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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1876.*

No. 108. Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary
of State for India :—

Railway,
No. 1.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
27th April 1876.

MY LORD DUKE,—Herewith is transmitted for your Grace's information and for

• Letter to Mr. Byrne, dated 16th March 1876. consideration, at the date of the expiration
" from " 7th April " of the present agreement with the Agent
" No. 5,199. " " 24th " " and Manager of the Madras Railway
" to " " " " Company, a copy of a correspondence
with the Board, relative to the salary of the Chief Engineer of that Company.

I have, &c.,

SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honorable

The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

From JULIAN BYRNE, Esq., Secretary, Madras Railway Company, to the Under Secretary
of State for India, dated 33, New Broad Street, London, E.C., 7th April 1875, No. 5,199.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, in the
concluding paragraph of which it is requested that the Secretary of State may be furnished with
the views of the Board upon the question whether it is necessary to assign so high a salary as
£2,000 a-year to the Chief Engineer, now that the Railway has for some years been in active
operation.

2. In reply I am instructed to inform you that the Board, without entering upon the
question whether it will be expedient, on the final completion of their works, to make any
reduction in the salary of their Chief Engineer, desire to point out that, at the present time,
although the whole of their lines have been formally opened for traffic, yet owing to the very
serious misfortunes which were experienced in the months of June and October 1874, some of the
most important and expensive of the bridges have to be reconstructed, and doubts have been
thrown upon the sufficiency of a number of others, rendering it of the highest importance that
every part of the construction of the line should be minutely examined, and placed in a condition
of absolute security, for which purpose the employment of the highest engineering talent and
experience available, at whatever cost, is, in their opinion, true economy.

The Board trust that the Secretary of State will consider this circumstance sufficient to
dispose of any question as to reduction of the salary of the Chief Engineer for the present, and,
indeed, until such time as the construction of their lines in all their parts has been demonstrated
by experience to be proof against any strain that may be brought to bear upon them. They
think also that it may be right to draw attention to the fact that even when the lines have been
thoroughly established and are complete, their efficient and economical maintenance requires
skilful and unremitting attention, and that a reduction in the salary of the Chief Engineer will
lessen the prospect of retaining in the service the more efficient members of the engineering
staff.

I am to add however, in conclusion, that should the works above referred to be sufficiently
advanced towards completion by the end of next year, when the agreement with the Agent and
Manager will expire, the Board will be prepared to take into consideration the question of fixing
permanently the salary of the Chief Engineer, or making some new arrangement of the chief
offices.

India Office

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1876.*

From Sir LOUIS MALLETT, to JULIAN BYRNE, Esq., dated India Office, 24th April 1876.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 5,199, and to acquaint you in reply that His Lordship is willing that the salary of the Chief Engineer of the Madras Railway Company shall remain at £2,000 a-year for the present, on the understanding that, on the expiration of the agreement with the Company's present Agent and Manager, the whole question of the re-arrangement of the chief offices of the Company in India, and of the salaries to be assigned to them, shall be reconsidered. This understanding should be explained to the gentleman appointed to be the new Chief Engineer.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1876, No. 1,413.

RAILWAY, No. 11-A.

ORDERED to be recorded, and communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Government of India for information.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 110. DOCKET No. 1,414, dated 7th June 1876.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
for Secretary to Government.

*The letter to Mr. Byrne dated
18th March 1876 and alluded
to in the Railway Despatch
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Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Madras Railway Company

No 5799.

33. New Broad Street

London E.C. 4th April 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ulto in the concluding paragraph of which it is requested that the Secretary of State may be furnished with the views of the Board upon the question whether it is necessary to assign so high a salary as £2000 a year to the Chief Engineer, now that the Railway has for some years been in active operation.

In reply I am instructed to inform you that the Board, without entering upon the question whether it will be expedient, on the final completion of their works, to make any reduction

The Under Secretary of State for India
India Office

received - can be inserted in the margin of the printed D.O.

All papers recd from 14/6/76
Public Sept were duly sent to Madras. Reference must be made to the "List of Papers" (as Madras) to see whether the Enclosure came with from home. I wish found the printing and work be delayed on the meeting paper is a complete enquiry - the enclosed papers is given in reply. R.P. 1876.

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The Board trust that the
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I am to add however, in conclusion that should the works above referred to be sufficiently advanced towards completion by the end of next year, when the Agreement with the Agent and Manager will expire, the Board will be prepared to take into consideration the question of fixing permanently the salary of the Chief Engineer, or making some new arrangement of the Chief offices.

I have &c
(s) Julian Byrne
Secretary.

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India Office
24th April 1876.

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Julian Byrne Esq^r.

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(Sd) Louis Mallet

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Copy Correspondence with the
Madras Railway Board.

P. No. 1132/76

Referred to in Railway Letter to
Madras, No 1, dated 27th April 1876.

Railway
No 1.

Chief and to Mr. Byrnes.
Madras, 27th April 1876.
India Office, London

My Lord Duke,

Herewith is
transmitted for Your
Grace's information and
for consideration, at
the date of the
expiration of the present
Agreement with the
Agent and Manager
of the Madras Railway
Company, a copy of a
correspondence with the
Board, relative to the
salary

* Letter to Mr. Byrnes, dated
16th March 1876.
- do - from - do - dated 7th April
1876, No. 5, 199.
- do - to - do - dated 26th April
1876.

His Excellency,

The Right Honorable,

The Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

W. G. C.

salary of the Chief
Engineer of that Company.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Viceroy,

Your Grace's most obedient

humble Servant,

W. H. P.

Enclosed for the
Railway Department are
two copies of the
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27th April 1876

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to the Com^o Eng^o for M

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with the B^d of Directors
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