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No. 194. 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, 17th March 1874, No. 159:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter* from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company, with enclosure from the Chief Engineer, in which it is reported that, in consequence of the slow rate at which the work upon District III. of the line between Madras and Cuddalore has progressed, notice has been given to Mr. Whitlock that his services as 1st class Assistant Engineer will be dispensed with. Mr. Whitlock entered the Company's service on the 4th May 1871 as a 2nd class Engineer, and was promoted to the 1st class upon the 1st May 1873. During his employment upon the Survey he gave great satisfaction to the then Chief Engineer, Mr. Dibblee; and, in acknowledgment of that, Mr. Logan proposes that he should receive three months' notice, instead of one month, to which alone he is entitled. It is, however, proposed to relieve him immediately from his executive duties in charge of a district, for which Mr. Logan states that he has little or no aptitude, and to employ him during the term of his notice in making a working survey of the Chingleput-Conjeveram Extension, and in preparing plans and estimates for the rectification of the open line between Arconum and Conjeveram and for its conversion to the metre gauge. Mr. Logan proposes to transfer to the Carnatic line Mr. Hudson, one of the Assistant Engineers on the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway, and to place him in charge of District III., in place of Mr. Whitlock.

* No. 438, 26th February 1874.

2. The Chief Engineer's conviction as to Mr. Whitlock's unfitness for his present position was arrived at during an inspection of the work upon the Madras-Cuddalore line, which he has recently made in my company. The matter was fully discussed between us upon the ground, and I entirely agree as to the desirableness of the proposals which he has brought forward. It is of great importance to the progress of the work that no time should be lost in carrying the proposed change into effect; and, in anticipation of the approval of Government, I have authorized the Agent to transfer Mr. Assistant Engineer Hudson from the Great Southern of India Railway to the Carnatic Railway, and to employ Mr. Whitlock in the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer during the three months of his notice. I trust that the action taken will meet with approval. I understand from Mr. Logan that the work in Mr. Hudson's former district, No. 5 of the Southern Extension, is so far advanced that his services can be spared without inconvenience, and that it is not proposed, at least for the present, to apply for an officer from England to take Mr. Whitlock's place.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Carnatic Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 26th February 1874, No. 438.

WITH my letter No. 436, of the 25th instant, I forwarded to you the plans and estimates for the Chingleput-Conjeveram section. I have now the honour to request that you will obtain the sanction of Government to the Chief Engineer employing one of his Assistants upon a working survey and section of the alterations referred to in the report upon the plans and estimate above named.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th April 1874.

2. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. Logan shows that he proposes to place Mr. J. S. Whitlock, now in charge of District No. III., upon this work, and he asks permission to transfer Mr. Hudson, 3rd class Assistant Engineer in the Great Southern of India Railway Company's service, to the charge of District No. III. Will you also be good enough to obtain sanction to this latter arrangement.

Letter from the Chief Engineer, to the Agent, dated Camp Batalen, 23rd February 1874.

I HAVE, in anticipation of your sanction, informed Mr. Whitlock that his services as 1st class Assistant Engineer on this staff will be dispensed with. A growing doubt as to his fitness for the position has ripened into the conviction that it would be to the advantage of the Company to let him go. So little has been done towards collecting material and starting the masonry works on District III., that I can no longer risk the chance of further serious delay, and I have therefore, also, in anticipation of your approval, ordered up Mr. Hudson from the Great Southern of India Railway to relieve Mr. Whitlock.

2. Mr. Whitlock has been over three years in the Company's service, and I believe worked hard and with a will on the surveys and preliminary work under Mr. Dibblee. His want of progress on works is, I believe, chiefly due to his fear of responsibility and inaptitude for business; and I would therefore propose to give him instead of *only* one month's notice, three months', employing him during that time on the work of making a working survey and section of the proposed alterations on the Chingleput-Conjeveram Extension, inpreparing plans and estimates there, and for the rectification of the present open line between Conjeveram and Arconum; several of the crooks and bends and sharp curves of which should, I think, be flattened to make the railway better adapted to form part of a main line than it is at present.

3. Will you please obtain sanction of Government to the transfer of Mr. Hudson to the Carnatic staff, and to the employment of Mr. Whitlock on the work I have indicated for a period not exceeding three months, from the date of Mr. Hudson's relieving him of the charge of District III.

4. I may add that Mr. Whitlock is, in Mr. Dibblee's opinion, a good Surveyor. Mr. Dibblee, before he left the service spoke to me highly of Mr. Whitlock's work in that branch, but added that he had had no experience of his capabilities in works of construction.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1874, No. 1,001.

RAILWAY, No. 30.

THE proceedings reported in these papers are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 196. (DOCKET No. 1,002, dated 17th April 1874.)

COPY of the above forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Carnatic Railway Company

Letter from the Chief Engineer to the Agent, dated Camp Batalen, 23rd February 1874.

I have in anticipation of your sanction informed Mr Whitlock that his services as First Class Assistant Engineer on this staff would be dispensed with. A growing doubt as to his fitness for the position has ripened into the conviction that it would be to the advantage of the Company to let him go. So little has been done towards collecting Material & starting the Masonry works on Dist 3 that I can no longer risk the chance of further serious delay. I have therefore also in anticipation of your approval ordered up Mr Hudson from the G.S.I.Ry to relieve Mr Whitlock

Mr Whitlock has been over three years in the Company's service and I believe worked hard and with a will on the surveys and preliminary work under Mr Dibblee. His want of progress in works I believe chiefly due to his fear of responsibility and inaptitude for business & I would therefore propose to give him instead of only one months notice, three months, employing him during that time on the work of making a working survey and section of the proposed alterations on the Chingleput-Conjeveram Extension, in preparing plans & estimates there for, and for the rectification of the present open line between Conjeveram and Arconum; several of the crooks and bends and sharp curves of which should I think be flattened & made the railway better adapted to form part of a main line than

than it is at present

Will you please obtain sanction of Govt to the transfer of Mr Studson to the Carnatic Staff and to the employment of Mr Whitlock on the work I have indicated for a period not exceeding 3 Months from the date of Mr Studsons relieving him of the charge of Dist 3.

I may add that Mr Whitlock is a Mr Dibbles opinion a good surveyor. Mr Dibble before he left the Service spoke to me highly of Mr Whitlocks work in that branch, but added that he had had no experience of his capabilities in works of construction

(True Copy)
Wm Callaghan
Chief Clerk

M&A

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 159

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 consideration of Government a letter from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway Company, with enclosure from the Chief Engineer, in which it is reported that, in consequence of the slow rate at which the work upon District III of the line between Madras and Cuddalore has progressed, notice has been given to Mr. Whitlock that his services as first class Assistant Engineer will be dispensed with. Mr. Whitlock entered the Company's service on the 4th May 1871 as a second class Engineer, and

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† No. 1138-26 1/2
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was promoted to the first class upon the 1st. May 1893. During his employment upon the survey he gave great satisfaction to the then Chief Engineer, Mr. Dibbles; and, in acknowledgment of that, Mr. Logan proposes that he should receive three months' notice, instead of one month to which alone he is entitled. It is however proposed to relieve him immediately from his executive duties in charge of a district, for which Mr. Logan states that he has little or no aptitude, and to employ him during the term of his notice in making a working survey of the Chingleput - Conjeveram extension, and in preparing plans and estimates for the rectification of the open line between Arcanum and Conjeveram, and for its conversion to the metre gauge. Mr. Logan proposes to transfer to the Carnatic line Mr. Hudson, one of the Assistant Engineers on the Southern extension of the Great Southern of India Railway, and to place him in charge of District III, in place of Mr. Whitlock.

2. The Chief Engineer's conviction as to Mr. Whitlock's unfitness for his present position was arrived at during an inspection of the work upon the Madras Cudalore line, which he has recently made in my company. The matter was fully discussed between us upon the ground, and I entirely agree as to the desirableness of the proposals which he has brought forward. It is of great importance to the progress of the works that no time should be lost in carrying the proposed change into effect; and, in anticipation of the approval of Government, I have authorised the Agent to transfer Mr. Assistant Engineer Hudson from the Great Southern of India Railway to the Carnatic Railway, and to employ Mr. Whitlock in the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer during the three months of his notice. I trust that the action taken will meet with approval. I understand from Mr. Logan that

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 17 March 1874.
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services of Mr. Whitla
as first class asst

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Sir

I have the honors to be
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras
19th March 74.

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Mr. Whitlaker's letter
dated 23/2/74.

Copy of the enclosure forwarded for
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Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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I. A. Chas. Scott Esq
Agent G.I.P. Ry.
Bombay

Sir

I am directed to request you will be
pleased to report for the information of
Government whether Mr. Whitlaker's
services can be dispensed with at any
time you may consider convenient.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Secretary to Government
P. W. Department

Madras
17th March 1874

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To

The Govt. Engineer for Railways.

and

The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Dated

Read. Encl. 2

G. O. 17th April 1874, No.s 1001 & 1002

Nos. 194-195 & 196.

Forwarding copy of Proceedings based on a letter from the Engr. for Rys reporting the action taken on claim for detention with the services of Mr. Whitlock - Asst Engr. - Car: Rd

Mr. Whitlock - 1st Class Asst Engr - Car: Rd

The proceedings of the Engr for Rys taken in connection with Mr. Whitlock's services being dispensed with after owning him with 3 months notice, approved -