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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2634	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th September 1876. No. 2,634.*

No. 553. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 15th September 1876, No. 2,417-R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 804, dated the 29th March 1876, forwarding papers relative to the conversion of the Arconum to Conjeveram section of the South Indian Railway from the 3½ feet to the metre gauge and its extension to Chingleput; also your letter, No. 1,634, dated the 28th June 1876.

2. In reply, I am directed to forward copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 74, Railway, dated the 27th July 1876, and to say that the Government of India sanction the conversion of this section of railway between Arconum and Conjeveram at a cost of Rupees 2,80,838, the sum stated in your second letter under acknowledgment. But it is said that Rupees 1,73,927 would be required to put the existing line in order; whether it is converted or not the Government of India are of opinion that so much of the cost of converting the line is fairly debitable to Revenue and the balance, Rupees 1,06,911, to Capital.

3. The question of the extension of the line to Chingleput has been referred to Her Majesty's Government for decision.

4. Orders on the second item of Rupees 2,03,061, mentioned in your second letter under reply for siding and station accommodation at the Fort and Junction Stations, Trichinopoly, will be deferred pending the receipt of a reply to Public Works Department No. 1,891-R, dated the 24th July 1876.

5. The Capital portion of this sanction has been registered as No. 10 M.R. of 1876-77. The plan and estimates received are retained for the present.

Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 27th July 1876, No. 74 R.

Para. 1.—I have received from the Government of Madras, together with their Despatch to me, No. 4, of 29th April last, copies of some recent correspondence with your Government respecting the proposed conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram Branch Railway from 3 feet 6 inches to metre gauge, and its proposed extension on the same gauge to Chingleput.

2. In regard to the question of extension, I shall await a further communication from your Excellency before reconsidering the point.

3. It appears, however, that, unless the gauge of the existing Arconum-Conjeveram line be converted as proposed, the South Indian Railway Company will not only be obliged to maintain rolling stock of a special description for that petty portion of their system; but will, moreover, in order to put into proper condition the 3 feet 6 inches gauge way and stock, have to spend, almost immediately, within about 5,000% of the sum required for conversion to metre gauge.

4. In these circumstances it would seem desirable that the conversion should not be delayed, and, if this be also your Excellency's opinion, the work may be ordered to be undertaken at once.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th September 1876. No. 2,634.

No. 554. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1876, No. 2,634.

RAILWAY, No. 60.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G.O., No. 803, dated 29th March, and G.O., No. 1,633, dated 28th June 1876.

2. With reference to paragraph 4, it is observed that the letter from the Government of India, No. 1,891-R, dated 21st July 1876, has not yet been disposed of.
3. The sanction accorded by the Government of India has been registered as Railway No. 16 W. of 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

India Office,
London, 27th July 1876.

Railway,
No. 74.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

Para. 1. I have received from the Government of Madras, together with their Despatch to me, No. 4, of 29th April last, copies of some recent correspondence with your Government respecting the proposed conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram Branch Railway from 3 ft. 6 in. to metre gauge, and its proposed extension, on the same gauge, to Chingleput.

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4. In these circumstances it would seem desirable that the conversion should not be delayed, and, if this be also your Excellency's opinion, the work may be ordered to be undertaken at once.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) SALISBURY.

P.W.D.
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Railway
27th July 1876

Copy
Letter to the Govt of India
No 74

No 2634

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30 Sept 76.
Read the following:—

From
The Govt of India (H.C. No 2417 R d 15th Sept 76)

Communicated to
the Consulting Engineer for
Railways with reference
to G.O. No 803 dated 29th
March and G.O. No 1633
dated 28th June 1876.

2. With reference to para
4 it is observed that the
letter from the Govt of India
No 1891 R dated 24th July
1876 has not yet been dis-
posed of.

Comp. Eng^r for Ry.
Exr. Ry. Accounts.

The sanction accorded
by the Govt of India has
been registered as Railway
No 16 W. 5/1876-77.

Depd 13/10/76

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[Signature]

Oct. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Com^r & Eng^r of Railways

Date:

Place:

For:

Encl.

U. O. No. 141st 1876, No. 734

Nos. 533/54

Conversion of the Arcadium.

Perpetuum Rive (S. S. Hy)

to the Metro Gauge

Letter from the Govt of India

Arranging conversion to an

8 ft gauge & anchoring

with remarks the —,

Comd to the Com^r of Railways

*Let no Paper
11-11-76*

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