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No. 36. Read the following letter from JAMES MAY, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th March 1876, No. 48 W. :—

REFERRING to what fell from His Grace the Governor yesterday morning on the question of obtaining some portion of the stone for the Harbour Works from Palaveram, I have the honor to report that there must have been some understanding with the Madras Railway Company two or three years ago to bring the stone for the works along their line.

2. Mr. Parkes in his printed report of 4th November 1873 refers to this, and he informed me, before I came to this country, that the stone would be conveyed by the Madras Railway Company at the rate of 6 Pies per ton per mile, the laterite from Ambatoor 10 miles from Madras, and the granite from Tirutany 51 miles from Madras.

3. The accompanying G.O., No. 2,036, dated 17th July 1875, refers to a meeting between the Railway authorities and me on 19th June last, at which the requirements of stone for the Harbour were more clearly defined from the information then obtained respecting them.

4. The printed Proceedings of Government, No. 3,324, dated 22nd November 1875, contain further information on this subject. On 4th October I wrote to the Agent and Manager of the Railway Company, that I had reason to believe in the existence of hard stone suitable for concrete in the neighbourhood of Arconum, some 40 miles from Madras, and that this would obviate the necessity of drawing supplies from Tirutany. The Agent's letter of 5th October 1875, included in the G.O. No. 3,324, states the view which the Railway Company take on any modification of the first understanding with them.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1876, No. 1,100.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council cannot, in the public interest, admit any obligation to take *all* material for the construction of the Harbour by the Madras Railway if other modes of conveyance should prove more advantageous, or other sources than those selected supply a cheaper or better material.

2. There is nothing to prevent the South Indian Railway being utilized, should it be convenient to supply the south pier or other works with laterite or granite from Palaveram, if the sources of supply on the Madras line fail either as to quantity or quality, or if it be found that the progress of the work could be accelerated thereby.

3. The ultimate decision of 20th December 1875, No. 3,575, having been to sanction doubling of line from Perambore to Ambatoor only, and not to Avady, the letter

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of Mr. May of 30th October 1875, recorded with G.O., No. 3,324, of 22nd November 1875, that a compensatory rate should be given to the Railway Company if called on to carry granite from a nearer quarry than Tirutany, has no further application.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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With reference to the last
paragraph of the second draft
Order, the Chief Engineer desires
to record the fact that
Mr. May consulted him
before answering Mr. Stevens
letter No. 3557 of 5th October
1875 — and informed him
that he was of opinion that
the proposal to give a
compensatory rate was
fair — and asked the
Chief Engineer if there was any ob-
jection to his expressing
such opinion —

The Chief Engineer expressed
his surprise that Mr. Ell-
win should have made
such a claim in such a
manner; and stated
that he did not concur
in Mr. May's opinion —
But had no objection to
its being made known
to Mr. Elwin, because it
did not limit the Govt.
in any way —

No notice was taken of the claim for a compensatory rate, insinuated rather than made, in Mr Elwin's letter No. 1127 of 9th Nov.; either by the Comt. Engineer, for a Conference when it was advantageous, or in the Govt. Proceedings recording it – It was simply ignored, & the Chief Engineer considers it would be better still to disregard it, & not to discuss the subject –

At the same time, he cannot dissemble it seems that he should place emphatically his opinion that the Govt. has only entitled to simply other incomes of course yours, from the Railway for the time for the Period, if the material to be found as tributaries should

and deficient either in quantity or quality – not on the ground of its being cheaper or more convenient to ~~deliver~~ carry it by other agency – The agreement to double the line would upon a monopoly of the traffic –

Q. as to calculation of the work?

Chief Engineer B.P.R.

Order on minute of Dy. Chief Engineer B.P.R.

x I could only judge of the written transactions placed before me. I cannot trace anything as to monopoly

Paragraph 4. of draft should be omitted – or modified as on draft in the last lines

recirculate draft with this

Memo 1/5.

P. W. Department

For orders

Circulated for information, and for any orders which may be thought necessary

Capt Walker Major Genl R.E.
Secretary to Govt

It seems that we must bring matters by Minutes Resolution or correspondence for marking the Northern line — circulate

MJ
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Submitted discussion of this subject has placed the matter in a fresh light I do not see that we are irrevocably

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No. 48 W.

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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT
MADRAS HARBOR WORKS,

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

MADRAS, 28th March 1876.

Sir,

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3. The accompanying Government Order No. 203b, dated 17th July 1875, refers to a meeting between the Railway Authorities and me on 19th June last, at which the

requirements of stone for the Harbour were more clearly defined from the information then obtained respecting them.—

The printed Proceedings of Government No 3324, dated 22 November 1875, contain further information on this subject. On 4th October I wrote the Agent and Manager of the Railway Company that I had reason to believe in the existence of hard stone suitable for concrete in the neighbourhood of Arconum, some 40 miles from Madras, and that this would obviate the necessity of drawing supplies from Pondicherry. The Agent's letter of 5th October 1875 included in the G.O. No 3324 states the view which the Railway Company take on any modification of the first understanding with them.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
James Mackay,
Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

Ex. hon. 73 No. 2725 B & 2725 C with report
" 15 April 75 " 1050 B
Ex. 30 " " " 1196
Ex. 14 May " " 1371 & 1372
" 10 June " " 1642
" 26 " " " 1780.
" 17 July " " 2036.
" 24 " " " 2112 & 2113.
" 2 Sept. " " 2506
" 29 " " " 2796
" 22 hon. " " 3324 & 3325
" 20 Dec. " " 3575

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From No. 2271

The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Wor

To The Secretary to Governm
Public Works Departme
Fort Saint George

Dated 28th
Recd 29 } March 1876

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Submitting report re-
garding stone for the works

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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UNDER date the

READ the following:—

From
The Superintendent Madras Harbour Works } No. 48 W dt. 28th March 1876

Hon. Gentlemen

Governor in Council

I have altered the draft. I think paragraph 2 is well worded on the correspondence. I did not like the draft as it stood as Govt. did not take exception in Govt. letter they first became aware of Mr. G's letter —

See proceedings Nov 22/75
letter 3325. same date
and 3575 - Dec 20/75
BL

Transpose & insert paragraph 4. in this place
BL

cannot, in the public interest, admit any obligation to take all the stone material by the Madras Railway if other modes of conveyance should prove more advantageous, or other sources than those selected supply a cheaper or better material.

~~The opinion expressed in~~
~~Mr. G's letter~~

recorded with G.O. No. 3324 of 22nd November 1875 that a compensatory rate should be given to the Railway Company if called on to carry granite ~~stone~~ from a nearer quarry than Tiruttany ~~has, see~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the Railway be called on to haul from a greater distance at the same ~~[illegible]~~

2 The ultimate decision of December 20, 1875. No 3575 having been to ~~[illegible]~~ sanction doubling of line from Perambore to Avadi only and not to Avoy. The letter of Mr May of 30 Oct. 1875 ~~[illegible]~~ ~~application supplied~~ ~~[illegible]~~ further application —

3 Mr May's attention should be drawn to the fact of this letter possibly making a very material alteration in the cost & conditions of the arrangement for carriage, unless ~~made subject~~ written sanction of Government, which should have been obtained before it could have been made binding —

~~There is nothing to prevent the South Indian Railway Co. from [illegible] Railway for bringing stone from Pallavaram would expedite the completion of the Madras Harbour Works [illegible]~~

4 There is nothing to prevent the South Indian Railway being utilized, should it be convenient to supply the South Pier works with Laterite or granite from Palaveram, if the sources of supply on the Madras Line failed either as to quantity or quality, or if it be found that the progress of the works could be accelerated thereby.

Supt. Madras Harbour Works
Cons. Engr. for Rys.

No. 1100 Public Works

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 3d May 1876.

READ the following:—

From

The Inspector General of Public Works } No. 6 Dated 18th & 28th March 1876

His Grace the Governor in Council cannot, in the public interest, admit any obligation to take all material for the construction of the Harbour by the Madras Railway if other modes of conveyance should prove more advantageous, or other sources than those selected, supply a cheaper or better article.

2. There is nothing to prevent the South Indian Railway

Railway being utilized, should it be convenient to supply the South Pier or other works with Salem or granite from Salaveram, if the sources of supply on the Madras Line fail either as to quantity or quality, or if it be found that the progress of the works could be accelerated thereby.

3. The ultimate decision of December 20th 1875 No. 3575 having been to sanction doubling of line from Perambore to Ambatoor only, and not to Avadi, the letter of Mr. May of 30th October 1875 coupled with G.O. No. 3324 of 22nd November 1875 that a compensatory rate should be given to the Railway

Railway Company if called on to carry granite from a nearer quarry than Tiruttani has no further application.

4. ~~On the question~~ should be drawn to the fact of this letter, possibly making a very material variation in the cost and conditions of the arrangement for carriage, having been written without the sanction of Government, which should have been obtained first ~~before entertaining~~ ~~entertaining~~

Supt. Madras Harbour Works
Consg. Engr. for Rly.

Desp'd 16/5/76

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Govt. of {1876} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Sec. to Govt. Madras Harbour Works

Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 3rd June 1876, No. 1100

Nos. 36/7

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17-x-76.

Material for the construction of the Madras Harbour. Declining to admit any obligation on the part of Govt. to take all ——— by the Madras Ry. should other modes of conveyance prove more advantageous or other sources supply a cheaper or better material.