

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd May 1883, No. 136 A.
From A. PIERRES DECLOSETS, Esq., C.E., to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 15th May 1883.

Having heard that Government were considering the advisability of a line of Railway to join the Vellore Station of the Madras Railway to that of Villupuram on the South Indian Railway, I have the honor to offer my services for making the above survey either by contract or departmentally.

If the mode by contract was accepted by Government, I offer to make the survey at the rate of Rs. 120 per mile, stationery being supplied by Government.

The survey will consist of a general plan of the tract selected, and of a longitudinal section of the ground; these plans will be executed upon the ordinary scales, or any scale you may deem convenient; cross-sections will be also supplied where side-long ground makes it necessary.

If Government prefer the survey being made departmentally, I shall be satisfied with a monthly pay for myself and my assistant of Rs. 800.

If the above line was not to be surveyed presently, I would be glad to enter into arrangements for surveying other lines which Government may deem convenient.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. In the general report upon Railway extension in Southern India (printed with Proceedings of Government, dated 18th January 1883, No. 65 R.) proposals for metre-gauge lines from Vellore to Villupuram, and from Vellore to Chittoor, were specially dealt with; and were placed, with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor in Council, among the most important wants of the Presidency.

3. In the letter* from the Government of India acknowledging that report, it is remarked respecting those proposed lines that "there appears no present prospect of affording State aid to them in view of the more urgent needs of the Presidency further north;" but it is added that "the projects might well be matured, as opportunity offers, so as to be available for local or private agency."

4. In the letter now submitted, M. deClossets offers his services for making the survey of a line to connect the Vellore Station on the Madras Railway with the Villupuram Station on the South Indian Railway. He undertakes to make the survey, either by contract, at a fixed rate of Rs. 120 per mile, stationery being supplied by the Government; or departmentally, on a salary of Rs. 800 per mensem for himself and his assistant.

5. I am satisfied that M. deClossets is competent to make the survey, and it is recommended that the Consulting Engineer be authorised to enter into an arrangement for its execution, at the contract rate named, viz., Rs. 120 per mile, with stationery free; the contract to include also the short section between Vellore and Chittoor. M. deClossets will of course be required to comply with all the regulations which have been laid down by the Government of India respecting Railway surveys.

6. The length of line to be surveyed from Villupuram to Chittoor is about 110 miles; and the cost, at the rate named, will come to about Rs. 13,200.

7. It may be added that the lines whose survey is now proposed were specially brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor during his tour in July 1882.

ORDER—dated 25th June 1883, No. 638 R., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers it very desirable that surveys of lines to connect Vellore Station with Chittoor, and with Villupuram Station on the South Indian Railway, should be made, even if there be no immediate prospect of the works being executed; inasmuch as they will be most useful undertakings on which labor, skilled and unskilled, can be employed to a large extent in the event of a famine.

2. The Consulting Engineer's recommendation to employ M. deClosets on the surveys is therefore approved on the terms specified.

3. The question of the provision of funds will be considered in the Financial Department, and a specific allotment made, on information being received from M. deClosets as to the amount of expenditure which will be incurred up to 31st March next.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Financial Department.
" Revenue do.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 25th.

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G.O., 25th June 1883, No. 638 R.

JUNE.

Railway lines to connect Vellore with Chittoor and with Villupuram on the South Indian Railway

Surveys of — to be made, and engagement of M. deClosets for the work approved.

22ND AUGUST 1883, No. 1858, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Memorandum from Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (Railway Branch), dated Madras, 26th July 1883, No. 190.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 638 R., dated 25th June 1883, the undersigned has the honor to inform that, as per information obtained from Mr. DeClosets, a sum of Rs. 10,198 will be required during 1883-84 on account of the survey for a line of railway to connect Vellore with Chittoor and with Villupuram on South Indian Railway; and to request that the necessary provision be made to meet the anticipated outlay.

No. 1404-C.

Transferred to the Financial Department with advertence to its Proceedings, Mis. No. 1413, dated 9th July 1883.

MADRAS,
30th July 1883.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

ORDER—dated 22nd August 1883, No. 1858, Financial.

It will be a rule in future that all questions relating to the provision of funds for Provincial Railways and Railway Surveys shall be considered in the Public Works Department, in which all outlay on account of such railways will be estimated and booked.

2. In the present case, as the proposed expenditure has not been entered in the budget estimate, the Accountant-General will place Rs. 10,200 at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Subscribed

for Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant-General.

Copy to the Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Exd. J. Wright.

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to the Consy Engineer
for Railways
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will in future report
to this Office annually
by 1st November, the
probable amount of
expenditure to be
incurred during the
running financial
year on Provincial
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Consy Engineer
By order of the
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