

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 2048 Ry.

DATED 20th Decem^r

[Despatch Abstract.]

Estimates for the Villupuram-Guntakal State
Railway. — Telegram from the Accountant-
General, Public Works Department, giving
figures for —, recorded with reference to
G.O., No 1542 A. R. and No 1782 R, dated 18th
October and 13th November 1890.

(Signed) T. GRACEY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Memorandum on freight charges, &c., on the Villupuram-Guntakal line for year 1890-91.

The actuals of last year for freight, landing charges, carriage to depôt, &c., were last year roughly 4,60,000 on stores costing £286,000. The balance of the indent, £410,000, should therefore be about Rs. 6,60,000.

(Signed) T. GRACEY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

From the Examiner, Railway Accounts, Madras, to the Examiner, Railway Accounts, Trichinopoly, dated Madras, 6th October 1890, No. 383 V.G.
[Consulting Engineer for Railways' office note No. 2138, dated 26th September 1890, with enclosures.]

Forwarded to Examiner, Railway Accounts, Trichinopoly, for verification of the figures given by Consulting Engineer for Railways and early report as to the additional budget grant required to be applied to India.

From the Examiner, Railway Accounts, Trichinopoly, to the Examiner, Railway Accounts, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 15th October 1890, No. 656 S.R.

I have delayed replying to your office note 383 V.G. of 6th instant, pending receipt of information from the Chief Engineer.

I. The figures for English expenditure and exchange in the first part of Consulting Engineer for Railways' note should be corrected as follows:—

Total contracts let and indents sent forward unlet	£ 671,600
Total English expenditure adjusted to March 1891	Rs. 312,230

Exchange on this sum at Rs. 14.5 = £1

	£ 359,370
	16,17,165
	Rs. 52,10,865

* Consulting Engineer for Railways apparently took the figure for year 1889-90 instead of from the commencement.

II. The liabilities given by Consulting Engineer for Railways compare with the figures proposed by the Chief Engineer as follows:—

	Consulting Engineer for Railways.	Chief Engineer.
Freight, landing, &c.	Rs.	Rs.
Telegraph	6,60,000	4,50,000
Land	15,000	18,000
Manufacture of rolling-stock	35,000	76,000
Madras Railway girders	1,50,000	80,000
Trichinopoly workshops	90,000	80,000
	2,00,000	2,50,000
Total	11,50,000	9,53,000

In addition to the above, the Chief Engineer's list of liabilities excluding exchange include the following:—

	Rs.
Hindupur extension	1,31,000
Hire of rolling-stock	40,000
Running charges	60,000
Timber	40,000
Purchases to be made	1,32,000
Total	4,03,000

In the figures quoted by Consulting Engineer for Railways the principal difference is in freight, landing charges, &c. The Chief Engineer considers his figure to be a fair estimate, considering the high value per ton of the material to be landed and the special rates arranged with the Madras Railway.

To sum up—

Under I Consulting Engineer for Railways' figures are about Rs. 6,45,000 in excess. Under II his figures are about Rs. 2,00,000 short.

The whole question has been carefully gone into by the Chief Engineer and so far as can be seen at present, the figures proposed by him in the six months' estimate of expenditure for the current year appear to be the best estimate that can be arrived at.

ENCLOSURE.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY, VILLUPURAM-GUNTAKAL STATE RAILWAY.
Statement of English indents submitted and contracts let.

Indent Nos.	Particulars.	Amount of indent ¹ / ₃ th freight excluded.			Amount of contract.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1	Permanent-way	307,958	0	0	266,988	1	10
3	Roofing cash chests and hydraulic punch	2,358	0	0	2,411	15	7
4	Station machinery	15,396	0	0	10,905	13	11
5	Stationery	925	0	0	804	13	5
6	Well-curbs	3,848	0	0	2,999	6	1
7 & 11	Girders	34,410	0	0	50,409	7	0
8	Tools	13,770	4	3	12,134	18	5
9	Rolling-stock	181,622	0	0	219,486	0	0
10	Cranes	960	0	0	1,448	13	0
12	Girders	4,641	0	0	6,399	4	9
13	Dog spikes	62	0	0	95	8	5
14	Stationery	931	0	0	897	8	7
15	Wire fencing	3,017	11	4	3,595	4	10
16	Steel poles	641	13	9	783	10	1
17	Permanent-way	49,697	11	5	62,205	15	7
18	Station machinery	1,049	5	6	1,216	0	10
19	Station fittings	2,936	8	6	2,063	9	3
20	Girders	28,588	14	1	22,658	12	10
	Total	652,812	8	10	667,503	4	5

These figures are the contract figure on contracts which are entered into to be completed by 31st December 1890.

(Signed) W. K. STENT,
for Chief Engineer.

24th September 1890.

Submitted to Government.

2. It is suggested that the following telegram should be despatched to the Government of India:—

"Additional grant 10 lakhs will be required for Villupuram-Guntakal Railway current year as under:—English expenditure pounds 359,370; exchange on above Rs. 16,17,165. Total for English stores Rs. 52,10,865. Port freight, landing charges, &c., on above 4,50,000. Liabilities adjustable by transfer 9,10,000. Cash credits to end September to Executive Engineers 21,50,000. Further credits required for Executive Engineers 19,65,000. Grand Total Rs. 1,06,85,865. Budget grant 96,85,000. Balance required say Rs. 10,00,000."

18TH OCTOBER 1890, No. $\frac{1542}{A}$ R., PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDER—dated 18th October 1890, No. $\frac{1542}{A}$ R., Public Works.

Ordered that the telegram as suggested by the Consulting Engineer for Railways be despatched to the Government of India.

2. These proceedings will be communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. GRACEY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 18th Oct. 1890, No. $\frac{1542}{A}$ R.

OCTOBER.

Villupuram-Guntakal State
Railway

The Government of India informed of the additional grants required for the — in the current official year.

13TH NOVEMBER 1890, No. 1782 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Railway), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Simla, the 27th October 1890, No. 553-A.R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 18th instant, intimating that an additional grant of Rs. 10,00,000 will be required for outlay on the Villupuram-Guntakal Railway during 1890-91.

2. Of the total additional demand of Rs. 10,00,000, it is noticed that Rs. 7,11,000 are due to an expected increase in expenditure in England with the resulting increase in exchange charges. No information has, however, been furnished as to the data on which the estimated expenditure in England is based. For the present, the Government of India considers it desirable to adhere to the original estimate of outlay in England, viz., £313,000. If this estimate is likely to be exceeded hereafter, upon definite information from the India office, the necessary provision will be made to cover any excess; but as far as can be seen at present it appears doubtful whether any excess over the total existing grant will occur.

3. It will consequently only be necessary at present to provide for exchange charges on an estimated expenditure in England of £313,000. The demand for extra funds in your telegram under acknowledgment is based on the rate of exchange adopted in the budget estimate, viz., £10 = Rs. 145. The actual rate will be much more favorable, owing to the improvement in exchange. According to the Home estimates, it was expected that £213,000 would be spent before 1st January and £100,000 after 1st January 1891. The former amount will be adjusted at the average rate of exchange for the year, and the latter (under the new contract) at the average rate for the current half year. Taking the rates at 1s. 7½d. and 1s. 8d., respectively, the exchange would be Rs. 4,90,600 and Rs. 2,00,000 on the two sums named, or Rs. 6,90,000, resulting in a saving of Rs. 6,80,000 on the provision now existing. Of this saving the Government of India has decided to withdraw Rs. 6,00,000 from the grant. The Indian grant has accordingly been reduced and it will now stand at Rs. 69,56,000.

4. The further demand for outlay in India of about, say, Rs. 2,89,000, stated to be necessary in your telegram remains now to be dealt with. From a review furnished by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, comparing the outlay on this line to end of September last against grant, the following particulars have been noticed. The existing grant is Rs. 75,56,000, which includes a sum of Rupees 23,70,000 for English stores and exchange, thus leaving Rs. 51,86,000 as available for outlay in India. The expenditure to end of September (excluding exchange charges already taken to account) may be stated approximately at Rs. 23,50,000, thus leaving about Rs. 28,36,000 available for cash outlay on works during the last six months of the year or some 5 lakhs more than the amount expended during the first six months of the year. Judging from the details given in your telegram, this balance may prove to be in excess of requirements.

5. From the facts noted above, the Government of India is not satisfied that any addition to the grant for outlay in India during the current official year is required, but, if hereafter further funds are actually found necessary, provision may be made for the same in the revised estimate due in January next. There is no desire on the part of the Government of India to curtail expenditure in any way. Any extra grant which may be proved to be actually necessary will be allotted in due course.

ORDER—dated 13th November 1890, No. 1782 R., Public Works.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, with reference to Proceedings No. ¹⁵⁴²_A R., dated 18th October 1890.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. GRACEY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

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Govt. of {1890} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 13th.

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G.O., 13th Nov. 1890, No. 1782 R.

NOVEMBER.

**Villupuram-Guntakal State
Railway**

Letter from the Government of India, submitting certain observations in regard to the additional grant of Rs. 10,00,000 required by this Government for outlay on the — during 1890-91, communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

Examiner, Railway Accounts Office, Madras.

V.G.
No. 454

Madras 12th December 1890.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

A copy of the following is forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, for information, as I have under the 12th Dec 1890 accept the revised figures instead of those already adopted into F.R. accounts.

J. M. M. M.
Examiner, Railway Accounts,
Madras.

Telegram dated 11th December 1890 from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, Calcutta, to the Examiner of Railway Accounts, Madras.

No. 340 Home estimates expenditure England Villupuram Guntakal Railway April to December 1890 pounds three hundred and six thousand exchange applicable pounds ten equal rupees 131 January to March pounds fifty thousand treat latter as remittances.

Madras, 13th December 1890.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REGISTER
No. 2
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No.

Memo from the Examiner of Railway
Accounts No. 454 V.G. dated 12th December
1890.

No. 896

SUBMITTED

for the information of Government.

2. The Accountant General's
telegram has been repeated
to the Agent South Indian
Railway for information
and guidance.

Piercy Smith

Major R.E.

In offg. Cng. Engrs & Svs.

Madras Government

Form No. 3.

B. No. 2048 R of 20th Dec 1890.

17/12/90
Recorded with

reference to Progs: No. 1542 R
and 1782 R dated 18th October
and 13th November 1890.

18.10.90 - 1542 R
13.11.90 - 1782 R

Wg: R

The English translation is now
dated to be £356,000 against
£309,370 in our telegram of
18th October. In such case of
Indian took exception in their
No. 1782 R of 13th Nov stating that
only £313,000 and he remarked
for - Govt of India do not inform us
how correct that our estimate was.
Could they let us know the
the difference is -

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P.W. C No 11982

From
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS,

No. 896

Dated 13th
Received 13 } December 1890

No. of ENCLOSURES. 1

Subject.

Submitting for the information
of Govt, copy of telegram from
the Accountant-General: P.W.D.
giving figures for estimates for
V. Ly. S. Proj.

B.
No. 2048 R of 20th Dec 1890.

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