Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 730 Ry.
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DATED 24th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. F. F. Smith. — Submitting proposals from the Agent, South Indian Railway, regarding the appointment of — in the place of Colonel F. Gracey, R. E., appointed as Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras; ordered to be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

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South Indian Railway.

Letter from the Chief Engineer to the Agent dated Trichinopoly 19th May 1890. No. C. 832.

Your letter No. 472 of 15th May 1890.

Rolls 21.5.90

Having given my most careful attention to the question of Colonel Gracey's transfer from the Villupuram Guntakal Stake Railway work and the suggestion of Government that Mr. Spalding might perhaps be able to undertake the supervision of both Circles,— his own and Colonel Gracey's— I am quite satisfied that it is out of the power of Mr. Spalding, in the present stage of the works, to give the time and attention absolutely necessary to ensure good and economical work and to guard against delay on over 360 miles of line. On his own Circle his constant supervision and presence on the line are more than ever required in the present stake of the works, when a good deal of masonry has still to be done under pressure to prevent delay in opening for traffic. It is in my opinion just at this stage that a great deal of attention from a Deputy Chief Engineer has to be given to ensure systematic and well directed action in all the details that come crowding in prior to completion.

In addition to Colonel Gracey's being removed from his Circle just as he had become well acquainted with its staff, its condition and requirements and had got matters into the train for which a second Deputy's services were urgently requisitioned when I found that it was quite beyond Mr. Spalding's powers to undertake the detailed supervision of more than one half of the line. Executive Engineer

Mr.

Mr Swappe, who is in charge of 3 Districts with young assistants under him is transferred to Burmah at a most critical juncture in his work, as Engineer in Chief to the Mu Valley Railway. Executive Engineer Mr Bull is about to go on leave and in view of all these changes, I am compelled to make transfers in the Staff which cannot, for a time at least, fail to be damaging to the progress and interests of the work & are matters which emphasize the necessity for the frequent presence of an Inspecting Officer.

Again there are now in the 2nd or Northern Circle numerous foundations of bridges and culverts being laid all along and it is very important that constant supervision should be exercised over these works and in seeing on the ground, to the sufficiency or otherwise of rates, and to decide the many questions that arise when numerous masonry works are being carried out, to ensure also some continuity and uniformity of policy and practice in dealing with contractors, and questions relating to labour and supplies.

I am quite sure therefore that the presence of a good Deputy Chief Engineer in the Circle from which Colonel Tracey is retiring after having got it into good "trim" for a vigorous forward motion, will ensure savings far in excess of his salary for the time of his employment.

I venture to propose to lend the services of Mr F.F. Smith of this Company's Engineering Staff to replace those of Colonel Tracey. As you are aware he is an energetic and capable member of the Staff - always identifying himself with his work and the interests of his employers - and he has had many years

experience

experience of Railway work of every kind in this part of India.

You will recollect that Mr Smith was Deputy Chief Engineer for almost 3 years on the South Indian Railway during construction. I venture to say, therefore, that other things being equal, his services would be at once more valuable than those of a Stranger to the Madras Presidency. I propose that his Salary should be Rs. 1100 or the same as Deputy Chief Engineer Mr Spalding's, and I estimate that the services of a Second Deputy will not be required after the end of the present Official year. 31st March 1891.

Immediate orders are wanted, as I presume Colonel Grassy's services are required in his new appointment as Consulting Engineer as soon as possible - and he cannot well leave his office and records in Bellary before an Officer arrives to take over charge.

Agents' Office
Trichinopoly
19th May 1890.

/ True Copy /
Cooppooswamy Iyer
Chief Clerk.

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South Indian Railway,
AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 19th May 1890

From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 689 of the 17th Instant I forward herewith copy of a report which I have received from the Chief Engineer.

Will you please let me have the orders of Government hereon as soon as possible

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
William Betts
Agent

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 26th May 1890.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 703, dated 19th May 1890, with Enclosure.

No. 363.

~~SUBMITTED.~~

Submitted to Government in continuation of this office endorsement No. 355, dated 19th May 1890.

Sidney Smith
Major R.

Dy Consg: Engr for Rys

From

THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

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From

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS,

No. 363

Dated 21st May 1890
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Subject.

B
No. 730 R. 27th May 1890.
730 A.

Submitting for the orders of Government the proposal from the Agent, South Indian Railway, re: Mr. T. T. Smith being appointed in the place of Col. T. Gracey, R.E. Dy. Chief Engineer.

B For No. 730 R. 27th May 1890.

Hd 27 May Ordered to be forwarded to the Govt. of India

2. The following telegram will be despatched to that Government.-

"My telegram twenty second. Please wire if you approve arrangement proposed to appoint T. T. Smith to succeed Gracey as Second Deputy"

Gracey Hd. No. 730 A R. 27th May 1890 Forwarded.

Rueda 26.5.90

Wire despatched to India 2/6/90.

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