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of State for India —

Railway,
No 2.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
11th May 1876

MY LORD DUKE,—In reply to your Excellency's despatches of the 22nd November 1875, No 9, and 8th February last, No 1, I transmit herewith, for your Grace's information, copies of letters from the South

* Dated 14th February, 16th March, and 8th April 1876, Nos 173, 182, and 192 Indian Railway Board, of the dates* noted in the margin, together with copies

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gentlemen reply to the allegation of defects in the narrow gauge locomotives and other rolling stock sent out for the railway, and also enter into particulars regarding the prices of the engines as compared with those of the Rajputana State Railway.

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I have, &c,
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ENCLOSURE No 1

From H W NOTMAN, Esq, Managing Director of the South Indian Railway Company, to the Under-Secretary of State for India, dated 2, Leadenhall Street, London, E C, 14th February 1876, No 173

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Special attention having been called, in the letter under reply, to the comparison of cost of the locomotives on the Rajputana State Railway with that of the engines supplied for this Company, and the specifications and other necessary documents relating to the former having been furnished, the Consulting Engineers were called upon to report specially on this subject A copy of their report, No 54, dated 7th February 1876, together with a copy of the tabular

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ENCLOSURE 1 IN No 1

From Messrs G B BRUCE and C D FOX, Consulting Engineers, to H W NOTMAN, Esq.,
Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, dated Westminster, 22nd January 1876, No 53

South Indian Railway Rolling Stock

We are duly in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing a communication, dated the 12th instant, from the Secretary of State for India, with further reference to the locomotives and rolling stock recently sent out by the Board to India, which we herewith return

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26th June 1876. No 1,602.

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ENCLOSURE 2 IN No 1

From Messrs G B BRUCE and C D FOX, Cons'g Engineers, to H W NOTMAN, Esq,
Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, dated Westminster, 7th February
1876, No 54

Locomotives

In accordance with the wish expressed by the Secretary of State for India conveyed to us in your letter of the 13th January, and having before us the specifications and other necessary documents we have prepared the accompanying tabular statement, showing the comparative cost of the locomotives ordered for the Rajputana State Railway and for the South Indian Railway, respectively

In considering any such comparison the dates of the contracts become an essential element, as very severe fluctuations have taken place during the periods over which the several contracts were let

Taking the "Rajputana" locomotives as an example, those of Class A ordered in April 1872 were 220/ = 25 per cent more expensive than those contracted for in August 1871, those of Class B, ordered in September 1873, were 184/ per engine = 15 per cent more expensive than those contracted for in May 1872

In the case of the South Indian engines, as shown in the table, the prices ranged from 1,765/ in January 1874 to 1,940/ in March of the same year, and gradually fell to 1,640/- per engine in April 1875, being a difference of 300/ per engine = 18 per cent between the highest and lowest point

From this it will be seen that the orders for South Indian locomotives were given during a period when much higher prices ruled than was the case with the "Rajputana" engines

It is also difficult to institute any satisfactory comparison, as none of the types approach to identity of design, and the South Indian tender engine (comprising the whole, with the exception of four tank engines) is considerably more powerful than any of the "Rajputana" classes, with the exception of Class C, a tank engine, in which the cylinder has a diameter of 13½ inches against 13 inches in the South Indian engine. The heating surface is, however, considerably less, as also is the total weight of the engine, than the South Indian engines

Taking, however, these two engines as approaching more nearly to identity than any others, we find that, although the South Indian engine has a separate tender, the lowest price, viz, in April 1875, is 1,640/, being only 55/ above the amount at which the "Rajputana" engines were contracted for in January 1873, and that the average price of the South Indian engines over the high price period was but 1,750/

Taking the weight into account, we find that—

Per Ton

The lowest price of a South Indian engine was . . . £

The average price . . . 78

The price of the Rajputana engines, Class C . . . 83

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Comparison of Size and Cost of Locomotive Engines on the South Indian and Rajputana State Railways

DESCRIPTION OF POINTS COMPARED	SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY		RAJPUTANA STATE RAILWAY			
	Six Wheel coupled Engines, with Tender	Tank Engines, six Wheels coupled	A	B	C	D
General Description and Class			Light Tank, four Wheels coupled with Leading Wheels	Tank Engine, four Wheels coupled outside Cylinders	Tank, six coupled Wheels, Tank on Bogie behind outside Cylinders	Four Wheels, Engine, and separate Tender
Area of fire grate	10 square feet	9 25 square feet	6 square feet	7 square feet	10 5 square feet	8 square feet
Area of fire box	49 square feet	40 square feet	35 square feet	43 5 square feet	54 square feet	44 square feet
Diameter of wheels	618 square feet	450 square feet	325 square feet	393 square feet	581 square feet	388 square feet
Size of cylinder	13 in diameter by 20 in stroke	11 in diameter by 18 in stroke	10 in diameter by 18 in stroke	11 in diameter by 18 in stroke	13½ in diameter by 20 in stroke	11 in diameter by 17 in stroke
Capacity of tank	1 000 gallons	450 gallons	400 gallons	635 gallons	1 000 gallons	700 gallons
Space for fuel	50 cubic feet	30 cubic feet	50 cubic feet	45 cubic feet	50 cubic feet	1 ton, say 30 cubic ft
Weight of engine and tender, empty	21 08 tons	15 tons	12 7 tons	16 tons	19 5 tons	17 78 tons
Cost of engines and dates of contracts	1,765/., Jan 1874 1,840/., Mar, " 1,915/., " 1,797/., July " 1,722/., Oct " 1,640/., April 1875	1,400/., Mar 1874	895/., Aug 1871 1,115/., April 1872	1,286/., May 1872 1,420/., Sep 1873	1,685/., Jan 1873	1,255/., Jan 1873
Cost per ton of engine and tender	84/., 92½/., 91/., 85½/., 82½/., 78/.	94/.	70½/ and 88/.	77½ 10s and 89/.	81½ 6s 4d	73/.

8th February 1876

Average cost of South Indian Railway engines, 1,750/ = 83/ per ton

(Signed) GEORGE B BRUCE

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ENCLOSURE No 2

From H W NOTMAN, Esq, Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, to the Under-Secretary of State for India, dated 2, Leadenhall Street, London, E C, 16th March 1876, No 182

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date, enclosing copy of a further despatch* from the Government of Madras, relative to the alleged defects in the narrow gauge rolling stock supplied for the South Indian Railway, a copy of this communication will be immediately forwarded to the Company's Consulting Engineers, in order that they may have an opportunity of offering such further observations on the subject as may appear to them to be called for

It would appear from the remarks in the 5th paragraph of the despatch above referred to that the Government of Madras are under the belief that the terms "unfounded and ungenerous" which occur in the Consulting Engineers' Report, No 48, of 25th October 1875, were applied to the criticisms of their Deputy Consulting Engineer I trust that I may be permitted, without delay, to assure the Secretary of State that the terms in question were intended to apply exclusively to the criticisms of the Company's own Locomotive Superintendent, and that it never was contemplated that they should be understood as applicable to the remarks of Major Smith The special attention of the Consulting Engineers will be directed to this misapprehension

ENCLOSURE No 3

From H W NOTMAN, Esq, Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, to the Under-Secretary of State for India, dated 2, Leadenhall Street, London, E C, 8th April 1876, No 192

REFERRING to my letter, No 182, of 16th March, and in further reply to your communication of that date, I am now instructed to forward copy of a Supplementary Report, No 56, 3rd April 1876, received from the Consulting Engineers, relative to the alleged defects in the narrow gauge rolling stock supplied from this country for use upon this Company's line in India

ENCLOSURE 1 IN No 3

Report from Messrs G B BRUCE and C D FOX, Consulting Engineers, to H W. NOTMAN, Esq, Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, dated 5 Delahay Street, Westminster, London, 3rd April 1876, No 53

We have duly received a copy of the Minutes of the Governor in Council at Madras, dated 8th February 1876, having reference to the complaints which have been forwarded with regard to the narrow gauge rolling stock and locomotives supplied from this country to the Company The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs deal with a statement which we made with regard to the carriages, viz, that the shrinkage of the panels was an inevitable consequence of having had the carriages built in England and sent out to work in India, instead of adopting the usual plan of sending out merely the ironwork and having the vehicles themselves erected with timber seasoned to the country

We would only further remark in reference to this that that deviation was ordered from India by telegram, and we are not in a position to say whether it was a mistake or not We always understood it to be a balance of difficulties On the one hand, there was the danger of the stock shrinking more than it otherwise would do, but, on the other hand, there was, as we understood, the impossibility of the authorities in India constructing the stock within the time that they had at their disposal, and it is quite possible that to have delayed longer and erected the stock entirely in India would have been a much more serious difficulty than the shrinkage of some of the timber work of the carriages sent from England We have no reason to doubt that

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the authorities in India judged wisely in having the stock sent out complete, notwithstanding the difficulty which had arisen with regard to the shrinkage

Paragraph 4 of the Minutes deals with the locomotive engines, and notice is there taken that in our report we simply confined ourselves to stating our belief that the engines would be found generally as effective as the narrowness of the gauge, and the standard dimensions framed by the Government would admit, and notice is further taken that we did not go fully into the details of the complaints as given in Mr Sheward's letters

The fact is that the original draft did contain explanations with regard to the detailed defects as named by Mr Sheward, but the copying clerk by mistake dropped out of the fair copy all this part of the original report, and it was not detected until after it had been sent away This, however, has since been made good in our report, dated 22nd January 1876, where we have referred to the locomotive engines, and given what we believe to be satisfactory explanations regarding them This report was not in the hands of the Madras Government at the date of their Minutes in question

With regard to the observations at the end of clause 5, as to the terms "unfounded and ungenerous" on reference to the report, it will be seen that this had no reference whatever to the officers of the Government

No 528 ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1876, No 1,602

RAILWAY, No 48

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to the undermentioned orders —

G O, No 3,259, dated 13th November 1875

G O, No 188, " 25th January 1876

2 Report will be made whether defects in the engines continue to be observed If there are none, it should be so stated

(True Extract)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways ✓

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From this it will be seen that the orders for South Indian locomotives were given during a period when much higher prices ruled than was the case with the "Rajputana" engines

It is also difficult to institute any satisfactory comparison, as none of the types approach to identity of design, and the South Indian tender engine (comprising the whole, with the exception of four tank engines) is considerably more powerful than any of the "Rajputana" classes, with the exception of Class C, a tank engine, in which the cylinder has a diameter of 13 1/2 inches, against 13 inches in the South Indian engine. The heating surface is, however, considerably less, as also is the total weight of the engine, than the South Indian engines

Taking, however, these two engines as approaching more nearly to identity, than any others, we find that, although the South Indian engine has a separate tender, the lowest price, viz, in April 1875, is 1,610/ being only 55% above the amount at which the "Rajputana" engines were contracted for in January 1873 and that the average price of the South Indian engines over the high price period was but 1,750/

Taking the weight into account, we find that—

	Per For
The lowest price of a South Indian engine was	£ 78
The average price	83
The price of the Rajputana engines, Class C	81 1/2

The contract prices for the South Indian locomotives were the result of competition amongst all the leading locomotive makers, and there can be no doubt that they fairly represent the market value of the day for the class and quality of engine in question

We are, &c,
(Signed) GEORGE B BRUCE,
For Self, and C DOUGLAS FOX
Consulting Engineers

H W Notman, Esq

Enclosure to No 2 in No. 1

Description of Points compared		Rajputana State Railway			
		A	B	C	D
		Light Tank, four wheels coupled with Leading Wheels	Tank, four wheels coupled with four wheels outside Cylinders	Tank, six coupled wheels, 1 in on Bogie behind outside Cylinders	Four wheels, 1 engine, and separate tender
		12 7 tons 895/ Aug 1871 1,115/ April 1872	16 tons 1,236/ May 1872 1,420/ Sep 1873	19 5 tons 1,585/ Jan 1873	17 20 tons 1,255/ Jan 1873
		9 25 square feet 40 square feet 450 square feet 11 in diameter by 18 in stroke 450 gallons 30 cubic feet	7 square feet 43 5 square feet 393 square feet 3 feet 6 inches 11 in diameter by 18 in stroke 625 gallons 45 cubic feet	10 5 square feet 54 square feet 581 square feet 3 feet 13 1/2 in diameter by 20 in stroke 1,000 gallons 50 cubic feet	6 5 square feet 40 5 square feet 355 square feet 3 feet 11 in diameter by 17 in stroke 700 gallons 1 ton, say 30 cubic ft
		21 09 tons 1,765/ Jan 1874 1,940/ Mar 1874 1,915/ May 1874 1,797/ July 1874 1,621/ Oct 1874 1,640/ April 1875 847, 921/ 911, 853/ 821, 781	15 tons 1,409/ May 1874	81/ 6s 4d	73/
		Cost of engines and tenders	Cost of engines and tenders	Cost of engines and tenders	Cost of engines and tenders
		Cost per ton of engine and tender	Cost per ton of engine and tender	Cost per ton of engine and tender	Cost per ton of engine and tender
		76/	77/ 10s and 89/	81/ 6s 4d	76/

Average cost of South Indian Railway engines, 1,750/ = 83/ per ton

(Signed) GEORGE B BRUCE.

8th February 1876

No 2

No 182

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of this day's date, enclosing copy of a further Despatch* from the Government of Madras, relative to the alleged defects in the narrow gauge rolling stock supplied for the South Indian Railway, a copy of this communication will be immediately forwarded to the Company's Consulting Engineers in order that they may have an opportunity of offering such further observations on the subject as may appear to them to be called for

It would appear from the remarks in the 5th paragraph of the Despatch above referred to, that the Government of Madras are under the belief that the terms "unfounded and ungenerous" which occur in the Consulting Engineer's Report, No 48, of 25th October 1875, were applied to the criticisms of then Deputy Consulting Engineer. I trust that I may be permitted, without delay, to assure the Secretary of State that the terms in question were intended to apply exclusively to the criticisms of the Company's own Locomotive Superintendent, and that it never was contemplated that they should be understood as applicable to the remarks of Major Smith

The special attention of the Consulting Engineers will be directed to this misapprehension

I am, &c,
(Signed) HENRY W NOTMAN,
Managing Director

The Under Secretary of State
for India

No 3

No 192

Sir,

Referring to my Letter, No 182, of 16th March, and in further reply to your communication of that date, I am now instructed to forward copy of a Supplementary Report, No 56, 3rd April 1876, received from the Consulting Engineers, relative to the alleged defects in the narrow gauge rolling stock supplied from this country for use upon this Company's line in India

I am, &c,
(Signed) HENRY W NOTMAN,
Managing Director

The Under Secretary of State
for India

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Enclosure to No 3

Report No 56

South Indian Railway, Engineer's Office,
5, Delabav Street, Westminster, London,
3rd April 1876

Dear Sir,

We have duly received a copy of the Minutes of the Governor in Council at Madras, dated 8th February 1876, having reference to the complaints which have been forwarded with regard to the narrow gauge rolling stock and locomotives supplied from this country to the Company

The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs deal with a statement which we made with regard to the carriages, viz, that the shrinkage of the panels was an inevitable consequence of having had the carriages built in England and sent out to work in India, instead of adopting the usual plan of sending out merely the nonwork and having the vehicles themselves erected with timber seasoned to the country

We would only further remark in reference to this, that that deviation was ordered from India by telegram, and we are not in a position to say whether it was a mistake or not. We always understood it to be a balance of difficulties. On the one hand there was the danger of the stock shrinking more than it otherwise would do, but, on the other hand, there was, as we understood, the impossibility of the authorities in India constructing the stock within the time that they had at their disposal, and it is quite possible that to have delayed longer and erected the stock entirely in India would have been a much more serious difficulty than the shrinkage of some of the timber work of the carriages sent from England. We have no reason to doubt that the authorities in India judged wisely in having the stock sent out complete, notwithstanding the difficulty which had arisen with regard to the shrinkage

Para 4 of the Minutes deals with the locomotive engines, and notice is there taken that in our report we simply confined ourselves to stating our belief that the engines, would be found generally as effective as the narrowness of the gauge, and the standard dimensions framed by the Government would admit, and notice is further taken that we did not go fully into the details of the complaints as given in Mr Sheward's letters

The fact is that the original draft did contain explanations with regard to the detailed defects as named by Mr Sheward, but the copying clerk by mistake dropped out of the fair copy all this part of the original report, and it was not detected until after it had been sent away. This, however, has since been made good in our report, dated 22nd January 1876, where we have referred to the locomotive engines, and given what we believe to be satisfactory explanations regarding them. This report was not in the hands of the Madras Government at the date of their Minutes in question

With regard to the observations at the end of Clause 5, as to the terms "unfounded and ungenerous" on reference to the report, it will be seen that this had no reference whatever to the officers of the Government

We are, &c,
(Signed) GEORGE B BRUCE,
For C DOUGLAS FOX & Selt,
Consulting Engineers

H W Notman, Esq

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 Letter to Fort George
 No. 2 & Enclosures.

Forwarding Copies of reply
 to the allegations of defects in
 the narrow gauge locomotives
 and other rolling stock
 sent out for the M. Ry.

No 527

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Despatch from the Secretary of State
 for India No. 2 dated 11th May 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

Major Genl. R.C.

Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the defects in the narrow gauge locomotives and other rolling stock sent out for the M. Ry. and in reply to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the Secretary of State for India for his consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours faithfully,
 [Signature]

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FOR ORDERS

No 1602

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 26 June 76

READ the following —

Despatch from the Secy: of } (H.E. No 2 of 11th May 1876)
State for India —

Communicated to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways with reference
to the undermentioned orders

G.O. 3259 of 13th Nov. 1875.
" 188-1-25th Jan. 1876.

Report will be made on
whether defects in the
Engines continue to be
observed. If there are
none it should be so
stated.

Cons. Eng. for Ry. ✓

Desd 17/7/76

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By order of the
Chief Engineer

Narrow gauge locomotive
and other rolling stock sent
out for the Santa Fe
Ry Co Despatch from
Secy of State transmitting
copies of letter from the
Santa Fe Ry Board
relating to the allegation of
defects in the iron (over)
the iron for the Santa Fe

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