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2nd February 1875.*

No. 41. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th January 1875, No. 12.—

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, 5th January 1875, No 13.

WITH reference to your letter, No 816, of the 31st August 1874, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of paragraph 8 of a letter from my Board, No 542, dated the 20th of November last, in which the Directors ask for a reconsideration of the decision arrived at by His Excellency the Governor in Council with regard to the acting allowance to be drawn by Mr Mathew during the absence on sick leave of Mr. W Barton Wright, the Locomotive Superintendent.

2 I request that you will be good enough to submit the extract to the Government, and inform me of the decision arrived at in due course.

Extract from a letter from the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, No 542, dated London, the 20th November 1874

PARAGRAPH 8—The Board regretted to learn from paragraph 38 of 1,122 that His Excellency the Governor in Council had declined to sanction their proposal respecting the acting

allowance of Mr Mathew, being of opinion that it would be impolitic and unfair that it should be higher than the salary of the Chief Accountant who has been longer in the service, and they request that you will solicit a reconsideration of the question on the ground that the objection has ceased to exist in consequence of the recent increase of Mr Cramp's salary. Even had this not been the case, the Board, after giving the objection due weight, were of opinion that it was more than counterbalanced by other considerations which almost necessitated their proposal. One of these considerations is that Mr Mathew's qualifications are not those of a mere Accountant, for he is represented as possessing in addition much varied knowledge and experience in Railway matters which renders the retention of his services in the Locomotive Department most desirable, especially at the present time, and the Board apprehend that a gentleman of his qualifications cannot be secured upon a smaller acting allowance than that they had allotted to him.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government with reference to their Order, dated the 24th August 1874, No. 2,393.

2 During the absence on sick leave of Mr. Barton Wright, Locomotive Superintendent of the Madras Railway, it was proposed by the Board of Directors that Mr Mathew, the Locomotive Accountant, should receive an acting allowance at the rate of Rupees 582 per mensem.

3 In passing orders, the Government refused to sanction the proposed allowance, stating, in the first place, that they considered it to be much in excess of what might equitably be claimed, and, in the second place, that it would be impolitic and unfair to place Mr. Mathew, even temporarily, upon a superior footing to the Company's Chief Accountant. An acting allowance at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem was accordingly sanctioned by Government.

4 The Board now solicit a reconsideration of the question on the ground that the second of those objections has ceased to exist in consequence of the increase of salary recently granted by them to their Chief Accountant. They add that their proposal was necessitated by other considerations, and state that they

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apprehend that a gentleman of Mr Mathew's qualifications could not be secured upon a smaller salary than that they had allotted to him.

5 I cannot see that the Board's last letter alters the aspect of the case. Mr. Cramp's increase of salary has not yet been sanctioned* by the Government of India; and, even on the supposition that sanction were now accorded, the effect of granting the increased allowances to Mr. Mathew would be to place him in receipt of higher emoluments than Mr. Cramp from the 30th March 1874, the date of Mr. Barton Wright's departure.

6 Upon all other grounds, I am still of opinion that Mr Mathew's claims have been amply and liberally recognized by the grant of an acting allowance at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem, already sanctioned by Government. Mr. Boodle, who is acting as Locomotive Superintendent, draws the full allowance to which he is entitled under the rules, and it is therefore fair to assume that he is considered perfectly qualified to perform the duties of the post. I cannot see how the duties which devolve upon Mr. Mathew can have been greatly increased in consequence of Mr. Wright's absence, and I am of opinion that the temporary increase of Rupees 100 per mensem, already sanctioned, is sufficient to compensate him for any temporary addition to his work.

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

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ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1875, No 283.

RAILWAY, No 8.

His EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council still being of opinion that the allowance of Rupees 500 per mensem sanctioned in G. O, No 2,393, dated 24th August 1874, is ample remuneration for any temporary increase of work which may devolve on Mr Mathew consequent on the departure to Europe of the Locomotive Superintendent of the Madras Railway, regrets that he is unable to modify the decision already come to.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd A Gruber,
Spare Copies

Extract from a letter from the Secretary,
M. & C. at 542 dated London the 20th
November 1874.

As to Mr. Mathew's acting allowance Para 8 The Board regretted to learn from paragraph 38 of 1122, that His Excellency the Governor in Council had decided to sanction their proposals respecting the acting allowance of Mr. Mathew, being of opinion that it would be impolitic and unfair that it should be higher than the salary of the Chief Accountant, who has been longer in the service, and they request that you will submit a reconsideration of the question on the ground that the objection has ceased to exist, in consequence of the recent increase of Mr. Cramp's salary. Even had this not been the case, the Board, after giving the objection due weight, were of opinion that it was more than counterbalanced by other considerations which almost necessitated their proposal. One of these considerations is that Mr. Mathew's qualifications are not those of a mere accountant, for he is represented as possessing in addition much varied knowledge and experience in Railway matters, which renders the retention of his services in the Locomotive Department most desirable, especially at the present time, and the Board apprehend that

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W. J. L. L. L.
Agent & Manager

Mr. J. L. L.

No. 12

MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE

Madras, 5th January 1875.

From

P. B. Brown Esq.,

Agent and Manager of the M. & C.

To

Scott Col J. H. Shaw-Stewart, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways

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a Copy of paragraph 8 of a letter from my
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Wright the Locomotive Superintendent.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. J. L. L. L.
Agent and Manager

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Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to their order dated the 24th August 1874, No 2393.

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From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

to Railways

11th 31/1/75

Date

of 31st January 1875

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Forwarding a copy

of Memo 8 of the

Board's letter No 542

on the subject of

the Acting Allowance

to be drawn by Mr

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qualifications could not be secured upon a smaller salary than that they had allotted to him.

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Vide G.O. of
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Madras
16th July
1872

For
Wright

Matthew.
H. C. R. E.

Com Eng for Railways

To

The Secretary
to Government
P. W. Repart.
Fort Saint George

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From The Consulting Eng^r for Ry. (H.E. No. 12 dtd 6th Jan'y: 1875)

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P. W. 1875
The Govt for the
Railway Department

From
The Govt Engineer
for Railways

To
Mr. S. B. S. S. S.

For the
Govt. Engrs

Dated 6th January 1875
Received 7th January 1875
No. 12

submitting letter
with enclosure. It is
agreed that the Railway
regarding the salary
allowance is decided
by Mr. Mathew.

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Mr. Mathew. (Mr. B.)

(Declining to modify
the decision already
come to regarding the
acting allowance to be
granted by Mr. Mathew.