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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 569. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th December 1876, No. 632:—

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for the sanction of the Government of India, an indent on the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway Company for 20,000 tons of patent fuel or coal, at an estimated cost of Rupees 4,00,000. Three letters from the Agent, explaining the circumstances under which the indent is submitted, are also enclosed for consideration.

2. Upon receipt of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 19th May 1876, No. 1,263, Mr. Elwin, under instructions from his Board, issued advertisements inviting tenders for 10,000 tons of Indian (Sanctoria) coal, to be delivered free into the Company's yard at Royapooram. In reply three tenders only were received, which were opened at a meeting attended by Mr. Elwin and myself. The conditions complied with by one tender only, and the rate quoted in it was Rupees 21 per ton.

3. This offer has been duly considered by the Directors, who had also before them tenders for the supply of 10,000 tons of English and Welsh coals, to be delivered over the ship's side, at prices ranging from 29s. 1d. to 32s. 10d. per ton, including cost, freight, and insurance. If the Board are able to enter into a contract at the lowest of these rates, the cost of the coal, when delivered into the Company's yard, will probably be below Rupees 18 per ton.

4. The indent now sent forward is for 20,000 tons. The quantity of coke, coal, and patent fuel in stock on the 1st November 1876 amounted to 17,964 tons; equal, at present rates of consumption, to about thirteen months' supply. It is proposed that 8,000 tons shall be sent out as soon as possible, the remainder to follow at the rate of about 1,300 tons per month. I am of opinion that the proposal is judicious and the indent is recommended for sanction.

5. Taking into consideration the special circumstances which have delayed the submission of this indent, and the importance of maintaining a sufficient stock of coal on hand, also the expediency of entering into a contract during the prevalence of favorable rates, I have authorized the Agent to transmit the indent to his Board for execution in anticipation of sanction.

From R. E. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 25th November 1876, No. 1,224.

* I HAVE the honor to forward herewith for submission to Government an indent* on the Board of Directors for 20,000 tons of patent fuel or coal costing 4,00,000 Rupees, which I have received from the Locomotive Superintendent.

* No. 286, in triplicate.

† No. 623, dated 22nd November 1876.

2. In forwarding me this indent Mr. Trevithick writes† as follows:—

“The total present stock of coke, coal and patent fuel distributed over the line is together 17,964 tons, or equal to about twelve to thirteen months' supply at present rates of consumption,

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26th December 1876. No. 3,536.*

and as it may be expected that five to six months will elapse before coal ordered from England now can be delivered here, and the rate of consumption is likely to increase, the stock may be reduced to six months' consumption before fresh supplies can be obtained.

"Under these circumstances it will be necessary to order at once six months' supply, say 8,000 tons, the arrival of which will again bring the stock up to the limit of one year's supply prescribed by the Board's letter No. 578, dated 2nd June 1876, an extract of which I received with your letter No. 2,507, dated 11th July 1876.

"I enclose, in the usual form, an indent on the Board for 20,000 tons, of which, as before stated, 8,000 tons should be promptly supplied; the balance of the indent should then follow at the rate of about 1,300 tons a-month, in order to maintain a stock sufficient for one year's consumption."

3. The Directors have telegraphed to me to decline the tenders for the supply of 10,000 tons of Indian coal, which were forwarded to them for consideration.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 1st December 1876, No. 1,252.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 1,268, I have the honor to send you herewith a statement showing the particulars of the tenders for 10,000 tons of Indian coal which were referred for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

2. You will observe that the only tender which complies with the terms of the advertisement is that received from S. Saravana Mootoo Pillay.

List of Tenders for Indian Coal received at the Agent and Manager's Office.

No. 1.—Tender dated 16th September 1876, is from the new Beerbhoom Coal Company Limited, Calcutta, but as it does not comply with the terms of the advertisement—the coal being offered free on board in Calcutta—I do not imagine that the Directors will entertain it. Reports of the Directors of the new Beerbhoom Coal Company for the half-years ended 31st October 1875 and 30th April 1876 are enclosed.

No. 2.—Tender dated 22nd September 1876, is from Messrs. Apear & Co., Calcutta, who offer 5,000 tons of coal from their Cheerupore Colliery, instead of 10,000 as mentioned in advertisement, at Rupees 21 per ton delivered into the Company's yard at Royapooram between the months of January and June 1877. Messrs. Apear & Co. call attention to an original certificate from Mr. Bradford Leslie, Agent and Chief Engineer of the East Indian Railway, which is enclosed.

No. 3.—Tender dated 22nd September 1876, is from S. Saravana Mootoo Pillay, who offers 10,000 tons of Sanctoria and Ranegunge coal at Rupees 21 per ton of 20 cwt. delivered free into the Company's yard at Royapooram.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 19th December 1876, No. 1,368.

ADVERTISING to your letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 1,268, I have the honor to send you herewith, for submission to Government, a copy of paragraph 7 of the Secretary's letter, No. 588, dated the 17th of November, which explains the reasons which induced the Directors to decline the tenders for the supply of 10,000 tons of Indian coal.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, No. 588, dated London, the 17th November 1876.

PARAGRAPH 7.—Your letter of the 6th ultimo was duly received, and the three tenders for coal, forwarded therewith, were, on the 3rd instant, laid before the Board, who were much disappointed to find that no lower offer than Rupees 21 per ton for 10,000 tons of native coal delivered into the Company's yard at England.

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Royapooram had been received in answer to your advertisement. Inquiries were made here as to the rate at which contracts could now be entered into for the supply of English and Welsh coals, and the Board had also before them tenders for the delivery from the ship's side at Madras of 10,000 tons of coals at prices ranging from 29s. 1d. to 32s. 10d. per ton, including cost, freight, and insurance. In these circumstances the Board decided not to accept either of the tenders submitted by you, and a telegram to that effect was sent to you on the date above referred to. From further inquiries that have been made it is feared that you will not succeed in obtaining offers for the supply of native coal below the prices of English coal above given, before your stock is too much reduced, and should this, after further investigation by you, be found to be the case, you will forward an indent for such quantities as may be necessary. Meanwhile the Board have also declined the whole of the tenders received by them, and they desire that you will make no further purchases in the local market without first communicating with them.

No. 570. ORDER THEREON, 26th December 1876, No. 3,536.

RAILWAY, No. 54-A.

UNDER the circumstances explained in these papers the action of the Directors in declining the tenders for supply of

Indian Coal is concurred in by His Grace the Governor in Council. The papers will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India and for confirmation of the provisional sanction which has been accorded by the Consulting Engineer to the indent on the Board for 20,000 tons of patent fuel or coal at an approximate cost of Rupees 4,00,000.

(Here enter No. 3,537, dated 26th December 1876.)

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 26th December 1876.

No. 571.

No. 3,537.

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. 54-B.

SIR,—In May last certain proposals for the economical working of the traffic on the Madras Railway, brought forward at a meeting held at the instance of Mr. Juland Danvers, Government Director of Indian Guaranteed Railways, were considered by His Grace the Governor in Council. Among them was a proposition for bringing native coal from Calcutta in steamers specially chartered for the purpose. With this view public tenders were called for, the result of which will be seen from the papers now transmitted. As in the opinion of the Board it would be more economical to continue the present practice of obtaining supplies from England, the Agent was instructed to submit an indent accordingly. An indent has now been prepared for 20,000 tons of patent fuel or coal at an approximate cost of Rupees 4,00,000 and sent home under the provisional sanction of the Consulting Engineer, and to this proceeding I am to request the confirmation of the Government of India.

2. Copies of the Proceedings of the 19th May 1876, No. 1,263, which have hitherto been detained in expectation of receiving detailed proposals for increase of the engine power of the railway are now transmitted for the information of the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Ed. S. T. Austin.

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V. SECRETARY.

Forth St. Jenge
28 August 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To Offg. Consulting Engineer
for Railways -

Please see remarks
by His Grace the Governor
in the accompanying
draft order, and let
us know when we may
expect to receive the
information alluded to.

W.H.
20.8.

Para. 3. of G.O. 1263
19. May. 76. refers to
"engine power",
Invents are under preparation
it is not improbable
that more than one month
may elapse. owing to
want of strength in the
domestic stock. 29/8 C.E.

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No. 1224

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 25th November 1876.

From

A. K. Edwin Esq.
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Robert J. Webb & Co. Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward
herewith for submission to Government and
indent on the Board of Directors for 20,000
tons of Patent Fuel, or Coal costing 400,000 Rupees
which I have received from the Locomotive
Superintendent.

Ch. 623 dated
22nd Nov 1876.

In forwarding this indent
Mr. Trevithick writes as follows:-

"The total present stock of coke,
coal and patent fuel distributed over the
line is together 17,264 tons, or equal to about
12 to 13 months supply at present rates of con-
sumption, and as it may be expected that
5 to 6 months will elapse before coal ordered
from England now can be delivered here,
and the rate of consumption is likely to
increase, the stock may be reduced to 6
months' consumption before fresh supplies
can be obtained."

Under these circumstances, it will be necessary to order at once 6 months' supply, say 8000 tons, the arrival of which will again bring the stock up to the limit of one year's supply prescribed by the Board's letter of 1.578 dated 2 June 1876, an extract of which I received with your letter of 2507, dated 11 July 1876.

"I enclose, in the usual form, an indent on the Board for 20,000 tons, of which as before stated, 8000 tons should be promptly supplied, the balance of the indent should then follow at the rate of about 1300 tons a month in order to maintain a stock sufficient for one year's consumption."

The Directors have telegraphed to decline the tenders for the supply of 10,000 tons of Indian Coal, which were forwarded to them for consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. H. Jones

Agent & Manager

P.W.D.

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No. 2281

Forwarding for the
London & Birmingham
- road & London to 288
for Patent & Co.

Dated 25th Nov 1876
Recd 27th Nov
No. 1224

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

From

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

Co. & Co. 1615-3 4-12-76

No. 1252

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 1st December 1876

From

Robert B. Irvine Esq.

Agent and Manager.

M. H. Company.

To

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Stuart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 28 ultimo, No. 1268, I have the honour to send you herewith a statement showing the particulars of the tenders for 10,000 tons of Indian coal which were referred for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

2. You will observe that the only tender which complies with the terms of the Advertisement is that received from

S. Saravanan Moortu Pillay.

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

Agent & Manager.

P.W.D.
 210076
 No. 2251

Order No. 16157 4-12-76

Providing a state-
 ment showing the
 quantities of the tender
 for 10000 tons of
 Indian coal.

Dated 23rd December 1876
 Recd. W.
 No. 1252

From
 MADRAS RAILWAY.
 The Agent and Manager.
 To
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.

No. 1368

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE.

Madras, 19th December 1876

R. B. Elwin Esq
 Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

From

To

Mr Col J. H. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
 Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the
 28th inst. of 12th inst. I have the honour to
 send you herewith for submission to Govern-
 ment a copy of paragraph VII of the Secretary's
 letter of 1st inst. dated the 17th of November,
 which explains the reasons which induced
 the Government to decline the tenders for the
 supply of 10000 tons of Indian Coal.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R. B. Elwin
 Agent and Manager

P.W.D.
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No. 9284

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 11 December 1876.

No. 182

From
LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To
MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the sanction of the
Government of India, an in-
dent, and the Board of Di-
rectors of the Madras Rail-
way Company for 20,000 tons
of prater fuel or coal, at
an estimated cost of Rs. 4,00,000.
Three letters from the Agent,
explaining the circumstances
under which the indent is
submitted, are also enclosed
for

MADRAS RAILWAY.

The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Indt. 193/187
Recd. 20.11.76

No. 1318

Strawbury City of London
19th Dec 1876
Letter 193/1878
the Madras Railway
Agent to the
Director to the
the Agents for the
supply of J. Walker
Road.

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Railway

for consideration.

2. Upon receipt of the Proceedings of Government under date the 19th May 1876, N^o. 1263, Mr. Elwin, under instructions from his Board, issued advertisements inviting tenders for 10,000 tons of Indian (Sanctaria) coal, to be delivered free into the Company's yard at Rayapooram. In reply, three tenders only were received, which were opened at a meeting attended by Mr. Elwin and myself. The conditions were complied with by one tender only, and

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and the rate quoted in it was Rs. 21 per ton.

3. This offer has been duly considered by the Directors, who had also before them tenders for the supply of 10,000 tons of English and Welsh coals, to be delivered over the ship's side, at prices ranging from 29 shillings 1 penny to 32 shillings 10 pence per ton, including cost, freight, and insurance. If the Board are able to enter into a contract at the lowest of these rates, the cost of the coal, when delivered into the Company's yard, will probably be below Rs. 18 per ton. The indent now sent forward

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5. Taking into consideration the special circumstances

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—stances which have delayed the submission of this indent, and the importance of maintaining a sufficient stock of coal on hand, also the expediency of entering into a contract during the prevalence of favourable rates, I have authorised the Agent to transmit the indent to his Board for execution, in anticipation of sanction.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most Obedient servant

W. M. M. M.
Lieut. Col. R. R.

Consulting Engineer for Railways

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G. W.

Drpd - with 7 spare
copies of G.O.
No. 1263
19 May 1876
2 Indents.

K. L. G.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Comr Engg & Supt*

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th Dec 1876, No. 5531

Nos. 569-571

Coal required for the
Madras Railway

Putting orders on letter
to Comr - for Dgo. Submitting
an indent for

Requesting confirmation
of the provisional sanction
accorded by the Comr
for Dgo to the Comr of
the Board of Directors Madras
Dgo for 2 months of Coal.

Cir: 23-12-76