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No. 371. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th February 1875, No 123 —

In the letter* from the Government of India, dated the 12th November 1874, No. 2,835 R, sanction was accorded to
* Proceedings of Government, 30th November 1874, No 3,367. an expenditure not exceeding Rupees 20,000 in the purchase of two steam

barges required by the South Indian Railway Company for facilitating the landing of material at Tuticorin With reference thereto, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter† from the Agent of the South Indian Railway in which Mr. Betts states

† No 416, 24th February 1875, with specification, return of which is requested that he has learnt by telegraph that the lowest tender received by the London Board for the supply of suitable barges amounts to £5,200 each. Under these circumstances, the Agent recommends that one barge, instead of two, should be bought, and he desires to know whether the increased cost can be authorized. He states his conviction that the purchase will prove an economical measure, especially in the facilities which will be afforded for landing cargoes of coal from Bengal.

2. The limit of Rupees 20,000 sanctioned by the Government of India was named by the Railway authorities somewhat at hazard, without definite knowledge as to the probable cost of the barges It now appears that one barge cannot be procured in London under £5,200, and its cost at Tuticorin will in all probability exceed Rupees 60,000 The excess over the sanctioned sum is so great that I do not consider myself at liberty to authorize the purchase without making a further reference to Government. In the remarks made by the Agent as to the probable economy of the proposed measure I entirely concur, and I recommend that authority be given to the Board to purchase one barge at the price named In order that the Agent may communicate with his Directors without delay, I beg to be favored with instructions as soon as possible.

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, 24th February 1875, No 416

When I applied (letter No 129, of the 30th September last) for permission to purchase two steam barges to facilitate the landing of stores at Tuticorin, &c, I stated I could not quote the cost of such craft, but suggested that a sum of Rupees 20,000 might be sanctioned

Your letter, No 347, of the 2nd of December last, communicated the sanction applied for, and an indent for two barges was in due course forwarded to my Directors

I learn this morning by telegraph, from the Managing Director in London, that the lowest tender received for the supply of suitable barges amounts to £5,200 each, and I am asked whether this should be accepted

As the sum named considerably exceeds the amount sanctioned, I shall feel obliged by your letting me know if Government are willing to permit an increase being made to the allotment under this heading I would suggest that but one barge be ordered It would be of great advantage to have such a means of landing cargo, and I feel convinced we should save money by having it.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th March 1875.*

From the accompanying specification (which please return) it will be seen that the barges should be constructed to admit of its passing from one port to another, so that when work was not offering at Tuticorin, it could go on to Negapatam or Madras

One drawback to our getting regular supplies of coal from Bengal is the doubt which at present exists as to a speedy clearance of vessels consigned to Negapatam. The Agents of a steamer which lately proceeded from Calcutta to Bombay in ballast refused to charter her for Negapatam (at the highest freight we could afford) in consequence of the length of time required to discharge cargo at this port. We have now chartered a sailing vessel, but it is stipulated that 80 tons per day must be taken from her, and if other large vessels are in the port at the same time, I do not think we shall be able to maintain that rate. Failure entails the payment of demurrage.

If you are able to do so, will you be good enough to let me have a reply by telegraph to this reference.

No. 372.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1875, No. 726.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

SEEING that the Government of India have sanctioned only a sum of Rupees 20,000 for the purchase of two barges, His Excellency the Governor in Council does not feel himself at liberty to authorize an expenditure estimated to exceed Rupees 60,000 for the purchase of one vessel. These papers will accordingly be referred for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council.

(Here enter No 727, dated 15th March 1875.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with one Enclosure.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 15th March 1875.

No 373.

No 727.

FROM

COLONEL 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 48.

SIR,—In your letter, No. 2,835 R, dated 12th November 1874, the sanction of the Government of India was communicated to an expenditure not exceeding Rupees 20,000 for the purchase of two steam barges required for facilitating the landing of material at Tuticorin by the South of India Railway Company.

2. The Agent now brings to notice that suitable barges are not procurable in England under £5,200 each, and requests that authority may be granted for obtaining one vessel on these terms.

3. I am to submit the proposal for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd W J Lewis.

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No. 4/6

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 24th Feb. 1875.

From

THE AGENT,

~~Great Southern of India~~ Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

When I applied (letter N:129 of the 30th Sept. last.) for permission to purchase two Steam Barges to facilitate the landing of stores at Tuticorin & I stated I could not quote the cost of such craft, but suggested that a sum of Rs. 20,000 might be sanctioned.

Upon letter N:34 of the 2nd of Decr. last. communicated the sanction applied for, and on the instant for two barges was in due course forwarded to my Directors.

I learn this morning by telegraph from the Managing Director in London that the

lowest tender received for the supply of suitable barges amounts to Rs 5.200 each, and I am at a loss whether this should be accepted.

As the sum named considerably exceeds the amount sanctioned, I shall feel obliged by your letting me know if Government are willing to permit an increase being made to the allotment made at this meeting. I would suggest that but one barge be ordered. It would be of great advantage to have such a means of conveying cargo, and I feel convinced we should save money by having it.

From the accompanying specification (which I enclose) it will be seen that the barges should be con-

structed to admit of its passing from one port to another, so that when work was not offering at Tuticorin, it could go on to Negapatam or Madras.

One drawback to our getting regular supplies of coal from Bengal is the doubt which at present exists as to a speedy clearance of vessels consigned to Negapatam. The Agents of a steamer which lately proceeded from Calcutta to Bombay in ballast refused to charter her for Negapatam (at the highest freight we could offer) on consequence of the length of time required to discharge cargo at this port. We have now chartered a sailing vessel, but it is stipulated that so long as her stay must be taken from her, and if other large vessels are in the port at the same time I do not think we shall

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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, _____ 18

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

be able to maintain that rate.
Failure entails the payment of
demurrage.

If you are able to do so,
will you be good enough to let
me have a reply by tele-
graph to this reference.

I have the honour to be
Sir, Your obs. ob. servt.

William R. M.

Agent

From the Agent

the Agent

the Agent

Received 26.3.74

W. R. M.

the Agent

the Agent

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Railway Department

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No 123

From

LIEUT-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

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

Sir,

No of Lf
30 Nov. 74
No 3367

In the letter from the
Government of India dated the 12th
November 1874, No 2835 R, sanctioned
was accorded to an expenditure not
exceeding Rs 20,000 in the purchase of
two steam barges required by the
South Indian Railway Company
for facilitating the landing of
material at Trichinopoly. With
reference thereto I have the honour to
submit for the consideration of
Government

Government a letter* from the Agent
of the South Indian Railway, in
which Mr Betts states that he has
learnt by telegraph that the lowest
tender received by the London Board
for the supply of suitable barges
amounts to £5,200 each. Under
these circumstances, the Agent
recommends that one barge, instead
of two, should be bought; and he
desires to know whether the increased
cost can be authorised. He states his
conviction that the purchase will prove
an economical measure, especially
in the facilities which will be afford-
ed for landing cargoes of coal from
Bengal.

2 The limit of £20,000
sanctioned by the Government of India,
was

*No 416
24 Feb 75
with specification,
return of which
is requested.

was named by the Railway Authorities
somewhat at hazard, without definite
knowledge as to the probable cost of the
barges. It now appears that one barge
cannot be procured in London under
£5,200, and its cost at Calcutta within
all probability exceeds £60,000. There-
fore over the sanctioned sum as a con-
sequence great that I do not consider myself at
liberty to authorise the purchase,
without making a further reference to
Government. In the remarks made by
the Agent as to the probable economy of
the proposed measure I entirely concur,
and I recommend that authority be
given to the Board to purchase one
barge at the price named. In
order that the Agent may commu-
nicate with his Directors, I beg to be
favoured

favoured with instructions as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedt servt.

Madras }
26 Febry }
1875 }
27 Feb 75 }
Munthiyanthi Lpl. R.R.
Cons Engineer for
Railways

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Recommending
that authority to sign
the bill for the
purchase of one steam
engine, and repeating
the furnished with
very instructions
thereon.
No. 123
15-3-75

Dated 26 Febry 1874
Recd 26 Febry
No 123

To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
No. 1290

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P. W. 1875-26 Feb
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following:-

From the Engineer for Railways (M.H. No 123 of 26 Febry 1875)

Seeing that the Govt. of India have sanctioned only a sum of Rs 20000 for the purchase of two Barges, His Excellency the Governor in Council does not feel himself at liberty to authorize an expenditure estimated to exceed Rs 60,000 for the purchase of one vessel. These papers will accordingly be referred for the orders of the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council.

Engineer for Railways
11-3-75
M.H. No 123 of 26 Febry 1875
The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir, In your letter No 2835 R dated 12 November 1874 the sanction

Sanction of the Govt of India
was communicated to an ex-
penditure not exceeding Rs
20000 for the purchase of two
Steam Barges required for
facilitating the landing of
material at Tuticorin by the
South of India Railway Company.

The Agent now brings to
notice that suitable Barges
are not procurable in England
under £5200 each and re-
quests that authority may
be granted for obtaining one
vessel on these terms.

I am to submit the
proposal for the orders of
the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Council.

Yours

Decr 16-3-75 with 7 Copies of G.O. No. 726 of 1875.

No 371-373

Steam Barges. S.

Intimating that the
an expenditure estimated
to exceed Rs. 60,000
for the purchase of
one vessel for land
Railway, material
at Tuticorin cannot
be authorized if
the vessel is to be
used for the purpose
of the Railway.

Submitting proposal
of the ~~Board of Directors~~
for Purchase. Agent
of the S.I. Railway
for the purchase of
one Steam barge, esti-
mated to exceed Rs. 60,000
for landing of material
at Tuticorin.

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Govt. of 1875; Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Engineer-in-Chief
Secy, Public Works
Madras

Dated

Recd

Encl 1

G. O. 15 Mar 1875, No

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Nos. 171-173.

South India
Ry.

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exceed Rs 60,000 for the
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of India.~~