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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 326, Political, dated 20th May 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Proceedings, Public Works Department (Railway Branch), No. 578, dated 13th May 1899, ordering that a copy of its proceedings containing a memorandum of matters relative to the Shoranur-Cochin Railway, agreed to at a conference held at Bolghatty on the 12th April 1899, be forwarded to the Cochin Darbar.

READ—also the following papers :—

From G. T. MACKENZIE, Esq., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd October 1899, Ref. on C. No. 3071.

I have the honour to submit copy of letter, No. 58, dated 27th September 1899, from the Diwan of Cochin regarding the method of bringing to account recoveries in land acquired for the railway and to ask that instructions may be issued on the point which the Diwan raises.

ENCLOSURE.

From P. RAJAGOPALACHARRI, Esq., Diwan of Cochin, to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 27th September 1899, Ref. on C. No. 58 Ry.

In clause (d) of paragraph 11 of the minutes of the Bolghatty Conference, communicated to the Cochin Darbar in the Madras G.O., No. 578 Ry., dated 13th May 1899, it is laid down that "all lands required for the railway should be handed over to the railway company with trees standing thereon; the company to dispose of such trees as it may be necessary to fell to the best advantage, crediting the head *Land* in their accounts." With reference to this clause, I have issued the necessary instructions to my land acquisition officers, telling them that, as soon as lands are acquired, only the buildings on them should be removed, and that the lands should be made over with the trees standing. There is, however, one point regarding which I have to solicit your advice, and that is whether it is not desirable that all sums realised by the sale of things standing on lands acquired for the railway should be brought into a single account. According to present arrangements, the Darbar acquires the necessary lands, and is keeping a separate account of the expenditure incurred in land acquisition and also of the moneys realised by the sale of buildings, &c., upon the lands acquired. In regard to standing trees, should the engineering department have to fell and sell any of them, would it not simplify matters if the moneys realised are paid into the Darbar treasuries and credited by me to the same head of account as the sale-proceeds of buildings?

If this is done, I can, at the end, furnish you with an account of—

- (a) the initial expenditure on account of land acquisition;
- (b) the sale-proceeds of buildings, trees, &c., realised through—
 - (i) Darbar officials and
 - (ii) Railway officials; and
- (c) the net expenditure to be debited to the capital account as land acquisition charges.

Of course (c) will be the difference between (a) and (b). At present, as you are aware, the entire account in regard to construction is in the hands of the Railway department. My proposal is that the entire account in regard to land, both on the credit and the debit side, should be in my hands, as that will probably facilitate matters when the accounts are finally closed. I shall thank you, if you have no objection, to lay the matter before Mr. Spring and communicate to me his wishes.

Endorsement No. 2592, dated 13th October 1899.

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin (through the Political Department), dated 24th October 1899, No. 3252.

Your letter to Government, Ref. on C. No. 3071, dated 2nd October 1899, having been referred to me, I beg to explain that *all* expenditure on account of land acquisition should be brought to account in the books of the Madras Railway Company by the Chief Auditor being advised, month by month, by the Darbar Accounts officer who audits the land acquisition officers' expenditure of the outlay incurred and credits obtained on land account; such advice being supported by statements of awards made during the month and by payees' receipts, working up to the amount advised.

2. In the Darbar books the land account will be cleared by transfer to railway account, and the amounts will be brought on to the Chief Auditor's books. The land account in the latter will further be debited with any expenditure incurred, and credited with any sums obtained, by the Railway Engineers in the process of preparing the land for work being started thereon.

3. The reason of the order settled at the Bolgatty Conference, viz., that tree should not be promiscuously cut down by the land acquisition officers, was *first* that these officers have no possible means of judging how far the trees need or need not be cleared, and *second* that their time might not be wasted in doing work for which possibly there might be no necessity.

4. The copies of the award statement submitted with the monthly accounts of expenditure and receipts will form the railway company's title to the use of the land, the originals being preserved in the Darbar records as *their* title.

ORDER—No. 731, Political, dated 6th November 1899.

Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Forwarding better copy of letter
Ref. no. C. No. 58 (Py) dated
27th Sept. 1899 from the Diwan of
Cochin to the Resident in Travancore
& Cochin re: the preparation &
adjustment of ^{certain} Railway
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(sd) P. Rajagopala Chetty,
 (True copy) Diwan

(sd) G.T. Mackenzie,
Ag. President

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No 3306 dated 28th October 1899.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras with reference to his Telephone message dated 26th instant.

Frank B. Spring
 Consulting Engineer
 for Railways

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(sd) G. Stokes,
 Chief Secretary.

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