

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1875.*

No. 340. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th August 1875, No. 484 :—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 20th August 1875, No. 818.

I REGRET to have to report that under medical advice I am compelled to abstain for a time from all work, and am recommended to proceed at once to Europe. Under these circumstances, I have arranged to hand over the conduct of this Company's Agency to Mr. Logan, the Chief Engineer.

2. Will you please advise the Accountant-General that orders upon the Government Treasuries, numbered and dated subsequent to those noted on the accompanying list, will bear the signature of Mr. Logan.

Memorandum of cheques drawn to accompany letter No. 818, dated 20th August 1875.

No. of Cheque.	Date.	Treasury.
1,061	14th August ...	Sydapett.
1,186	14th " ...	Chingleput.
1,157	14th " ...	Madaranticum.
996	14th " ...	Tindevanum.
992	16th " ...	Villapooram.
1,214	20th " ...	Cuddalore.
145	16th " ...	Chellumbram.
41	16th " ...	Sheally.
46	14th " ...	Mayavaram.
139	14th " ...	Combaconum.
163	18th " ...	Tanjore.
870	19th " ...	Conjeveram.
1,459	20th " ...	Trichinopoly.
807	19th " ...	Dindigul.
766	19th " ...	Madura.
1,135	19th " ...	Sattoor.
824	8th July ...	Tinnevelly.

Letter from the Agent, to the Managing Director in London, dated Negapatam, 20th August 1875, No. 47.

I REGRET to have to report that I am compelled, under medical advice, to abstain for a time from all work and to proceed at once to Europe. For some few months past I have experienced difficulty in performing work at my desk owing to failing eyesight. Upon consulting the Company's Physician (Dr. Houston) regarding this, he suggested that I should proceed to Madras in order to obtain an opinion upon my case from Dr. Brockman, the Ophthalmic Surgeon at the General Hospital there. This I did last week, and was ordered by him to at once seek entire rest. Upon my return to Negapatam, I called upon the Chief Engineer to meet me, to arrange for the taking over charge by him of the duties of the Agency of the Company, which he will do.

2. It was at first considered that a month's or longer residence upon the Hills, under Dr. Brockman's personal treatment, might prevent the necessity of a change to Europe, but in

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consultation with Dr. Houston it has been decided that the journey had best be at once undertaken. Under these circumstances I intend to avail myself of the three months' accumulated privilege leave which under the leave rules can be granted to me. I propose to leave India by the mail steamer from Bombay of the 27th instant for Southampton.

SUBMITTED for the information and approval of Government.

2. The Government were pleased in their Order No. 963, dated 22nd March 1869, to approve of a similar arrangement for the conduct of Mr. Betts' duties during his absence on leave.

3. Action has been taken upon the 2nd paragraph of Mr. Bett's letter.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Captain, R.E.,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1875, No. 2,654.

RAILWAY, No. 32.

THE arrangements made are approved. The Government have learnt with much regret the circumstances which deprive the

South Indian Railway of Mr. Betts' most valuable services; and trust that rest from work may result in his speedy return to duty in improved health.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Encl. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No. 9/8

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, *20th August* 1875.

From

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

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt.

William Betts

Agent

South Indian Railway

Memo of Cheques drawn to accompany letter no. dated 18/8/13

No. of cheque	Date	Treasurer
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1186	" 14	Chingleput
1157	" 14	Madraaticum
996	" 14	Tindivanam
992	" 16	Villapooram
1214	" 20	Endalore
145	" 16	Kellumbaram
41	" 16	Sheally
46	" 14	Mayavaram
139	" 14	Combarom
163	" 18	Tanjore
840	" 19	Conjeveram
1439	" 20	Trichinopoly
807	" 19	Dindigul
766	" 19	Madurai
1135	" 19	Tattor
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for Railway

Order of

Recd by Agent

18/8/13

Rs. Amount 1.09

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South Indian Railway. Letter from the Agent to the
Managing Director in London, dated Negapatam 20 August/76
N^o 117.

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(True Copy)

James Smith
for Agent
21/8/76.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 27th Aug - 1875.

No. 484

SUBMITTED for the information and approval OF GOVERNMENT.

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Betts' letter.

In command R. E. Captain
for and by R. E. R. E.

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To the Secretary to Govt
P. W. Dept
Fort Saint George

QC 13 September 75
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1875/9/27

27 Aug 75

No. 2654 Public Works Dept.

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Under date the 13th Sept: 1875
Read the following

From
The Eng. for
Railways } (H.C. N^o. 484 of 27th Aug^r 1845)

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT:

From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways,

The Secretary to Government,

R. W. Department,

Fort St. George.

Dated: 21/1/

Received 285 August 1875.

No. 484

Enclosures.

Approved
J. M. Smith

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Madras on December

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the Chief Engineer.

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measures adopted may
result in his speedy re-
turn to duty in improved
health.

G.M.M.

N^o 340/41

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Colonel Sir J. P.

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Agent of the South
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of Mr. Betts' duties as
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great regret expressed
as to the circumstances which
deprive the S. I. Ry. of Mr.
Betts' most valuable services.

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