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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th September 1875.*

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. LOGAN,
Acting Agent.

Extract from a letter to the Board of Directors, No. 40, dated 5th July 1875.

In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, of the 27th April last, Order No. 1,068, (a copy of which was sent to you with my letter, No. 31.) it was held that the unsatisfactory progress of work upon the Northern Extension was principally due to the weakness of our supervising staff in the Engineering Department. The Chief Engineer has now addressed me the following remarks: "I have for some time felt the importance of getting more aid at head-quarters in carrying out the work of my department. The line has for some time been laid up to Madura, and the bridge over the River Vygay there has just been completed in so far as placing the whole of the girders is concerned, and I now propose to remove Mr. White, the Engineer who has been in charge of the works at Madura since the beginning, to head-quarters.

"Mr. White came out in December 1869 as a First-class Assistant Engineer with considerable experience in the construction of works, and in the management of men. He rendered me valuable aid in all the preliminary work of surveying and locating the Southern Extension, and in submitting the plans and estimates for the works. In 1871 he was appointed to District 7 with his head-quarters at Madura, and was put at first temporarily in charge of District 8. Shortly after he settled in Madura, he asked to be allowed to retain charge of District 8 as well as of District 7, as he had got into the work of both. To this I agreed, and in this way Mr. White has saved to the Company at least the salary of a Third-class Engineer for about four years. The saving has not been confined to this item, for Mr. White has, from his natural aptitude for business and his keen interest in the work, conducted affairs in a most economical and thoroughly efficient manner. In view of these services, and of Mr. White's professional fitness for the work, I venture to propose for the sanction of the Board that he be promoted, from 1st July 1875, to the appointment of Deputy Chief Engineer on a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem.

"From past experience I have come to the conclusion that this appointment will conduce to the interests of the undertaking in enabling me to maintain a more frequent and, consequently, a more thorough inspection of what is going on over our more than 600 miles of Railway construction and maintenance.

"My opinion upon this subject is that, while the works of construction are in hand, constant out-door supervision is necessary; that the attention which the Chief Engineer has to give to office work precludes him from constantly being out on inspection duties; and that, therefore, a qualified inspecting officer is necessary. I further consider the post would be an unnecessary one to maintain after the works of construction have been completed."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for Comdg. Engr. for Railways.

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Nos. 644 & 645. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1875, No. 2,807.

RAILWAY, No. 51-A.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council has already recognized the necessity of the appointment of a Deputy Chief Engineer on Construction, and sanctions Mr. White's promotion to the post on a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,808, dated 29th September 1875.)

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
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No. 646.

No. 2,808.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL 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. 51-B.

* G. O., No. 1,168, dated 27th April 1875.

SIR,—In April* 1875, the state of progress on the Northern Extension of the South Indian Railway came under review, and His Excellency the Governor in Council, on consideration of the causes which prevented the amount of work being completed which might have been expected, came to the conclusion that the supervising staff of the Engineering Department required strengthening. The Board of Directors have now proposed the promotion of Mr. White, a 1st-class Assistant Engineer, to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer on Construction, on a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem, with effect from 1st July 1875, and this arrangement has been sanctioned, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, for which I am now directed to apply.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O Connor.

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AGENTS OFFICE.

Viclinopolis
NEGAPATTAN, 11 September 1875.

From

Acting
THE AGENT.

South Indian
Great Southern of India Railway.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

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I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction necessary to give effect to this appointment from 1st July 1875.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedt Servt
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29 September 1875

Rev. A. J. Macdonald

Chief Engineer

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Extract from a letter to the Board of Directors of the Government of the District of Columbia, dated 5th July 1875.

On the Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department, of the 27th April last, Order No. 1067, a copy of which was sent to you with my letter No. 344, it was held that the unsatisfactory progress of work upon the Northern Extension was principally due to the weakness of our supervising staff in the Engineering Department. The Chief Engineer has now addressed me the following remarks: "I have for some time felt the importance of getting more aid at Head Quarters in carrying out the work of my department. The line has for some time been laid up to Madras and the bridge over the river Vygar there has just been completed in so far as placing the whole of the girders is concerned, and I now propose to remove Mr. White, the Engineer who has been in charge of the works at Madras since the beginning of Head Quarters. Mr. White came out in December 1874, as a first class Assistant Engineer with considerable experience in the construction of docks and in the management of men. He rendered me valuable aid in all the preliminary work of carrying out and locating the

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(Thus Estimated)

C. Smith Major R.E.,
 for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

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From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways

To

G. W. WALKER, R.E

Secretary of Government: 100-110-10

Public Works Department

St. George

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Your most obedient servant

Letty Collett

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Public Works Dept.

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Under date the 29th Sept 1895
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From
The Comd. Eng. for
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[Signature]

P. M. 1895 Add.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. 6040

From
The Consulting Engineer,
for Railways.

To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.
Dated 15th Sept 1895
Recd 21st Sept 1895

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(No. 2808d/29 Sept/5)

No 2808

To The Secy. to the Govt of India
Public Works Dept

Sir,

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in the Northern Extension
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