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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1876.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 25. From Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Telegraph), to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 27th November 1875, No. 179 A.—T.

I AM directed to forward herewith copy of a letter* from the Director-General of Telegraphs in India in which that officer explains that the final estimate for the construction of the Telegraph lines "Trichinopoly to Tuticorin, Tinnevely, and Madura," exceeds that originally prepared for the work by a sum of Rupees 9,350. The excess is said to be due to an alteration in the conditions agreed to by Mr. Betts, for the carriage and distribution of the materials to be used on the work, by which 24 instead of 12 Pie per ton per mile have been charged for carriage from Madras to Trichinopoly, and Rupees 20 instead of Rupees 15 an hour for material trains.

2. I am to request that the Government of India may be furnished with an explanation of the reasons leading to the alterations in the rates as above specified.

From the Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 2nd September 1875, No. 177.

WITH reference to my No. 164 of 21th ultimo, I have the honor to request that the re-appropriation statement therewith submitted may be cancelled, and the one now forwarded substituted for it.

2. This statement provides for a supply of Rupees 9,350 in excess of the other, the necessity for which is as follows, viz.:—

The estimate was prepared on the basis of the Madras Railway Company's goods rates, which are 16 Pie per ton mile for telegraph material; and on the faith of Mr. Betts' statement to Major Mallock that—

(1.) The South Indian Company had but two goods rates, 1st and 2nd-class, and that telegraph material could be carried at 1st-class rates, or 1 Anna per ton mile, and

(2.) That he would give ballast or material trains for distribution at Rupees 15 per hour.

3. It now appears from the reports of the Executive Officer on the work that he was first informed that "the conditions under which Mr. Betts agreed to those terms have been altered, and he will doubtless under the circumstances view the subject as open to re-consideration."

4. The result of this re-consideration is that we have been charged 24 Pie per ton per mile (which is stated to be the through rate for telegraph material running on the Madras Railway Company's line) for carriage from Madras to Trichinopoly—a rate infinitely higher than we pay anywhere else in India, and Rupees 20 instead Rupees 15 an hour for material trains. Hence the following difference in the estimates:—

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(1.) Estimate as first prepared—	Rs.
From Madras to Erode, 243 miles, 624 tons, at 16 Pie per ton mile	12,636
From Erode to Trichinopoly, 86 miles, 624 tons, at 12 Pie per ton mile	3,354
Material trains for distribution	900
Total ...	16,890

(2.) Revised estimate—	
From Madras to Trichinopoly, 329 miles, 624 tons, at 24 Pie per ton mile	25,037
Material trains for distribution	1,200
Total ...	26,237
Excess ...	9,347

5. It will be observed that the result of these additional charges is to contribute to the revenue of the Madras Railway Company Rupees 6,318 on two-thirds of which the South Indian Railway will have to be charged interest.

No. 297.

REFERRED to the Consulting Engineer for such remarks as the Agent and Manager of the South Indian Railway may have to offer.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th December 1875.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 26. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd December 1875, No. 675.

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, 20th December 1875, No. 1,070.

IN returning herewith the papers forwarded with your letter, No. 895, of the 9th instant, I have to inform you that the telegraph material conveyed from Madras to Trichinopoly has been charged for in accordance with the tariff scale sanctioned by Government.

2. The draft arrangement which I discussed with Major Mallock provided amongst other things for a reduction in the scale referred to, but I was subsequently informed that the Director-General of Telegraphs declined to adopt the terms which Major Mallock had agreed to. The South Indian Railway Company is still willing to perform its part of that agreement, if the Government Telegraph Department also carries out its share of it.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to endorsement upon letter, No. 179 A.-I., dated 7th December 1875, from the Secretary to the Government of India.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.

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No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1876, No. 13.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

ORDERED that copies of above be forwarded to Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 28. DOCKET No. 14, dated 4th January 1876.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Copy of a letter N^o 177 dated 2nd September 1875,
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per ton mile " 3,354

Material Trains for distribution " 900

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per ton mile - Rs 25,037
Material Trains for
distribution " 1,200
Total 26,237
Excess Rs 9,347

5 It will be observed that the result of these additional charges is to contribute to the Revenue of the Madras Railway Company Rs 6318 on 2/3 of which the South Indian Railway will have to be charged interest -

Sept 1873 of 1873
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To Messrs. T. & J. R. R.
 Govt of India

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G. O. 4 Jan. 1873, No. 13

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Alterations in the rates
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Dated 29 Jan 1875.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

P. W. 1875. *Asst. Secy*
From *80-8147*
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated *22nd* Dec 1875.
Received *23rd*

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the reasons leading
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of the telegraph lines

No 13.

4 Jan 76

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