Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2934 &

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Correspondence Telegrams from the Govt India

Letter from the Govt of India, W.D., stating that all ——— including telegraphic reports of weekly Earnings of Indian Railways, should continue to be addressed to Simla during the hot season months and that correspondence connected with the grants for the current financial year 1898-99 should be addressed to Calcutta which cannot reach Simla by the 21st Dec, should be addressed to Calcutta accordingly.

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To The Chief Engr. for Irrigation
" Consg Engr. for Railways.

Despatches to note.

SUBJECT Requesting that all correspondence and telegrams including the telegraphic reports of weekly earnings of Indian Rlys for the Govt of India in the Pol'd Continue to be addressed to Simla during the ensuing winter and that correspondence connected with Rlys for the current financial year and Budget proposals should reach Simla which cannot reach Simla by the 21st December next, should be addressed to Calcutta.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department

Simla, the 8th November 1898.

SIR,

I am directed to request that all correspondence and telegrams, *including the telegraphic reports of weekly earnings of Indian railways*, for the Government of India in the Public Works Department continue to be addressed to Simla during the ensuing winter.

2. Correspondence connected with (1) grants for the current and ensuing years; (2) Budget and Revised estimates which cannot reach Simla by the 21st December next should, however, be addressed to Calcutta.

3. I am also to request that all local officers under your orders, who send returns direct to the Government of India, may be desired to comply with the above instructions.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary.

Document accompanying.
Nil.

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30 August 98.
By A.S.R.
To The S.E. III Circle 22/11/98
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Ammayanayakanur-Kuruvanuth Tramway

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From—The President, District Board, Madura.
Dated—12th September 1898, Dis. No. 991.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1555 L., dated 22nd August 1898, I have the honour to report that, as desired therein, a special meeting of the District Board was convened on the 10th September 1898 to propose, for the approval of Government, revised conditions suited to the altered alignment of Messrs. Wilson & Co.'s tramway project, and I enclose copy of its resolution. Messrs. Crighton and Turnbull attended the meeting to represent the promoters. In this connection I beg to point out that if the tramway is constructed beyond Bodinayakkanur to the foot of the hills, the alignment and estimate of that road which is under consideration will have to be considerably altered. I have addressed the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on this matter.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the District Board, Madura.
Dated—10th September 1898.

Present:

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No. 90—Read G.O., Mis. No. 1555 L., dated 22nd August 1898, calling on the District Board to convene a special meeting to propose, for the approval of Government, revised conditions suited to the re-alignment of the Periyakulam-Uttamapalaiyam tramway proposed by Messrs. Wilson & Co. in their letter dated 2nd June 1898.

The Board resolves to offer a contribution of Rs. 200 per mile for the maintenance in good order of the road over which the proposed tramway will run. This contribution will be guaranteed for seven years. Whenever after that period the net profit of the Tramway Company exceeds 5 per cent. on capital the contribution for maintenance of road will permanently cease and the road will be maintained as before by the Tramway Company. In addition to this, the Board will pay 1½ per cent. on the cost of new bridges, provided they are suitable for ordinary traffic, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,000 a year. The Board will continue to collect the tolls on the road.

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The President's letter read above, with its enclosure, will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

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The proceedings of Government leading up to the order read above, No. 995 Ry., dated the 3rd August 1898, contain a copy of a letter from Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated the 2nd June 1898, in which that firm apply for the issue of an order under clause 4 of the Indian Tramways Act No. XI of 1886, authorizing them to construct certain steam tramways in the Madura district on the 2′ 6″ gauge.

2. The Government of India stated in their letter, No. 15 R.P., dated the 1st April 1898, that they saw no objection to the construction of the tramways, provided that the subsidy offered by the District Board is not larger than it can afford without prejudice to its ability to meet its other liabilities, both present and prospective.

3. At a meeting of the District Board of Madura, dated the 10th September 1898, it was resolved to offer a contribution of Rs. 200 per mile for the maintenance in good order of the road over which the proposed tramway will run; this contribution to be guaranteed for seven years. It was also resolved that whenever after that period the net profits of the Tramway Company exceed 5 per cent. on capital the contribution for the maintenance of the road will permanently cease and the road will be maintained as before by the Tramway Company. The Board agreed to pay, in addition, 1½ per cent. on the cost of new bridges, provided they are suitable for ordinary traffic, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,000 (three thousand rupees) per annum.

4. Government approves of the above concessions, but directs that when a regular agreement comes to be drawn up between the District Board of Madura and Messrs. Wilson & Co., the following points shall receive attention and be provided for:—

(*a*) The Superintending Engineer of the Circle should be the referee in the event of any disagreement as to whether the road is maintained in good order.

(*b*) It should be specified how much of the road should be so maintained, *i.e.*, whether slopes, bridges, &c., as well as surface.

(*c*) The conditions regarding the cessation of the contribution after the first seven years are not very clearly defined. Thus the time from which the seven years is to start, *e.g.*, whether from date of opening of each section for traffic, or from the admission of the company to work on the road, should be defined.

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5. A draft order, as specified in paragraph 6 of the Tramways Act XI of 1886, will now be issued authorizing the promoters, Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, to construct the tramways referred to in their letter, dated 2nd June 1898, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, recorded in Government Proceedings, No. 995 Ry., dated 3rd August 1898, viz., the following:—

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