 dated 7th April 1873 however defines this very clearly for that division of Conveniences included under the head "dwelling houses" and I do not think the officers of this Company have any objection to raise against the definition viz:- that "the only dwelling houses that can be considered as Conveniences under the Contract, and of which the sites therefore come under Class A, are those of the persons whose

1. Mr. 2965/74.
2. 2715 June 1/74.
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 27 April 1874.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esq.

Agent and Manager, M. R. Company.

To

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 338 of the 17th instant I have the honour to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of the Acting Chief Engineer's letter of the 22nd idem No 273 as to the class under which the land required for Porters Huts at Avenashy should be held by the Company.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Goring that the duties of Porters at a Station like Avenashy require that they should live on the line, and I beg to point out to you that the same reasons which render it necessary that Station Masters should live at their Stations, naturally apply also to Porters who are a part of the Station Staff without whose assistance the

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work.

Have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. G. Howe

Agent and Manager.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 299

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 the honour to
submit for the sanction of the
Government of India an estimate,
amounting to Rupees 2554, of the
cost of constructing posters
huts at the Arcuashy station
on the South-West line of the
Madras Railway.

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From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

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Dated 27th April 1874
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Regarding the class
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held by the Government.

in No. 45 & 71-5-74
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"has called upon us to vacate the land,

"occupied at present by the subordinate

"staff at the Avenash station as

"the land is required for a public

"purpose at the instance of the

"District Engineer of the Division."

3. I have subsequently learnt from the District Engineer that the land is required in consequence of a Chestroom being built close to the huts in question.

4. No previous expenditure has been incurred in improving the huts, the old quarters having been erected by the porters themselves.

5. The Agent informs

me that the most suitable position for the porters' huts will be in the North-West corner of the station compound, on class A

land. I enclose copies of the correspondence which has passed thereon, and request that they may be submitted to the Govern-

ment of India in continuation of my letter No 222 dated 10th April 1874, in view to my being favoured with early instructions on the general question.

6. Funds are available from the allotment for "improvements" in the Budget estimate for 1874-75, and the

* From Cms: Engr
No 338717th
April 1874
From Agent
No 357727th
April 1874

* No 2175 in the
P.C. regarding
the Chestroom
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use of the huts

I have the honour to be
 Sir
 Your most obt Servant
 Wmth Wentworth Esq^r

Madras
18th May
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From
The Consulting Engineer
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To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department,
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(Forerunner No 299 of 18 May 1874)

Ordered that
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accompanying these
papers be forwarded for
the sanction of the Govern-
ment of India, to
whom the correspondence
between the Consulting
Engineer and the
Railway Authorities
will also be submitted
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for consideration in con-
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submitted with the letter
No dated

To the Comdg Offr
for Railways
S. C. P. 23/6/74.

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G. O. 15 June 1884
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Nos. 2874 & 2875.

Porter's huts at the Avinashy Station on the South West Line - Madras Ry.

Ordered that the plan & Estimate of Rs. 2554 of the cost of constructing the huts be forwarded for the sanction of the Govt. of India together with the ~~correspondence~~ certain correspondence between the Engineer & the Railway Authorities -

Submitting for sanction
of an Estimate amounting
to Rs. 2554 of the cost
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huts at the Avinashy
Station on the S W Line
of the Madras Railway
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Railway Authorities -