

P. W. D.

~~Marine~~ (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 225-8.4

DATED 26 August 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bodinayakanur-Kotagudi Road Aerial
Ropeway agreement:— Mr. L.
Davidson informed by telegram that
the insertion in the — of the clause
contained in his telegram of the 16th
August 1899 to the Supt. Engineer, VI
circle is sanctioned.

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paying passengers are carried on an airway. But in many instances employees are so carried. at Gibraltar for example. The same is true incidentally to their employment. I do not think that ordinary passengers, nor employees, should be so carried. They are not being carried, and high price charged, on the Atlantic road. But I presume

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No.

No. 1251 Ind.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

6TH CIRCLE.

Trichinopoly, 15th August 1899.

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From

Labov. Q. V. Boddy R.K.

Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

P. W. D.

SIR,

/ ENCLOSURES.

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ENCLOSURES.

With reference to your Memo No. 826 D of 5 August 1899, I have the honor to forward a copy of telegram received from Mr. Davidson.

I understand that you wish to
 addition to previous
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 exclude passengers from being carried
 by the Ropeway. Mr. Davidson ap-
 parently considers that passengers should
 be so carried. I have written to Mr.
 Davidson to say what form of carriers
 he proposes to use for passengers. I
 think that, if the carriers are suitable
 and passengers can be carried with-
 out danger, this may be allowed.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant.

O. V. Boddy, Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintendent Engineer
W. Birch

Telegram.

From Mr. L. Davidson, Muncat,
to Colonel Boddy R.E., Superin-
tending Engineer, W. Birch, Trincom-
opoly, dated 14 August 1899:—

" Ropeway agreement. Clause seven
" you say provided that no passengers
" shall be carried by the ropeway
" We cannot understand what you
" mean kindly explain have for-
" warding Kokagudi road agreement
" Thorp."

/ True copy 1

O. V. Boddy, Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintendent Engineer, W. Birch

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Public Works (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

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No. 9692 of 23rd August 1899

Order

U.O.

From

The Superintendant
of the Circle

No. 1267 Ind.

To R. for purpose of
opening in continuation
of this office No 9610
dated 19th August 1899.

Dated 23rd August 1899
Received at Cochin 23rd 899
Registered at Madras 25th 899
Enclosures 1 (Plan of the site)
Spare copies

See my previous Note of date . I do not suppose that

there is any real (or) possible objection to the

proceeding presented . The addition of the proposed

clause, with a provision for provision of signature, will

ensure the same being kept in good order.

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23/8/99

SUBJECT.

Badi Kattazudi Road.
Aerial Proposals Agreement.
— Submitting copy of
telegram from Mr Davidson &
informing that the arrangements
proposed by him regarding
the carriage of passengers
will cover the car.

with current to be
returned

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969D	23.8.99
961D	19.8.99
868D	11.8.99
835D	8.8.99
826D	5.8.99
811D	4.8.99
	the paper

No.	Date.

No. 1267 Ind.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

6th CIRCLE,

Trichinopoly, 17 August 1899.

From

Lieut. Col. O. V. Boddy R.E.

Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

P. W. D.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES./

P. 961D
9.8.99.

In continuation of my letter no: 1251 M.D., dated 15th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a telegram received from Mr. Davidson. I have seen the grip and believe there is no possibility of its having the rope. I think that the amendment proposed by Mr. Davidson will cover the case, namely, to add to the clause "Provided that no passengers may be carried by the ropeway for hire without the consent of Government being first obtained."

Yours
A. S. H.
25.8.99

I have the honour to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant.

J. V. Boddy Lieut. Col. R.E.

Supg: Engineer, VI circle.

[Signature]

Telegram from Mr. Davidson, Munnar, to
Col. Boddy, Trichinopoly - 2/18 August 1888:-

I understood Government wanted
us to carry passengers the grip we are going
to use is Kernlo and Davidson's patent -
which will break the rope before it bends.
So would suggest putting clause that
no passengers may be carried by the rope-
way for hire without the consent of Govern-
ment being first obtained which would
amply cover everything and not require
fresh Government order. Thorpe is in Bodi
now and if you could kindly meet there
feel certain that all matters could be
settled satisfactorily as they are mostly
technical.

(True Copy)

[Signature]

J. V. Boddy, Lieut. Col. R.E.
by carried by the rope

C. No.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.O.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Wire ropeway from Kotagudi
into the Kanan Devan Hills.
Proposal to carry passengers.

FOR ORDERS.

In the draft agreement for
constructing a wire ropeway
from Kotagudi into the
Kanan Devan Hills a clause
was inserted by which the
Company ~~was~~ erecting the
ropeway was empowered to
carry passengers. I objected
to this provision, considering
it an unsafe means of convey-
ance for the general public.
Mr. Davidson the Agent of
the Company now writes to the
Supr. Engineer VI Circle
stating that he understood
that Government wanted the
Company to carry passengers
and suggests wording
clause thus "No passengers
may be carried."

W. B. first
in his note
(Flagged) R says that
he does not think that
ordinary passengers shd
be carried on the ropeway
but in his second one
he goes on to lead me to
infer that he thinks they
might.

The full load for each
bucket is 3 cwt, say two
average people, and the
chances of accidents occurring
~~apart~~ apart from accidents
to the machinery appear
to me very great.

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Send up for orders of
Govt. & say I cannot
take the responsibility
of recommending the
carriage of passengers
by this ropeway

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C. No.

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THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Wire ropeway from Kotalgudi
into the Kanan Devan Hills.
Proposal to carry passengers.

FOR ORDERS.

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constructing a wire ropeway
from Kotalgudi into the
Kanan Devan Hills a clause
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it an unsafe means of convey-
ance for the general public.
Mr. Davidson the Agent of
the Company now writes to the
Super. Engineer VI Circle
stating that he understood
that Government wanted the
Company to carry passengers
and suggests wording
clause thus "No passengers
may be carried by this ropeway"

way for hire without the consent of Government being first obtained."

The question has been referred to the Joint Secretary Railway Branch for his opinion. His remarks will be found on papers flagged L and M.

In view of the fact that the proposed method of carrying the public is, to say the least, an unusual one, and that there are a variety of ways in which accidents might occur, apart from the breaking of the machinery, I cannot take the responsibility of recommending the carriage of passengers by this rope way, and I suggest that opinion of the Govt of India be obtained on the subject.

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M. S. U.

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A wire may be sent to Mr. Davidson that the proposal contained in his telegram may be inserted in the lease.

KL
25.8.99

* unknown in my references

The proposal proposed by Mr. Davidson will, I think, be a sufficient safeguard. With this opinion of the C.E. before them, Govt. would not consent to passengers being carried for hire. The only people who would be carried without payment would be the employees of the company, and on occasional friends. These people will probably know how to take care of themselves.

A.S.H.
25.8.99

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Go S 2258 to 26th August 1899
Read the following:-

Letter from the Supts. Engineer, VI Circle,
No 125, In-D. of 15 August 1899

Note from the Jt. Secy. to Govt., Ry. Branch, No. 23/89
Letter from the Supts. Engineer, VI Circle, No 126, In-D. of 23-8-99

Circulated to Note from the Jt. Secy. to Govt., Ry. Branch, No. 23-8-99
FOR ORDERS

* Document collected from
Madras m
27/8/99

Order that the following telegram be sent to Mr. Davidson

From
Madras Works
To
L. Davidson, Bellum

Insertion in the lease regarding wire ropeway of the clause contained in your telegram to Supts. Engineer, VI Circle, sanctioned.

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M. S. U.
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py to the S.C. VI Circle.

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(2) by abstract of

no having left office, it is proposed to retain the telegram for a few days then send the papers to
yes KL