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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th January 1876.*

No. 266.

Read the following papers:—

No. 789.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to his letter No. 2,078, dated 28th November 1875, the District Engineer, Bellary, is informed that it is considered highly unsatisfactory that the construction of the platform for troops near the Ghooty station should not be taken in hand and completed, now that the necessary funds are available.

2. The District Engineer will submit a full report as to the necessity for alterations in the original design and revision of estimate, as well as of the circumstances under which it has not been brought to the notice of Government until now.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th November 1875.
District Engineer, Bellary.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 266-A. From W. B. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Adoni, 5th January 1876, No. 2,423.

In reply to you memorandum, No. 789 of the 30th November last, regarding the delay in the construction of the platform for troops near the Ghooty railway station, I have the honor to make the following report, from which you will observe that, as far as this office is concerned, the delay has been unavoidable.

2. On the 15th July last, Colonel Foord, District Engineer, wrote to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, informing that officer that funds had been allotted by Government in their Order, No. 1,904, dated 5th idem, for the construction of the platform, and suggested that as the proposed extension of rail might not have been decided upon in communication with the Railway Department, a Railway Engineer should meet the Assistant Engineer, Ghooty Range, to determine the exact site of the proposed platform. The matter appears to have been referred at once to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, who, in a letter to the Consulting Engineer, dated the 21st ultimo, communicated to this office on the 22nd idem, forwards the Traffic Manager's report, in which it is stated that the position of the platform cannot be finally determined until it is known whether the proposed platform is to be used by large bodies of troops travelling by troop trains only or by small bodies of men travelling by ordinary trains also.

3. The Traffic Manager's report concludes as follows:—

“If it is intended that small bodies of troops travelling by ordinary train shall join or leave the train at the troop platform, the position of the platform, as shown in the plan, is unworkable.”

4. In the interim, between the 15th July and the 27th ultimo (the date of the receipt of the above alluded to papers from the Consulting Engineer's office), the Assistant Engineer, Ghooty Range, met the Railway officers of the Engineering and Traffic Departments at Ghooty twice to determine the exact site for the platform, but no final decision was come to. At first it was proposed by them that the platform should be

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constructed on the north side of rails instead of on the south side, as shown in the plan. I objected to this as it would have necessitated troops crossing the line either by a level crossing or under it through a small culvert intended for the discharge of flood waters—the one dangerous, the other inconvenient, if not impracticable. On the second occasion, it was proposed by them that the matter should be referred to the Traffic Manager at Madras, the result of which is as aforesaid.

5. The estimate will have to be revised if the original position assigned to the platform is deviated from, for the formation of the ground there is such that any alteration would make a considerable difference; the Range Officer has therefore been directed to revise the estimate, if when the site for the platform is fixed it should be found necessary to do so, but as no decision has as yet been come to there was nothing to report to Government.

6. I was in hopes that the matter would have been settled long ere this. We are prepared to begin the work at once, materials are being collected, and as the principal item in the estimate is earthwork, the work could even now be turned out of hand by the end of the official year.

No. 267.

ORDER THEREON. 20th January 1876, No. 137.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

COMMUNICATED to the Military Department and to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, in order that the question as to the uses for which the platform is required having been definitely settled by the Military authorities, an estimate and plan for the kind of platform deemed suitable may be submitted for sanction without delay, so that the grant already made may be utilized within the official year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

- „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- „ District Engineer, Bellary.

Encl. S. T. Austin.
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No 789 Memo

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With reference to his letter No 2078 d/28 Nov 75 the District Engineer Bellary is informed that it is considered highly unsatisfactory that the construction of the Platform for Troops near the Chooty Station should not be taken in hand and completed, now that the necessary funds are available.

The District Engineer will submit a full report as to the necessity for alterations in the original design and revision of estimate as well as of the circumstances under which it has not been brought to the notice of Government until now.

Sd/- W. B. Major-General R.E.
Chd/- S. T. Austin

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20th Nov 75

District Engineer Bellary.

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No. 2123. Bellary District Engineer
Camp Adoni 5/1/76
From Mr. B. Leggat Engineer Ad. Ch.
Offg. District Engineer of Bellary
Major General G. H. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Madras.

In reply to your Memorandum
No. 789 of the 30th November last regarding
the delay in the construction of the Plat-
form for Troops near the Gooty Railway
Station. I have the honor to make
the following report from which you
will observe that as far as this Office
is concerned the delay has been unavida-
ble.

2 On the 15th July last Colonel Ford R.E.
wrote to the Consulting Engineer for Rail-
ways informing that Officer that funds
had been allotted by Government in
their order No. 1909 dated 5th idem for
the construction of the Platform and

suggested that as the proposed extension of Rail might not have been decided upon in communication with the Railway Department a Railway Engineer should meet the Assistant Engineer Gooty Range to determine the exact site of the proposed Platform. The matter appears to have been referred at once to the Agent and Manager Madras Railway who in a letter to the Consulting Engineer dated the 21st ultimo, communicated to this Office on the 22nd idem, forwards the Traffic Managers report in which it is stated that the position of the Platform cannot be finally determined until it is known whether the proposed platform is to be used by large bodies of troops travelling by troop trains only or by small bodies of men travelling by ordinary trains also.

3 The Traffic Managers report concludes as follows:-

"If it is intended that small bodies of

troops travelling by ordinary train shall join or leave the train at the Troop platform the position of the platform as shown in the plan is unavoidable."

4 In the interim between the 15th Inst and the 27th ultimo (the date of the receipt of the above alluded to papers from the Consulting Engineer's Office) the Assistant Engineer Gooty Range met the Railway Officers of the Engineering and Traffic departments at Gooty twice to determine the exact site for the Platform but no final decision was come to - at first it was proposed by them that the platform should be constructed on the north side of rails instead of on the south side as shown in the plan.

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hand by the end of the official year.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant.
Meggan A.S.C.E.
Offg. District Engineer
Bellary

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No 137
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20 Jan 76.
Read the following:—

Ch. Engineers Memo:—(H.C. N. 789 of 30th Nov. 1875)
From
The Offg. Dist. Eng. }
Bellary } (H.C. N. 2423 of 5th Jan 76)

Communicated to the
Military Department and
to the Consulting Engineer
for Railways in order that,
the question as to the use
for which the Platform
is required having been
definitely settled by the
Military Authorities, an
Estimate and Plan for
the kind of Platform
deemed suitable may be
submitted for sanction
without delay; so that
the

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Memo of Mr. District Eng.
of Bellary

The Offg. Dist. Eng.
Bellary

21st 3rd Memo of 1876.
H.C. N. 2423.

Regarding the
cause of delay in the
construction of the
Platform for the
new the Bellary
Station.

G.O. 20/1/76 N 26602

20.1.76.

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the grant already made
may be utilized within
the official year.

G.M.W.

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Military Dept.
C. E. P. Kyp.
S. E. Bellamy
recd. 27-1-76/7

X^o att^o C. E. P. Kyp.

June 7⁸⁹
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Platform for Troops near
The Fort Civilian Station

Letter from the Engrs
Ballany reporting the cause
of delay in the construction
The Commandant
The Military Dept & the Engrs
Engrs for P.W.