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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd March 1874.

No. 617. Read the following letter 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, dated Madras, 25th February 1874, No. 115 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, an estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway.

2. The Agent in the accompanying letter* explains the necessity for commencing the work without further delay. The present temporary line, owing to the interruptions caused by the posts being often blown down, would, he considers, be absolutely unsafe on an open line of railway.

* No. 5,335, dated 9th January 1874.

3. In paragraph 20 of their despatch to the Secretary of State on the question of the construction of this line through State agency, the Government of India observe, "we are not desirous of compelling the Company to accede to our wishes, though we are desirous to obtain their consent to carrying out the arrangements proposed." The Government will be aware that the Directors as well as the Agent of this Company have always been strenuously opposed to the erection or maintenance by the State of the wires required for working their Railway, and in my letter, No. 539,† dated 13th October 1873, I concurred with them in considering the arrangement undesirable.

Embodied in G. O., No. 2,850, dated 25th November 1873.

† G. O., No. 2,850, dated 25th November 1873.

4. In letter dated 14th January 1874, No. 24-T, the Government of India state that for the present they will not press the question of the assumption by the State of the telegraph lines of Guaranteed Railways, but it is not quite clear whether this applies to the construction of new lines or only to the transfer of the existing lines. Reading it in conjunction with paragraph 20 of the before quoted despatch, it seems probable that the wishes of the Railway authorities are to be allowed in both cases for the present, and it is therefore presumed that there will be no objection on the part of the Government of India to the construction of the line being put in hand.

5. I recommend that sanction be granted to the estimated amount of Rupees 1,06,702. This will provide for two wires on teakwood posts with the necessary instruments. At present it is only proposed to transfer the single wire now in use to permanent posts, and to defer the erection of the second wire until the permanent-way is laid when the material can be carried forward at a cheaper rate.

6. In conclusion, I beg to solicit early orders on this question.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 9th January 1874, No. 5,335.

THE Chief Engineer represents to me that as a part of the line may be opened this year, something should soon be settled about the construction of our permanent telegraph. We cannot

depend with any safety on the present (temporary) line, as the posts are in many cases rotten, and almost every storm of wind brings some of them to the ground. This causes considerable interruption, and however speedily remedied will prove absolutely unsafe on an open line of Railway. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request the permission of Government to forward an estimate for the supply of the permanent telegraph line.

No. 618. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1874, No. 805.

RAILWAY, No. 67.

ORDERED that the estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,06,702, for the erection of a permanent line of telegraph on the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India.

2. It is observed that the estimate provides for an additional wire on teak-wood posts and for the necessary instruments.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *23rd March* 1874.

No. 619.

No. 806.

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. 68.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter, No. 24 T, dated 14th January 1874, deferring for the present the question of the assumption by the State of the telegraph lines on Guaranteed Railways, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit the accompanying application from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway for permission to erect a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern Extension, at an estimated cost of Rupees 1,06,702. It is explained that the existing temporary line is in a dilapidated condition, and if not renewed might prove unsafe when the Railway is open to traffic. I am accordingly to request that early orders may be passed on these proposals.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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No. 5335 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 9th January 1864

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

William Bell

Agent

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 115

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 Government an estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railways and am directed by the Agent in the accompanying letter[x] to explain the necessity for commencing the work without

[x] 5335 dated 7 Jany 1874.

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Madras 2nd January 1874
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Embodied in G.C. No 2850 d/ 25 Nov. 1873.

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+ G.C. No 2850 d/25 Nov. 1873.

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State of the telegraph lines of Guaranteed Railways; but it is not quite clear whether this applies to the construction of new lines or only to the transfer of the existing lines. Reading it in conjunction with paragraph 20 of the before quoted Despatch it seems probable that the wishes of the Railway Authorities are to be allowed in both cases for the present and it is therefore, presumed that there will be no objection on the part of the Government of India to the construction of the line being put in hand.

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6. In conclusion, I beg to solicit early orders on this question.

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Proc. of Govt Dep. Branch
No. 1178.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1874

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 25 Febry 1874
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Ry. 3. No. 115

Submitting an estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern extension of the G. I. P. Ry.

No. 806-806-23-3-74

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 115 dated 25th Febry 1874

Ordered that the estimate annexed

No. 1, dated 702 for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph on the Southern extension of the Great Southern of India Railway be sanctioned for the construction of the Madras Section.

Ordered also that the Chief Secretary to Government be requested to move the Government of India to sanction the expenditure.

Cir. 3rd March 74

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honour to submit for the sanction of Government an estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern extension of the G. I. P. Railway.

2. The estimate is for the Madras Section only, as the Bombay Government have already sanctioned the construction of the Bombay Section.

3. The estimate is for the construction of a line of 4 wires on iron posts, and for the supply of instruments, batteries, &c. for working the line.

4. The estimate has been prepared by Mr. Bell, Superintendent of Telegraphs, and has been checked by Mr. Hall, Executive Engineer for Railways.

5. The total amount of the estimate is Rs. 1,01,702, and the annual charge for maintenance is Rs. 5,000.

6. I have the honour to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to the expenditure.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Blackett
Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras Secretariat
25th February 1874

Your most obedt Servt
W. Blackett Lt. R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

and for the necessary instruments.

To the Govr Genl Bys.

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To The Secretary to the Govt. of India. Pr. D.

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I have &c

Secy to Govt

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No 805 of 1874,
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Commanding Engr. for Railways
& The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Dated

Recd. Encl. /

G. O., 23rd March, No. 805 & 806

Nos. 617. 618 & 619

Forwarding an Estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern extension of the Great Sn. of India Railway

Telegraph (Railway)

The Estimate for the construction of a permanent line of telegraph along the Southern extension of the G. S of In: Ry, is directed to be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

Ordinary