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No. 283. Read the following letter from Lieutenant W. H. COAKER, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways in charge, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th October 1874, No. 631:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for such action as His Excellency in Council may deem necessary, a letter* from the Agent of the South Indian Railway, bringing to notice that the Engineer engaged in making the necessary surveys for the proposed salt siding from Sydapet station to Homes' Gardens Depôt has been obstructed in the performance of his work, and that in consequence the information submitted to the Chief Engineer is not sufficiently complete to enable him to submit his proposals to Government.

* No. 150, dated 14th October 1874.

2. Under Section 4 of Act X. of 1870, before land can be entered upon for the purpose of inspection and survey, it is provided that a notification that the land is likely to be needed for a public purpose shall be published in the local *Gazette*, and this was directed to be done in the case of the portion of the Northern Extension which lies within the Tanjore District in the Order of Government, dated 12th June 1874, No. 1,558-A. I do not, however, find that any such notification was made when the surveys for the Madras-Cuddalore line were undertaken, and I believe this to be the first instance in which any opposition has been met with. The Government will doubtless share the Agent's regret that this opposition should have been offered by one of its own officers, although strictly speaking the requisite authority for entering upon the land had not been obtained.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 14th October 1874, No. 150.

IN submitting the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, explaining the difficulties under which the information required, to enable him to send in estimates and plans for the proposed salt siding from Sydapet station to Homes' Gardens Depôt, can be obtained, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the authority of Government to the land being entered upon for the purposes of inspection and survey. Strictly speaking a notice in the official *Gazette* is necessary, but looking to Colonel Moberly's connection with the service, I think it unfortunate that this step should be found called for.

Letter from the Chief Engineer, to the Agent, dated 9th October 1874, *No.* 6,686.

MR. FOX, my Assistant in Madras, who has lately been getting up the information necessary to enable me to send you estimates and plans for the proposed salt siding from Sydapet station to Homes' Gardens Depôt, writes as follows:—"You will observe on inspection of the plan that a dotted red line is shown running parallel to the centre line of the siding; the object of this second line is to avoid approaching nearer than can well be avoided to what, until recently, has been used as the Collector's Cutcherry, but which will probably be tenanted in a few weeks by Colonel Moberly, the District Engineer of the Chingleput District. I have been unable to do more than indicate on the plan the position of this alternative line owing to the strong, and, I think, uncalled for, opposition I met with from Colonel Moberly, who threatened prosecution on the

part of his future landlord unless I left the ground. The centre line of the siding only encroaches on land which may be in Colonel Moberly's possession to a very small extent, and that quite to the rear of the compound, whilst the alternative line shown as the dotted red line misses it altogether."

The plan which has reached me does not contain all the information I require in order to decide upon the advisability of adopting the proposals submitted, and I am returning it to Mr. Fox for some extension of the survey in various directions.

I shall be glad therefore if you will represent in the proper quarter the action taken by Colonel Moberly, in order that the Assistant Engineer and his people at Madras may be allowed unobstructed access to all lands necessary to be inspected, surveyed, or levelled at once.

I cannot understand why Colonel Moberly should exhibit so hostile an attitude. It is open to him, indeed it is one of his functions as District Engineer, to criticise my proposals when they are submitted to Government, and no one will more gladly welcome any suggested improvements than myself; but it seems to me intolerable that an officer of Government should resort to threats against those who are quietly and unobtrusively engaged in obeying an order of Government.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1874, No. 3,248.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council desires that Colonel Moberly will submit such explanation of his conduct in connection with this case, and of his right to interfere, as he may have to offer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 150 ~~GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA~~ South Indian RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 14th October 1874.

From

THE AGENT,
~~Great Southern of India~~ South Indian *Railway,*

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

In submitting the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, explaining the difficulties under which the information required, to enable him to send in estimates and plans for the proposed Salt siding from Sydapett station to Home's Garden depot, can be obtained, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the authority of Government to the land being entered upon, for the purposes of inspection and survey. Strictly speaking a Notice in the official Gazette is ~~not~~ necessary, but looking to Colonel Moberly's connection with the Service, I think it unfortunate that this step should be found called for. I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient Servant
William Bell
Agent

South Indian Railway

Letter from the Chief Engineer to the Agent dated 9th October 1874 No 6686

Mr Fox my Assistant in Madras who has lately been getting up the information necessary to enable me to send you estimates and plans for the proposed salt siding from Sydapett station to Nowie's Gardens depôt, writes as follows: "You will observe on "inspection of the plan that a dotted red line "is shewn running parallel to the centre "line of the siding. The object of this second "line is to avoid approaching nearer than "can well be avoided to what until recently "has been used as the Collector's cutchery, but "which will probably be tenanted in a few "weeks by Colonel Moberly, the District Engineer "of the Chingleput district. I have been unable "to do more than indicate on the plan the "position of this alternative line owing to "the strong and I think unmerited opposition "I met with from Colonel Moberly who "threatened prosecution on the part of his "future landlord unless I left the ground. "The centre line of the siding only encroaches "on land which may be in Colonel Moberly's "possession to a very small extent, and "that quite to the rear of the Compound, "whilst the alternative line shewn as the "dotted red line mixes it altogether."

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From
The Agent
S. I. Railway
To
The Executive Engr
Jan Railways

Dated 11th Oct 1874
Received 13th "
No 1888

P. W. 6553/74

Regarding
estimate and plans
for the proposed cost
reducing siding from Sydapett
station to Nowie's Garden
depôt.

P.C. D.W. Read 13/10/74
Ans 14/10/74

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(True copy)
Wm A Maghan
Chief Clerk

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 631.

From Lieut. W. H. Goodwyn, R.E.,
~~LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,~~
Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways in charge.

To
COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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to

No. 150 dated 14th October 1874.

P. W. D. 553/74.
Rec'd 17 Oct. 1874.
Ans. 2833.

to submit his proposals to Government.

2. Under Section 4, of Act X of 1870, before land can be entered upon for the purpose of inspection and survey, it is provided that a notification that the land is likely to be needed for a public purpose shall be published in the local Gazette, and this was directed to be done in the case of the portion of the northern extension which lies within the Tanjore District in the Order of Government dated 12th June, 1874, No. 1058 A. I do not however, find that any such notification was made when the surveys for the Madras - Cuddalore line were undertaken, and I believe this to be the first instance in which any opposition has been met with. The Government will doubtless share the Agents' regret that this opposition should have been offered by one of its own Officers, although strictly speaking the requisite authority for entering upon the land had not been obtained.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. Brooke Lieut. R.E.

Madras
17th October
1874
Ex Encls.

Dy. Cons. Engr. for Dy. in charge.

S.P.W.O.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt:

Read the following

from the Asst Engr Cuddapah
for Rept: in charge } (18. Oct. 631 & 19 Oct. 1874)

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
desires that Colonel
Lushington will submit
such explanation as
his correct, in connection
- with the matter
case, and of his rights
to interfere, as he may
have to offer.

Sd/-

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From By Lr. No. 6553
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To Madras
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 17th October 1874
Recd. 19

Enc: 2. No. 631

Requesting that a notification may be published in the Gazette under section 4 Act X of 1870, for entering upon and surveying certain lands for the Salt siding of the Tindivanam Villupuram Ele. Rw: 3248. 17-11-74.

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Letter from Cons Engineer for Railways
No. 631, dated 17th October 1894.

For Orders.

Submitted for orders in connection with the papers already in circulation relating to Col. Moberly's Head Quarters.

It does not appear that he had any right to interfere, not having at the time become a tenant of the property.

C. Walker Lt. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. S.W.C.

I think that Sir Evelyn should be taken of Col. Moberly's conduct and that disposing of private orders & procedure of the Quarter Old Recruit master animadversion - I do not more being allowed to occupy the house I live in
22/10 WR

I do not think Mr. Walker requires. Yes - but we must see him & call upon Col. M. to explain his conduct & his right to interfere at all. I do so 24/10

Mr. Walker

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Supt: Engr
Chingleput

Dated

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G. O., Nov. 1874, No. 3248

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~~[illegible]~~ Lt. Moberly to submit such explanation of his conduct in connection with his interference with the Engineer engaged in making the necessary surveys for the proposed siding from Sydapett Station to Homes Gardens Depôt as he may have to offer. ~~A draft notification ordered to be published in the Gazette for land required for the construction of the Railway from the Sydapett Station to Homes Gardens Depôt~~

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Supt of Police
Chingleput