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27th April 1874.*

No. 340. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th April 1874, No. 214:—

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st April 1874, No. 295.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for submission to Government, the copies of two letters which I have received from Mr. A. Silbiger, the patentee of the self-working gas apparatus.

2. You will observe that Mr. Silbiger has offered to fit up and maintain in working order for three months eighty or more lights at the new Central Station, with a view to test the efficiency and economy of his invention, and has agreed to bear the entire cost of the experiment.

3. In the event of the apparatus proving successful in the matter of brilliancy of light and economy of working, questions which are to be determined by me or by any gentlemen I may nominate for the purpose, the patentee stipulates that the Company is to purchase from him the engine, etc., etc., at a fair valuation.

4. The terms are so entirely favourable to the Company, that after the discussion which I had the pleasure to have with you at the Club this morning, and after the receipt of Mr. Silbiger's second letter promising to abide by my decision in the event of any difference of opinion hereafter arising, I authorized him to perfect his arrangements with as little delay as possible.

5. I trust, under the circumstances, that the Government will be pleased to accord their approval to this arrangement.

From A. SILBIGER, Esq., to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Atkinson's Hotel, 30th March 1874.

With reference to the conversation which we had at our interview to-day, I beg to submit the following proposal:—

I shall fit and maintain in working order for three months eighty or more lights as may be desirable, at your Central Railway Station.

Every and all the expenses of the fittings and engines shall be entirely incurred by me. Should it be found satisfactory as to the brilliancy of light and the economy, the Company shall take over said engines and pipes for the sum of £320 for the engines, and Rupees 2 per current foot of pipes including all items.

I will further guarantee for the good working of the engines for three years and give substantial security and references.

Should the engine prove not successful all expenses of removing, making good any damage, shall be incurred by me.

Soliciting an early reply, as my stay in Madras must be necessarily very short.

From A. SILBIGER, Esq., to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Atkinson's Hotel, 1st April 1874.

With reference to my letter of the 30th March, and to the conversation with you of to-day, I beg to add—

That the price of the engine shall be determined by you or the gentlemen you may appoint for it, also the excellency of the working of the engine and the economy shall be judged by you or the gentlemen you may appoint for this purpose; and I declare with the present to faithfully accept your dictum in this matter, and, finally, I promise to accept your terms, whatever they may be, in any difference that may hereafter arise.

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27th April 1874.*

SUBMITTED for the approval of Government.

2. I have been in communication with the Railway Authorities upon the subject of Mr. Silbiger's proposal, and satisfied myself that the terms offered were unusually favourable to the Company. As Mr. Silbiger was anxious for an early answer, I recommended the Agent to accept his proposals in anticipation of the approval of Government.

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

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1874, No. 1,075.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

THE acceptance of Mr. Silbiger's proposals is approved. But it is requested that a description of Mr. Silbiger's *modus operandi* and machine may be submitted for information. He will doubtless have printed papers of the same.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No 295

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 1st April 1874.

From

Robert B. Shwin Esqr

Agent and Manager, M. R. Company

To

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

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Have the honour to enclose for submission to Government the copies of two letters which I have received from Mr. A. Silbiger the Patentee of the self working Gas Apparatus.

2. You will observe that Mr. Silbiger has offered to fit up and maintain in working order for 3 months eighty (80) or more lights at the New Central Station with a view to test the efficiency and economy of his invention, and has agreed to bear the entire cost of the experiment.

3. In the event of the apparatus proving successful in the matter of brilliancy of light and economy of working, questions which are to be determined by me or by any Gentleman I may nominate for the purpose the Patentee stipulates that the Company is to

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to purchase from him the Engine &c &c at
a fair valuation

4. The terms are so entirely favourable
to the Company that after the discussion
which I had the pleasure to have with you
at the Club this morning, and after the
receipt of Mr. Silbiger's second letter promising
to abide by my decision in the event of
any difference of opinion hereafter arising
I authorised him to perfect his arrange-
ments with as little delay as possible.

5. I trust under the circumstances, that
the Government will be pleased to accord
their approval to this arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

Wm. B. Smith

Agent and Manager.

Atkinson's Hotel

30-3-74.

Robt. B. Clewin Esq.
General Traffic Manager and
Agent Madras Railway
Madras.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the conversation
which we had at our interview today I
beg to submit the following proposal.

I shall fit and maintain in work-
ing order for three months or more lights,
as may be desirable at your Central Railway
Station.

Every and all the expenses of the fittings
and Engines shall be on truck insured by me.
Should the fittings be satisfactory as to the
brilliance of light and the economy, the
Company shall take over said Engines and
pipes for the sum of £ 320 for the Engines and
Rs 2. per current foot of pipes including all
items.

I will further guarantee for the
good working of the Engines for 3 years and
give substantial security and references.

Should the Engine prove not successful
all expenses of removing, making good
any damage shall be incurred by me.

Soliciting an early reply, as my
stay in Madras must be necessarily very
short.

I have &c
/s/ A. Albiger

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

1st April 1874

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No. 2905

Regarding Mr. Clewin's
offer to light the
Central Station by
means of his self
working gas apparatus.

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Atkinson's Hotel
1st April 1874.

Robt. B. Clavin Esq.
General Traffic Manager and
Agent of the Madras Railway
Madras.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the
30th March and to the conversation with you
of today I beg to add:

That the price of the Engine shall be
determined by you on the terms you
may appoint for it. Also the excellency
of the working of the Engine and the economy
shall be judged by you on the terms
you may appoint for this purpose. I
declare with the present, to faithfully accept
your decision in this matter, and finally
I promise to accept your terms whatever
they may be in any difference that may
hereafter arise.

I have &c
(s) J. H. Dilbiger

/ True Copies /

J. H. Dilbiger
Agent & Manager

No 214

Submitted for the approval of
Government.

2. I have been in communication
with the Railway Authorities upon the
subject of Mr. Pilliger's proposal, and
satisfied myself that the terms offered were
unusually favourable to the Company. As
Mr. Pilliger was anxious for an early
answer, I recommended the Agent to
accept his proposals, in anticipation of
the approval of Government.

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Lieut. Col. R. E.

Cons. Engineer for Railways.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Madras
8th April 1874
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To The Chief Engineer
for the

Dated Recd. Encl. 2.

April 1874 No 1175

Nos. 360-361

Gas

Approving of the
acceptance of Mr.
Silligero's proposals for
lighting the Central
Station by means of
his self working gas
apparatus.

Pub. Works / 874 Dept.

No: 20901

From
The Consulting Engineer
for the Capital Works

The Secretary to the
10-27 Report
from the Council

Dated 8th April 1874
J. Canning

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of Council

I allow from the report
the 1st of the report that
the approval of the Council may
be given to the proposed
arrangement of working
for the apparatus -
for the Order

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The acceptance of Mr. Silligero's proposals
is approved. But it is requested that a de-
scription of Mr. Silligero's modus operandi
and machine may be submitted for infor-
mation. He will doubtless have printed
papers of the same.

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for the Govt. of Madrid
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