

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th November 1875.*

No. 561. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 9th November 1875, No. 3,343 :—

REFERRING to paragraph 2, G.O., No. 1,205, of 30th April, I have the honor to report that the Saidapett reservoir is considerably above the channel from Chembrumbaukum Tank to the farm at any point near.

2. The town is situated apparently on a peculiar spit of land, if not actually an isolated eminence, slight of course, but still only to be reached by crossing a hollow.

3. The project for its supply must be quite distinct from the farm channel for at least 4 miles, and be investigated separately.

No. 562. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1875, No. 3,366.

IRRIGATION, No. 54.

RECORDED and communicated to the Revenue Department. The Superintending Engineer will take an early opportunity of deciding how a supply of water to Saidapett can best be obtained.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Financial Department.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,
Gundy, 9 November 1878.

From

THE SUPG. ENGINEER

Chingleput.

To

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.

Sir,

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3 The project for its supply must be quite distinct from the farm Channel for at least 4 miles and be investigated separately.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

R. E. [Signature]
Colonel, R. E.
Superintending Engineer Chingleput.

Referring to your Lordship's despatch, No. 70, Railway, dated the 14th May 1874, on the subject of the limit within which minor works may become chargeable to Revenue, we have

of my friends' property -

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the honor to state that a question has arisen in connection with the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, namely, whether machinery costing less than Rupees 1,000 should, under the orders, be issued on Revenue Account, although not required to replace what has become worn out.

2. From the enclosed papers, it will be seen that the Government of Bombay have ruled that machinery required for the original equipment of locomotive workshops should be charged to Capital, whether the cost of the individual machines is in excess of Rupees 1,000 or not, but they think that some definite period should be assigned, such as about two years from the date on which the new shops are ready to receive the machinery, after which minor additions costing less than Rupees 1,000 should, like minor engineering works, be charged to Revenue.

3. Although we consider this resolution to be right in principle, we do not think that it can be carried into effect without the formal sanction of the Government of India and your Lordship's concurrence. In the issue of plant of small value, such as the machines referred to in paragraph 3 of the Resolution of the Bombay Government, one of two plans might be adopted. Either such items of machinery might be considered as minor engineering works, and treated accordingly under the rule for minor works of engineering chargeable to Revenue; or they might be kept distinct as minor works of machinery, a new rule similar to that in respect of minor works of engineering being made. In the former case, the half-yearly expenditure on minor works charged to Revenue would remain as at present, limited to Rupees 1,000. In the latter case, an additional sum would have to be fixed for the half-yearly expenditure on minor works of machinery. We would recommend the latter, and request your Lordship's orders accordingly.

From Colonel M. K. KENNEDY, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India (Railway Department), dated Bombay Castle, 28th April 1875, No. 473.

I am directed to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, copy of a memorandum by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 1,420, and the resolution passed thereon by this Government, No. 473 of 28th April 1875.

Read the following:—

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY

RAILWAYS SANCTIONS.

Issue of Machinery from Stores on Capital Account.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Bombay Government in the Railway Department, dated 28th April 1875, No. 473.

No. 1,420.

MEMORANDUM.

SUBMITS, for the consideration of Government, correspondence as per margin with the Agent, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, relating to the issue of certain machinery from stores on Capital Account.

2. The Agent states that there is a saving of Rupees 8,558 on sanction No. 124 R., given under Government Resolution No. 397 of 1874,

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in consequence of there only being one 6-foot wheel lathe in store, and requests sanction to draw out the following machinery instead:—

	English.	Indian.	Total.
1 Mortising Machine	2,065	500	2,565
1 Vertical Boring do.... ..	1,150	375	1,525
1 Band Saw	1,011	300	1,311
1 Circular Saw Bench	550	195	745
1 Paint Mixing Machine	384	100	484
1 Tin-Smith's Boring Machine	44	10	54
1 Do. Bending do.	24	10	34
1 Do. Folding do.	31	10	41
Total	5,259	1,500	6,759

3. The question has arisen whether machinery costing less than Rupees 1,000 should, under the recent ruling of the Government of India, be issued on Revenue Account, although not required to replace what has become worn out. The machines now applied for have been lying many years in stock, and the sooner they are used the better. The issue of the first three, which are chargeable to Capital, has, therefore, been sanctioned on that account. The orders of Government are solicited as to whether the other machines should be issued against Capital or Revenue. Up to the present time, no machinery has been issued on Revenue Account. Until the locomotive shops at Parel and up-country depôts are fully equipped, a considerable further expenditure on Capital Account must be incurred. But, considering the time the shops have been in existence, it would appear right that some rule should be laid down with regard to the replacement of machinery and the incidence of cost.

4. New machinery may be indented for of such an improved pattern as to preclude its being classed as a simple renewal of the old, and yet practically it will take the place of the old, which will fall into disuse. It would be useful to know what is the ruling on this subject on the other Guaranteed Railways in India.

(Signed) H. F. HANCOCK, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay.

17th April 1875.

RESOLUTION.—In the opinion of Government machinery required for the original equipment of locomotive workshops is legitimately chargeable to Capital, whether the cost of the individual machines is in excess of Rupees 1,000 or not; but some definite period should be assigned for the original equipment. This may be fixed at two years from the date on which the new shops are ready to receive the machinery, after which minor additions costing less than Rupees 1,000 should, like minor engineering works, be charged to Revenue.

2. There may be some difficulty in dealing with certain cases under this rule on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and these should be referred to Government for orders, but when one machine is merely substituted for another of an older type, the cost of the machine replaced will be chargeable to Revenue, and it will be the province of the Consulting Engineer to see that the spirit of the rules laid down in Sir Charles Wood's despatch, No. 17 of 1864, is not infringed when submitting for sanction the estimates of the Locomotive Superintendent for equipping the new workshops, and transferring thither the machinery now in use at Eyculla.

3. The five articles costing less than Rupees 1,000 which the Locomotive Superintendent wishes to take out of store at once for use at Eyculla, should be charged to Revenue.

4. A copy of the Consulting Engineer's memorandum and of this resolution should be forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that they will confirm this ruling.

(Signed) M. K. KENNEDY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

— Some pictures taken in the morning

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 15th October 1875

From

Colt. B. Cluett Esq.
Agent and Manager, of the M^o & C^o

To *Levi Colburn Esq. Mr. Shaw New York N.Y.*
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR

I have the honour to acknowledge for your information the Extract-paragraph 10 - from a letter from the Board of Directors, No 539 dated London the 8th of October 1875.

I have the pleasure to be
 Your most obedt Servt
 Wm. H. Burr
 Agent and Manager.

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SUBMITTED FOR THE *consideration and order* OF GOVERNMENT.

Maintenance

R. E.

Consy. Engineer for Railways.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 19th Nov^r 1875.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

Recd

No. 1139.

Enclosed for reference
a copy of the report
to the Honble Secy
No. 559 dated 18th
1875.

W. H. 18/11/75

No 3307 P.W. Department.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From date the 24 Nov 1875

Read the following:—

From the Consulting Engineer
for Railways } No. 630 of 19/11/75

It is observed from
these papers that the
Board of Directors of
the Madras Railway
Company has advised
in the proposal which
has been made to them
to allow minor
additions to machinery
of less value than
Rs 1000 to be charged
to Revenue; the ex-
penditure in any
half year on this
account not to exceed
Rs

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
1875. No 7426

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 19 Nov 1875
received 20 Nov 1875
No. 630
Enclosures. 3

Submitting letter
from the Agent,
re P. W. regarding the
incidence of the cost
of machinery of less
value than Rs 1000.
G.O. No 3367-68. 24.11.75

Recd. P.W. Dept. 28 Sept 1875

W. H. 20/11/75

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No 5,000 and the debits
to be raised after the
expiration of two years
from the date on which
the locomotive shops
are ready to receive
their original equipment
of machinery.

The papers will be
forwarded for the
information of the
Government of India.

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Copies of the above
forwarded to the
Government of India.

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Railways.

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Agent, Madras. Reg. relative
to the incidence of the cost
of Machinery of less value
than Rs 1000 —

Machinery. Madras. Reg.
Prelim orders on Budget —
Govt of the Cons. Engineer
in. Reg. Submitting papers
on the Agent Madras. Reg.
relative to the incidence of
the cost of — of less value
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