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Public Works

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd January 1877. No. 204.*

No. 395. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th January 1877, No. 8:—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 6th January 1877, No. 2,664.

YOUR letter No. 1,110 of the 13th October last, a copy of the Order of Government, No. 2,557, dated the 25th September 1876, was duly brought under the notice of my Directors, and I have been requested by them to apply for a reconsideration of the decision therein recorded in order that the services of the uncertificated Apothecaries may be dispensed with gradually. I attach hereto an extract from the Managing Director's letter No. 114 of the 8th ultimo, which gives the views of the Board on this subject. Will you please submit it to Government?

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

EXTRACT from the Managing Director's letter, dated London, 8th December 1876, No. 114.
Medical Department.

THE Directors have carefully considered your remarks under this head, and also the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th September 1876, No. 2,557, bearing upon the question.

In recent orders of the Government of Madras it is ruled that all Apothecaries in the service of the Company must hold certificates from the Medical College at Madras or other known and recognized institution in India or England, and it is now intimated that Government "cannot agree to the continued employment of men not properly qualified," and that they "cannot allow the payment of further sums of money to unqualified men after a reasonable time has been allowed for obtaining others, say after 31st December 1876."

I need hardly observe that the Board are to the full as anxious as the Government can be that the Apothecaries in their service should be properly qualified men, and they have always understood that all those now employed come under that category. It is true that of the number, five do not hold certificates; but the competency of these gentlemen to discharge the duties of their posts has not, so far as the Board are aware, been called in question, but on the contrary testimony in their favor is borne by the responsible Medical Officer of the Company, and also by the fact of their length of service extending in one instance to upwards of sixteen years.

The Directors when first made acquainted with the views of the Government and with a desire to meet their wishes that none but certificated men should hold appointments as Apothecaries, and being desirous at the same time to act in such a manner as would entail the least hardship upon men already in their service who do not hold certificates, instructed you that on the reduction of the staff which will shortly ensue (consequent upon the completion of further portions of the railway) the services of the uncertificated Apothecaries should be the first to be dispensed with.

In his report to Government, dated Fort St. George, 7th April 1876, No. 205, Surgeon-General E. G. Balfour remarks: "It will be for the railways to ascertain by advertisements whether any qualified men are obtainable; but, except pensioned or dismissed servants of the Company there are none; and in accepting those who have failed in the Government examinations, the railways doubtless regard them as better than none."

It will be difficult, if not altogether impossible, to induce men holding certificates, or indeed properly qualified men of any description to take service with the Company for so short a period

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as that which will intervene between 31st December next (supposing the uncertificated men then to be dismissed) and the time when on reduction of the staff above alluded to their employment would of necessity come to an end, and the result therefore, if the Government Order is strictly enforced, will probably be that several of the districts will be left without resident medical aid of any kind. This the Directors think is much to be deprecated, and they trust therefore that the Government of Madras will, on a reconsideration of the circumstances of the case, concur with them in opinion, and allow the services of the uncertificated men to be dispensed with gradually, and when the reduction of the staff permits of this being done without detriment to the interests of the Company.

(True Extract.)

NEGAPATAM,
5th January 1877.

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government with reference to their Proceedings, No. 2,557, dated 25th September 1876, in continuation of this office endorsement, No. 610, dated 11th December 1876.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 396.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1877, No. 204.

RAILWAY, No. 30-D.

UNDER the circumstances explained by the Directors of the South Indian Railway, His Grace the Governor in

Council accepts the proposals made by them to allow the services of the uncertificated Apothecaries of that railway to be dispensed with gradually on reduction of the staff in the ordinary course.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Public Works Department.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following:

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways } (H. No. 848 of 8th Jan. 1877)

His Grace the Governor in Council is not satisfied that the reasonable demands of Government made so far back as May 1876, in the interests of the public health, have met with that prompt and willing compliance to which they were entitled.

From which fact it does not appear that any advertisement has been issued by either Railway to attract

I think Mr. Betts has advertised. I have seen some in the papers for advertisement

the services of Certified
= Caledo men; it has not
therefore been ascertained
whether such men are
or ~~were~~^{are} not available.
Neither has the Agent
and Manager of the
South Indian Railway
stated in what order,
and at what rate, the
5 incompetent men
on its Medical Staff
are to be got rid of;
so that the Government
might have some assur-
ance that their object
shall be attained within
a fixed and reasonable
period.

3. Pending some satisfactory

③
Explanation on the
subject the Agent and
Manager of the South
Indian Railway will
accordingly be referred
to the Orders of Govern-
ment already issued
Nos: 2557 & 3500 of
25th September and
20th December 1876.

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GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 6th January 1877.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

Your letter No 1110 of the 13th of October last. a copy of the order of Government No 2557 dated the 25th September 1876 was duly brought under the notice of my Directors, and I have been requested by them to apply for a reconsideration of the decision therein recorded, in order that the carriers of the uncertificated Lps. thereon may be dispensed with gradually. I attach hereto an Extract from the Managing Director's letter No 114 of the 8th ultimo, which gives the views of the Board on this subject. Will you please submit it to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. M. A. B. C.
Agent

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 22 Jan 77
Read the following:—

From the Combrs for Rys (H.E. No 898 Jan 77)

Under the Circum-
stances explained by the
Directors of the South Indian
Railway His Grace the
Governor in Council ac-
cepts the proposals made
by them to allow the ser-
vices of the uncertificated
Apothecaries of that Rail-
way to be dispensed with
gradually on reduction of
the staff in the ordinary
course.

S.M.W.

Combrs for Railways.

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From the Combrs
for Rys
H.E. No 898 Jan 77
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for Rys
Apothecaries

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Apothecaries S. & Co.

Proposal to allow the
services of uncertificated
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gradually on reduction of
the staff in the ordinary
course, accepted.

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