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[Despatch Abstract.]

1st Madras Pioneers. — Proceedings, Military Department, Sanctioning, Conditionally, instruction on the South Indian Railway line of a new man of the — in plate laying engine driving and stoking, Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, JULY 1890, No.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Drill and Instruction.

Read the following paper :—

No. . Memorandum from Colonel H. P. PEARSON, C.B., Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 23rd June 1890, No. 1225-NA (Drill and Instruction).

Submitted with the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation for the sanction of Government.

2. It is understood that men of Pioneer Regiments in Bengal are instructed as engine-drivers and stokers.
3. No extra expense to the State will be incurred.

From Major G. C. FENWICK, Commanding 1st Madras Pioneers, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army; dated Trichinopoly, 20th May 1890, No. 223.

To render the corps really efficient, I think the formation of a railway section would be of advantage. Mr. Logan, Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway—see his letter No. C-856/2981, dated 16th May 1890, attached—has offered facilities for the instruction of some of the men in platelaying. I would solicit leave to accept his offer. The men have expressed their willingness to take up the work, and a trial at the junction station here would allow of its being seen if the scheme would have any chance of success. A report could be submitted on the subject hereafter. I am in communication with the Locomotive Superintendent, South Indian Railway, as to training a few men as drivers and stokers. If this officer can see his way to instructing the men, I would beg permission to detail a small party for the purpose to Negapatam. In this matter every effort will be made to save any cost or charges to Government.

2. The Officer Commanding Southern District has been pleased to sanction the employment of the regimental artificers at the South Indian Railway Workshops here, and it is hoped to have the establishment of really skilled men before long.

From D. LOGAN, Esq., Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway, to the Officer Commanding 1st Madras Pioneers; dated Trichinopoly, 16th May 1890, No. C-856/2981.

In reply to your No. 209 of 14th May 1890, I have the honor to state that I shall have much pleasure in rendering any assistance I can in the matter of platelayers.

With reference to the engine-driving and stoking, I must refer you to the Officiating Locomotive Superintendent at Negapatam.

I presume that you want the working parties detailed for platelaying to work near Trichinopoly. An opportunity will shortly offer for employing men for a few days in extending some sidings in the Trichinopoly junction station yard, and, when the work is put in hand, I shall be happy to advise you, so that a start may be made by employing some of your men with ours.

From the experience gained on this small work, we may be able to arrange for furthering your views.

No. 116-B.

I recommend strongly that this application may be sanctioned.

WELLINGTON,
28th May 1890.

(Signed) E. FAUNCE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Southern District.

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No. 1393-B.

Transferred for disposal.

OOTACAMUND,
4th June 1890.

To the Adjutant-General.

(Signed) E. H. EYRE, Colonel,
Officiating Quarter Master General.

From Major G. C. FENWICK, Commanding 1st Madras Pioneers, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army; dated Trichinopoly, 6th June 1890, No. 273.

In continuation of 1st Madras Pioneers' letter No. 223, dated 20th May 1890, on the subject of forming a railway section in the regiment under my command, I have the honor to submit the enclosed letter from the Locomotive Superintendent, South Indian Railway, Negapatam.

From G. S. BRUCE, Esq., Officiating Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent, South Indian Railway, to the Officer Commanding 1st Madras Pioneers; dated Negapatam, 21st May 1890, No. M-5831/566.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date the 19th instant.

I shall be most happy to assist you in this matter, and think I can answer for Mr. Crighton, the Locomotive Superintendent, who is at present on short leave of absence, being of the same mind with myself. In order to fit the men you might detail to learn engine work to handle an engine not on a railway where passengers' traffic would be involved, but simply during construction work, they ought to be subjected at least to a three years' regular course of training. I am assuming that you would detail the most intelligent and teachable men you could pick. There are so few engines at Negapatam that it would be rather difficult to give them any training here. Trichinopoly is our largest engine depôt, and we could there, I think, undertake the training of, say, six or eight men. They would have to be bound over to observe all railway rules and regulations just as our men are and to obey the foreman of the depôt, being subject to report to and punishment by you in case of failure. I mention this because, in the nature of things, we should have slight hold on men so situated, and locomotives and their accessories are very valuable property and we find it necessary to have very distinct hold on all classes of employés. I may be in Trichinopoly next month and it might be well to confer verbally with you on the subject before fixing anything.

No. 126-B.

Forwarded in continuation of my diary No. 116-B of 28th ultimo.

WELLINGTON,
11th June 1890.(Signed) E. FAUNCE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Southern District.

No. 1500-B.

Transferred in continuation of this office memo. No. 1393-B, dated 4th instant.

OOTACAMUND,
14th June 1890.
To the Adjutant-General.(Signed) E. H. EYRE, Colonel,
Officiating Quarter Master General.

No.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1890, No. 4537

The instruction on the South Indian Railway line of a few men (from 6 to 8) of the 1st Madras Pioneers at Trichinopoly in platelaying, engine-driving and stoking is sanctioned, on the understanding that the State is put to no expense by the measure.

(True Extract.)

A. Kenney Herbert

Brigdr.-Genl.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.

" Public Works Department, Railways, for information.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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