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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd August 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 59. From Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated 24th June 1874, No. 1,425-R.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,328-B., dated 18th May, and docket dated 9th June 1874 (received together on the 17th instant), and in reply to state that, as

* Dated 7th May 1874.

No. 986-R, dated 8th May 1874.

intimated in the telegram* and letter marginally noted, confirmation of the

sanction accorded by the Government of Madras to the construction of the permanent line of telegraph from Madras to Tanjore, along the line of the amalgamated Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railway Company, must necessarily be deferred until a reply has been received from the Secretary of State to the further communication made to him on the subject.

2. Although the urgency of at once completing the permanent telegraph throughout from Madras to Tanjore is pressed both by the Agent of the Company and by the Consulting Engineer, Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart, the Government of India does not understand why this work is urgent. In none of the papers forwarded is there an estimate given of the telegraph establishment which will be required during the construction of the railway, nor of the cost of maintaining the telegraph and offices and instruments until the railway is opened for public traffic and the telegraph becomes available for its legitimate purpose of working the traffic. Adjoining the line of the railway is a metalled and bridged road, along which there is communication by mail cart for letters and by the Government telegraph at the principal stations for urgent messages.

3. If His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied that, owing to the insufficiency of the existing means of communication by post and Government telegraph the erection of a permanent line of telegraph is absolutely necessary to ensure the proper construction of the railway, this should be distinctly shown, and in that case the Government of India will, on receipt of a reply from the Secretary of State to the reference above referred to, reconsider the matter. On the distance from Madras to Tindevanum, 75 miles, the permanent telegraph may be put up at once if that section of the railway is likely to be opened for public traffic at an early date.

No. 60. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd June 1874, No. 362.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 17th June 1874, No. 5,575.

UPON receipt of your letter, No. 282, of the 12th instant, I requested the Chief Engineer to report if he could effect sufficient repairs to the existing supports for the telegraph wire on the Southern Extension, to ensure efficient communication from office to office, and also so to strengthen those supports that they would bear the weight of a second line of wire.

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3rd August 1874.*

2. I attach copy of Mr. Logan's reply, which I respectfully request may be brought under the notice of the Government of India.

3. I consider great risk would be run in working trains over the line with such an inefficient telegraph, and as a ballast train will be ready to work in about a month's time, I beg on behalf of those who have to risk their lives in the working of the trains that we may be furnished with adequate protection.

Letter from the Chief Engineer, to the Agent, dated 15th June 1874, No. 3,130.
Your No. 1,754, re Telegraph.

2. The greater part of our temporary telegraph is in such a rotten state that, short of re-construction, I should not advise its being depended upon for the support of even one wire on any part of the line over which trains are worked.

3. With the very high winds and gusts of wind and rain now prevailing, and certain to prevail for the next two months, constant interruptions are occurring and will occur.

4. I need only refer you to previous letters of warning from me on this subject to show that I long ago brought it to notice, and I would further remark that, although we are doing all we can to keep communication open, and shall of course continue to do so, I cannot guarantee under present conditions the maintenance of communication throughout the line for a single day.

SUBMITTED for the early consideration of Government, with reference to paragraph 2. of the letter from the Government of India, dated the 11th May 1874, No. 313-T., printed with the Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 6th June 1874, No. 1,494.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1874, No. 2,125.

RAILWAY, No. 9.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed in reply to their letter of the 24th June 1874, No. 1,425-R, and that the papers received with the Consulting Engineer's endorsement, No. 362, dated 22nd June, be forwarded in continuation of those which accompanied docket No. 1,665-D, dated 19th June. Meanwhile the Consulting Engineer will lose no time in submitting the estimate referred to by the Government of India in paragraph 2 of their letter.

(Here enter No. 2,126, dated 3rd August 1874.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 3rd August 1874.

No. 62.

No. 2,126.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 10.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th June 1874, No. 1,425-R, in reply to my

No. 1,328-B, dated 18th May, and docket dated 9th June, No. 1,508-B, on the subject of the permanent line of telegraph from Madras to Tanjore along the line of the amalgamated Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railways.

2. As to the urgency of the work, I am to invite the attention of the Government of India to the papers subsequently forwarded with docket, No. 1,665-D, dated 19th June, and those which I am now directed to transmit. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that sufficient confirmatory evidence of the urgency of the work will be found in these documents.

3. I am to add that the Consulting Engineer has been instructed to lose no time in submitting the estimate of telegraph establishments and the cost of maintaining the telegraph and offices and instruments referred to in paragraph 2 of your letter of the 24th June.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 5575

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 17 June 1874

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Upon receipt of your letter No 282 of the 12th instant, I requested the Chief Engineer to report if he could effect sufficient repairs to the existing supports for the telegraph wire on the Southern extension, to ensure efficient communication from office to office; and also so to strengthen those supports that they would bear the weight of a second line of wire.

I attach copy of Mr Logan's reply which I respectfully request may be brought under the notice of the Government of India.

I consider great risk would be run in working trains over the line, with such an inefficient telegraph, and as a ballast train will be ready to work in about a month's time, they on behalf of those who have to risk their lives in the working of the trains that we may

may be furnished with adequate protection
I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedient servant
William B. Williams
Agent

Great Southern of India Railway

from the Chief Engineer to the Agent dated
15 June 1874 No 3130

Your No 1754 re Telegraph.

The greater part of our temporary telegraph
is in such a rotten state that should of reconstruction
I should not advise its being depended upon for
the support of even one wire, on any part of
the line over which trains are worked

With the very high winds and gusts
prevail train now prevailing and certain to
prevail for the next two months, constant
interruptions are occurring and will occur

I need only refer you to previous
letters of warning from me on this subject
to show that I long ago brought it to notice,
and I would further remark that although
we are doing all we can to keep communication
open, and shall of course continue to do so
I cannot guarantee under present conditions
the maintenance of communication throughout
the line for a single day.

(True copy)
Wm Callaghan
Chief Clerk

Ms 98344/74
June 18 1874
J. A. C. Co.

Regarding the
construction of permanent
telegraph line on the Vasco
thru Coelharas

Recd 17th June 1874
No 6375

To
The Consulting Eng
for Railways

Railway Department Consulting Engineers office
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No. 362

Submitted for the
early consideration of Government,
with reference to paragraph 2 of
the letter from the Government of
India dated the 11th May 1874,
No 313 T, printed with the Pro-
ceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 6th June 1874, No 1494

Warrant
S. H. O. R. E.

drawn
June
1874
Beatt.

Cons. Engineer for Railways

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Coimbatore.

Ms. 362
in No. 106
1874
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Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following
From the Govt of India (H. C. No 1425 R. dated
24 June 1874)
"Conty Exp for Railway (H. C. No 362 - of 22nd
June 1874)
2/25

Ordered that the
Govt of India be
addressed in reply
to their letter of the 24th
June 1874 No 1425 R.
and that the papers
received with the
Consulting Engineer's
Endorsement No 362
dated 22nd June be
forwarded in con-
tinuation of those
which accompanied
docket No 1665 D. dated
19th

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[illegible]

19th June. Meanwhile
the Cong Engineers will
have no time in sub-
mitting the estimate
referred to by the Govt.
of India in pursuance of
their letter.

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Ld. Cong Engineers
S. Capt. despatch 8/8/74.

H. E. Secy 2126 dated

Ld. Secy to the Govt.
of India S. D. L.

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 20th
June 1874. Secy 1425 R.
in reply to my Secy 1328 B.
dated 18th May - and docket
dated 9th June Secy 1508 B.

on the subject of the
permanent line of
telegraph from Madras
to Bangalore along the
line of the amalgamated
Great Southern of
India and Carnatic
Railways.

It is stated in para
2 of your letter under
reply that although
the urgency of at once
completing the perma-
nent telegraph through-
out from Madras to
Bangalore is pressed both
by the Agent of the
Company and by the
Cong Engineers, the
Govt.

Govt of India does not
understand why this
work is urgent. On
this point I am to
invite the attention
of the Govt of India
to the papers subse-
quently forwarded
with Docket No. 16688,
dated 19th June and those
which I am now directed
to transmit. His Excel-
lency the Governor
in Council trusts
that sufficient con-
firmatory evidence
of the urgency of the work
will be found in these
documents. And that
no further hindrances
to

to the prosecution of the
work will be con-
sidered to exist.

I am to add that
the Engineer
has been instructed
to lose no time in
submitting the
estimate of telegraph
establishments and
the cost of maintaining
the telegraph and offices
and instruments
referred to in para-
graph 2 of your letter
of the 24th June.

Yours

6-1. Copies of 6 copies of Previous
proceedings despatched 8/8/74.

Public Works Dept.
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From
The Govt. of India (N.E. No. 1425 P. of 24th June/74)

Ordered that this
letter be recorded/pend-
ing reply of the Govern-
ment of India to letter
No. 1665 dated 19th June.
Comm

Md
7/7

10/17

I should like to see

letter 

Had we not letter referring
to the Govt. of India
to Govt. No. 1665 D per an-
swer to their letter.

& ready Col. Shaw Newby
Com. for No. 362 & enclosure in
Cry. further explanation of price view?

I allude to the way
account on reply before
deciding.

11/12/74

Recd 25/7/74

Philom. Engr. for Mys.
 Secy. to Govt. of Madras.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

2/25

G. O. 1 August

No. 2/26

59-62

Telegraph. Camatic Ry.

The Govt. of India addressed on the subject of the proposed construction of permanent line of Telegraph along the Camatic Railway from Madras to Tanjore & the Engr. requested to submit the Estimate of Telegraph Establishments & the cost of maintaining the Telegraph & Office Instruments.

Inviting attention to certain papers as well as to those now submitted as to the progress of the work of constructing a permanent line of telegraph from Madras to Tanjore along the Camatic Ry. & adding that the Engr. has been instructed to lose no time in submitting the Estimate of Telegraph Establishments & the cost of maintaining the telegraph & Office Instruments & instruments referred to.