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No 440. Read the following letter from Major C J SMITH, R E, Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St George, dated Madras, 15th September 1876, No 456 —

REFERRING to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,274, dated 28th August 1876, I have the honor to submit letters, Nos 2,138 and 2,162, dated 4th and 11th September 1876, from the Agent of the South Indian Railway. It will be seen that Mr Betts urges the necessity for the immediate erection of a second telegraph wire between Madras and Tindevanum. The present single wire is monopolised by the Traffic Department to the exclusion of all other messages on the Company's service.

2 In the second of the above letters Mr Betts asks for the erection of a second wire also from Tindevanum to Tanjore He writes as follows —"Experience has shown us that a second wire is necessary for the working of a railway after it has been opened for public traffic, and, if the work is started now, it ought to be ready for use by the 1st of January next, the date upon which further sections of the Northern Extension are expected to be ready to be used by the public."

3 From the letter marginally noted it would appear that a grant of Rs 32,600 has been entered in the current Budget for erecting the second wire between Madras and Tanjore, as soon as it can be laid out by trains or trollies For the greater portion of the distance this is now practicable, and, as the Telegraph Department will be on the ground for the erection of the permanent posts, it would probably be found convenient to undertake all the work to be done at one time

No 80, dated 22nd June 1876, from Officiating Director-General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (*vide* Madras G O, No 1,922, dated 28th July 1876)

4 As the Government are aware, the break between Porto Novo and Shiyali is likely to exist for another year at least, and the postponement of the erection of the second wire until this break is closed would be very prejudicial to the safe working of the sections opened for passenger traffic on each side of it.

5 I request that the Government will be pleased to take such steps as will secure the erection at an early date by the Government Telegraph Department of a second wire from Madras to Tanjore

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From W S BETTS, Esq, Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Major C J SMITH, R E, Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th September 1876, No 2,138

THE Traffic Manager reports to me that the telegraph wire erected between Madras and Tindevanum is now used for the signalling of trains to so great an extent, that other messages on the Company's business are much delayed. No public messages at all are received As it is desirable that prompt communication should exist between head-quarters and the section of line before referred to, will you please call upon the Government Telegraph Department to erect, as soon as possible, a second wire along its length Rent will be paid for the use of this wire in accordance with the agreement entered into between this Company and the Government Telegraph Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th September 1876 *No* 2,572.

From W S BETTS, Esq, Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Major C J SMITH, R E, Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 11th September 1876, No 2,162

On the 4th instant, per letter No 2,138, I asked you to be good enough to arrange for the putting up of a second telegraph wire between Madras and Tindevanum

2 It has since occurred to me it would be well for this work to be undertaken, as well as the erection of a second wire from Tindevanum to Tanjore, while the staff of the Government Telegraph Department are on the ground for the purpose of erecting the permanent telegraph between the two last-named stations

3 Experience has shown us that a second wire is necessary for the working of a railway after it has been opened for public traffic, and, if the work is started now, it ought to be ready for use by the 1st of January next, the date upon which further sections of the Northern Extension are expected to be ready to be used by the public

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No 441. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1876, No 2,572

RAILWAY, No 46

ORDERED that the subject be referred to the Government of India

Here enter No. 2,573, dated 27th September 1876

(True Extract)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 27*th September* 1876

No 442

No 2,573

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W WALKER, R E,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No 47.

SIR,—Adverting to my No. 2,275, dated 28th August 1876, reporting the acquiescence of the Agent of the South Indian Railway in the arrangement to transfer to the Government Telegraph Department the maintenance of the section of line between Madras and Tindevanam, I am directed to forward herewith an application from the Company for the erection of a second wire on the whole length from Madras to Tanjore, provision for which to the extent of Rupees 32,600 appears to have been made in the current year's Budget Estimate of the Telegraph Department. The necessity for the work appears to be beyond doubt, and, as the present time appears to be the most suitable, I am to request that early orders may be given by telegraph for the commencement of the work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. A. Grubert.
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No. 2158 ~~GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA~~ RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 4 September 1876

From

THE AGENT, South Indian
Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

SIR,

The Traffic Manager reports to me that the telegraph wire erected between Madras and Tindevanum is now used for the signalling of trains to so great an extent, that other messages on the Company's business are much delayed. No public messages at all are received. As it is desirable that prompt communication should exist between Head Quarters and the section of line before referred to, Will you please call upon the Government Telegraph Department, to erect as soon as possible a second wire along its length. Rent will be paid for the use of this wire in accordance with the Agreement entered into between the Company and the Government Telegraph Department.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant,

Lieut Col Betts.
Agent

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No. 2162 South Indian ~~GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA~~ RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 11th September 1876

From

THE AGENT,
South Indian
~~Great Southern of India~~ Railway,

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

SIR,

On the 4th inst per letter No. 2138, I asked you to be good enough to arrange for the putting up of a second telegraph wire between Madras and Trivevanam

It has since occurred to me, it would be well for this work to be undertaken, as well as the erection of a second wire from Tuticorin to Tanjore, while the Staff of the Government Telegraph Department are on the ground for the purpose of erecting the permanent telegraph between the two last named stations.

Experience has shown us that a second wire necessary for the working of a railway after it has been opened for public traffic, and if the work is started now it ought to be ready for use by the 1st of January next the date upon which further returns of the Northern Extension are expected to be ready to be used by the public

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

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Agent

P.W.D.
1 SEP 76
No. 1716

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 15 *Sept* 1876.

No. 456.

From

LT. MAJOR C. J. SMITH, R.E.,

Chief Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George

SIR,

Referring to the Proceedings of Government No. 2274, dated 28th August 1876, I have the honor to submit letters, No. 2138 and 2162, dated 4th and 11th September 1876 from the Agent of the South Indian Railway. It will be seen that Mr. Betts urges the necessity for the immediate erection of a second telegraph wire between Madras and Tindevanum. The present single wire is monopolised by the Traffic department to the exclusion of all other messages on the Company's service.

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3 From the letter marginally noted it would appear that a grant of Rs 32,600 has been entered in the current budget for erecting the second wire between Madras and Tanjore, as soon as it can be laid

× No 80 dated 22 June 1876 from Offg Director General of Telegraphs in India to the Secy. to the Govt. of India P.W. Dept. with Madras G.O. No 1922 of 28th July 76.

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Government Telegraph Depart.
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Madras to Tanjore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed. Servant,
O. Smith Major R.E
Offg. Cons. Engineer Railways

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P.W.D.
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No 1711

Railway Department.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 15th
Received 1876.

Endd. Lr. No. 456.

Forwards for his information a letter from the Agent S.I.R. & Q. asking for the sanction to the advance of cash required for a second telegraph circuit between Madras and Tanjore

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Dated 7/10/76

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To The Chief Engr for Irr

Dated

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P W O, 2nd Sept 1876, No 2572 2573

Nos. 240/42

Second Telegraph Wire between Madras and Dampie - Carlle Indian Ry:- The subject of the erection of a — ordered to be reserved to the Govt of India —

Forwarding an application from the Carlle Indian Ry Co: for the erection of a second Telegraphic Wire on the whole length from Madras to Dampie and requesting that early orders may be given by Telegraph for the commencement of the work —

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