

Public Works (1894) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 540 R

DATED 12th October

[Despatch Abstract.]

Trincomalee - Quilon - Cochin Railway. — Proceedings, Political Department, Communicating to the Resident in Travancore & Cochin proceedings of the Public Works Department, Railway branch, forwarding letters from Mr. Lawley asking for certain concessions for the construction of the proposed —, recorded.

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As the present low rate of exchange is very favourable for the transfer of money to India for expenditure out here, and as money is at present very cheap at home, I beg that every effort may be made to expedite the granting of the concession to me, so as to enable me to meet the autumn and winter market at home.

FORM A.

To accompany all applications for leave to construct railway to any part of British India.

Nature of particulars to be specified.	Particulars.
1 The name of the Company, person or persons by whom the application is preferred, the proposed amount of capital, the number of shares and the amount of each share.	Michael Fitzgerald Lavelle. Capital £ 650,000, six hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, in six hundred and fifty thousand shares of one pound each.
2 The termini, together with the names of all the principal towns from, in, through or into, or near which the railway is intended to be constructed.	See Appendix A.
3 The length as far as known of the proposed railway.	One hundred and six miles.
4 The gauge proposed and weight of rails, &c.	Metre gauge, fifty lbs. per yard.
5 The motive power to be employed	Steam.
6 The maximum tolls, rates and fares intended to be charged on the proposed railway.	See Appendix B.
7 Details of any agreement which may have been provisionally arranged or which it is desired to enter into, under which the proposed line, when constructed is to be leased out for working to any existing railway administration.	See Appendix C.
8 Any further information that may be required to enable the Government of India to thoroughly understand the scope of the proposals.	In fixing the capital at £ 650,000, provision has been made for expenses of promotion, and payment of interest out of capital at the rate of four per cent. per annum during construction. The following proposals have been laid before the Travancore Government through the British Resident there:— (1) Capital of the Company to be fixed at £ 650,000 for the Tinnevelly-Quilon construction. (2) That in the event of a more detailed survey being found necessary, the Travancore Government supply it or pay the cost of it. (3) That all land required for the purposes of the Railway, also land for quarries and brick-fields, be granted free of cost by the Travancore Government. (4) That the Travancore Government pay to the concessionaire an annual subsidy or grant of £ 15,000 (fifteen thousand pounds sterling) for fifteen years, such payment to begin from the time that the whole line is opened to traffic. (5) That the concessionaire, or company formed by him to construct the line pay the Travancore Government a moiety of the surplus earnings of the company after paying 3% on the capital of the company and allowing for home charges. This payment to be concurrent with the payment of the subsidy and to cease with it. (6) That for the purposes of exchange in connection with the payment of the annual subsidy by the Travancore Government, this be fixed at one shilling and two pence per rupee, as a minimum. (7) That as far as purchase of the line is concerned, the Travancore Government would do so on terms similar to those laid down by the Government of India in their Circular 924 R. C., dated 15th September 1893.

APPENDIX A.

TERMINI OF MAIN LINE OF PROPOSED RAILWAY.

TINNEVELLY AND QUILON.

Branches.—FROM QUILON ON THE MAIN LINE TO TREVANDRUM.

Principal towns and districts or provinces through which the proposed railway will pass.

	Towns.	District or Provinces.
Main Line	Tinnevelly	British Territory.
	Umbausamdrum	
	Bremadasam	
	Thenkanshee	Travancore State.
	Shencotta	
	Arriankadu	
	Kotaracurray	
	Quilon	
Branch	Quilon	Travancore State.
	Autunkulli	
	Yeddacode	
	Pulliappooram	
	Ooloor	
	Vunjeoor	
	Trevandrum	

APPENDIX B.

Schedule of Maximum and Minimum rates and fares intended to be charged on the proposed railway.

	Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
<i>Passenger fares—</i>		
1st Class	18	12
2nd Class	9	6
Intermediate Class	4½	3
3rd or lowest Class	3	1½
<i>Luggage</i>	Maximum. Pies per maund per mile.	Minimum. Pies per maund per mile.
	The rates passed at Conference of 1888.	
<i>Carriages—</i> Single carriages	Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
	42	30
Two or more carriages on one truck.	Maximum. Pies per truck.	Minimum. Pies per truck.
	54	42
<i>Horses—</i> Single horse	Maximum. Pies per mile.	Minimum. Pies per mile.
	24	18
<i>Dogs—</i> Each	Maximum. Pies per 50 miles or portion thereof.	Minimum. Pies per 50 miles or portion thereof.
	96	48

APPENDIX B.—(Continued).

	First 100 miles.	Every additional 100 miles.
	ANNAS.	ANNAS.
<i>Parcels—</i>		
Not exceeding 5 Seers or 1 cubic foot ...	} Rates passed at Conference of 1888.	
“ 10 “ 2 cubic feet ...		
“ 20 “ 4 “ ...		
“ 30 “ 6 “ ...		
“ 40 “ 8 “ ...		
For every additional 10 Seers or 2 cubic feet or portion of 10 Seers or 2 cubic feet.		

Goods rates—	Maximum.				Minimum.
	Pies per maund per mile.				Pies per maund per mile.
5th Class	...	...	...	1	}
4th „	...	...	...	$\frac{5}{6}$	
3rd „	...	...	...	$\frac{2}{3}$	
2nd „	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	
1st „	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{3}$	
Coal, edible grains and other low priced staples to be carried at special rates.					
				$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

APPENDIX C.

WORKING OF PROPOSED RAILWAY.

No agreement has been arranged with any existing Railway Administration under which the projected railway is to be worked, but, when completed it is proposed to offer the working to the South Indian Railway Company on the terms set forth in Government of India Circular 924 R. C., dated 15th September 1893, Resolution thereon clause (5).

From M. F. LAVELLE, Esq., dated Bangalore, 31st August 1894.

With reference to my application of this day's date, under Government of India, Circular No. 924 R. C., dated 15th September 1893, asking for a concession for the Railway from Tinnevely to Quilon, I have the honour to inform you that the syndicate with whom I have been in communication on the subject, have written to say that as they have a large amount of capital at hand to invest in Indian Railways under favourable terms, it would suit them to construct not only the Quilon-Trevandrum branch, but also a line from Quilon to Cochin. If Government is prepared to entertain the proposal, I shall be glad to open negotiations.

ORDER—dated 18th September 1894, No. 491 R., Public Works.

The above papers will be forwarded to the Government of India and to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin through the Political Department.

[Here enter No. 492 R., Public Works, dated 18th September 1894.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. R. UPCOTT,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To
The Political Department.
M. F. Lavelle, Esq.

RAILWAY.

Gobt. of {1894} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 18th September 1894,
No. 491 R.

SEPTEMBER.

Tinnevely-Quilon-Cochin Railway.

Letters from Mr. Lavelle asking for certain concessions for the construction of the proposed—ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India and to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Public Works Department (By Branch) of 18th September 1894
No 491 R.

Order 25th September 1894, No. 672.
Communicated to the
Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

[Enclosed]

W. H. P. H.
Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary—

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The Public Works Department (P.W.D.)
" with 30 spare copies returned as not being required
Resident in Travancore
+ Cochin.
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No. 7668

To

The Public Works Dept
Railway Branch

Recd: 10.10.94

Proceedings, dated 25 September 1894
No. 672

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