

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 730 *Ry.*
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DATED 27th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mt. Fr. Fr. Smith. — Submitting proposal 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.

Forwarded

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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

Your letter N. 472 of 15.th May 1890.

Having given my most careful attention to the question of Colonel Gracey's transfer from the Nilgipuram Tumbakal State Railwaywork 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 state 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 Gracy'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 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 - all 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 Gracey is retiring after having got it into good "train" 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 Gracey. 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 of 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 Gracey'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
Tiruchinopoly
19th May 1890.

[Signature]

/ True Copy /
Choppoosamy Ganesan
Chief Clerk.



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No *703*

South Indian Railway,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, *19th May* 18*90*

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

~~Submitted.~~

Frederick Smith
Major &c.

By consg. Engr. for Rys.

20 Sept 1890
continuation

papers - seen.
Dated 19th May 1890
Received 26.5.90 No. 703
1890
ENCLOSURE.

From
THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

19th May 90

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Ordered to be for-
warded 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 F. F. Smith to succeed
Gracey as Second Deputy
H. No 730 R 27 May 1890
Forwarded.

Recd
26.5.90

Info despatched to India.
2/6/90.

Telegram despd 27.5.90

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H. 26/5 R 27.5.90

P.W.C. No. 4808.

From
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS,

No. 363

Dated 21st May 1890
Received 21

No. of ENCLOSURES. (2)

Subject.

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No 730 Rg 27 May 1890.
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Submitting for the orders
of Government the pro-
posal from the Agents,
South Indian Railway,
re: Mr F. F. Smith being
appointed in the place of
Col. T. Gracey, R.E. Dy.
Chief Engineer -

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