

Public Works (1896) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 573 *Ry.*

DATED 1<sup>st</sup> July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Assistant Traffic Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Madras Railway. — Letter to the Govt of India requesting sanction to an excess of one in the sanctioned scale of — Consequently Mr. Brown, assistant in service of Mr. Brown, assistant Traffic Manager, till Mr. Read, Traffic Manager, returns from furlough.

Indexed.

## BACK PAPERS.

[illegible]

## FURTHER PAPERS.

[illegible]

P.W.  
1927  
1955

SERIAL  
No. 2

No. 6218

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY,

61 NEW BRIDAL STREET,

LONDON, E.C., 25th October 1895.

511

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 2,217 to 2,219, with their enclosures, and Bill of Exchange for £134 13s. 0d. on account of Mr. Moss and others.

Yours faithfully,  
J. G. Lamb & Co., of this

Receipt of letter  
etc.

Bo. Night Railway

2. The Board are informed by Messrs. Arbutnot, Latham & Co., of this city, that they have made preliminary arrangements with the present Debenture-holders of the Nilgiri Railway Company, and also with the India Office, and that if an agreement can be carried through with this Company for working and maintaining the line on satisfactory terms, they would be in a position to sign the necessary contracts, and provide the remaining funds required for the completion of the line to Kunur. As Messrs. Arbutnot, Latham & Co. stated that time was an important element in carrying through their negotiations to a successful issue, the following telegram was despatched to you on the 17th inst.:—

Q.—“If Nilgiri Railway completed telegraph lowest terms can accept working and maintenance.”

Telegram in reply  
received.

3. I have now to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of this date, as follows:— "Nilgiri Railway actual working expenses plus fifteen per cent. thereof for management."

4. The above has been communicated to Messrs. Arbutnot, Latham and Co.

Mr. Banks granted exchange coupon two.

5. The Board have had under consideration the Traffic Manager's letter to you of the 3rd August, received with your No. 2,211, and referred to in para. 5, transmitting an application for exchange compensation from Mr. W. G. Hanks, Inspector of Weighbridges and Weighing Machines, and I am now to inform you that the Directors, on your and the Traffic Manager's recommendation, are pleased to comply with Mr. Hanks' application, subject to the sanction of Government.

Mr. Walter Ward  
attested exchange  
compensation.

6. I have also submitted to the Board the copy of correspondence which has passed between the Government Consulting Engineer and yourself with reference to the application for exchange compensation allowance from Mr. Walter Ward, the newly appointed Locomotive Draughtsman, and I am, in compliance with the request in para. 11 of No. 2,215, to convey their authority for the grant of the allowance to Mr. Ward, subject to the necessary sanction in this case also.

[illegible]

7. The Board will, in future, when advertising for men, refer specially to the Exchange Compensation Grant, and they will also cause to be introduced into future agreements entered into with engineers and others in this country, a clause relating to the grant of exchange compensation, similar to that which you state, in para 10 of No. 2,217, has been agreed to by the Directors of the East Indian Railway.

Limit of expenditure  
on locomotive  
engines.

8. With your letter No 2,211 (para. 9), you forward for the information of the Board copy of a communication from the Locomotive Superintendent, dated

To the AGENT AND MANAGER,  
Madras Railway,  
Madras.

12th August, in which he adheres to his recommendation that Revenue should not at present be called upon to bear more than the cost of four new engines yearly, in which opinion you concur. The matter should be submitted for the orders of Government, pending whose decision nothing more need be done.

Privilege leave to  
Upper Subordinates

9. In para. 16 of No. 2,211, you furnish the Board with the further information called for in paras. 11 and 12 of No. 920, on the subject of the memorial from Upper Subordinates regarding privilege leave, which was forwarded with your No. 2,123. The Board have again considered the question in the light of the additional particulars now before them, and sanction the grant of the concession asked for to men, whether Europeans or Natives, drawing Rs. 200 and upwards. For the reasons stated by you the Board see no necessity for extending the privilege in question to lower paid men.

Rate for Carriage of  
Revenue Stores

10. In para. 11 of No. 2,211 you submit, for the instructions of the Board, the question raised in Government of India Circular No. 654 R.T., dated 21st November, 1894, on the subject of reduction of rate for the carriage of revenue stores. It is observed that the question was fully considered by you in communication with the Heads of Departments, and that you do not recommend the adoption of the rate proposed by the East Indian Railway, but it is hoped, however, that you may see your way to recommend some reduction in the rate hereafter.

As Contribution of  
subsidy to  
Provident Institution  
by staff employed on  
Government Works

11. Reference is made in para. 12 of No. 2,211 to a letter from the Acting Chief Auditor, dated 15th August, and to a note by the Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, stating his objections to charging the West Coast surveys and Ennur line construction accounts with the bonus additions to the Provident Institution for permanent employees of this Company engaged temporarily on those works. The Board have given the subject their consideration, and the conclusion arrived at is that the Government contribution on account of the Company's employees above referred to may fairly be charged to this Company's Revenue account, and they direct that the amount in question be debited accordingly.

As to position of  
Assistant Telegraph  
Engineer.

12. The Board regretted to learn from para. 13 of No. 2,211 that the Government of India decline to consider their proposal to raise the position of Assistant Telegraph Engineer to that of a Third Class Engineer. It is hoped, however, that on the grounds you have so well stated in your letter to the Government Consulting Engineer of the 3rd September, the Government of India will, on further consideration, be pleased to accede to the request.

As to reduction in  
Store balances.  
Returns called for.

13. The Board observe that the Government of India, in their letter to the Government of Madras, referred to in para. 13 of 2,211, express their regret that no substantial reduction has yet been made in the stores balances of this railway; and it is further noticed that the Senior Government Inspector of Railways, in para. 44 of his Inspection Report, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1893, remarks that efforts might be made to dispose of the large quantities of iron of sizes, used by the Locomotive Department to a limited extent only, which have been in store since the line was opened.

14. As the quantity of Stores indented for on England is now so much less than formerly, while the facilities for obtaining them readily from here are so great, there should, the Board think, be no difficulty in making a considerable reduction in the store balances, and they desire that this important question may

continue to have careful attention. The Board have read with interest the Acting Chief Auditor's remarks and explanations in respect of Stores in his half-yearly report. In connection with this subject the Board would be glad to receive a return of all Stores in stock on the 31st December next, over two years' consumption, with their value; and further, to be informed what is considered to be a sufficient stock both of English and Indian Stores as compared with the present consumption.

Rule of Claims  
Arbitration Com-  
mittee Approved.

15. The Board are glad to learn from para. 8 of No. 2,213 that you have, in communication with the Agents of the several Railways concerned, formed a Claims Arbitration Committee of Southern India, for the settlement of disputed claims, and I am to convey the Board's approval of the rules embodied in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held at Bangalore on the 18th and 19th July. This arrangement should result in a great saving of time and the avoidance of long correspondence in dealing with questions of this nature, and it may eventually lead to the organization of a Committee for the whole of India.

As to increase to  
salary of Mr.  
Edwards.

16. In para 9 of No. 2,213 you request that the Board will allow the pay of your Assistant, Mr. Edwards, to advance by annual increments of Rs. 50 until the maximum sanctioned salary of his office, Rs. 800, is reached. The commencing salary of the Assistant to the Agent and Manager, fixed by the Board in their letter No. 786 at Rs. 500, rising to Rs. 800 after ten years' service, was intended to apply more particularly to an officer holding the office on his first appointment. As Mr. Edwards had completed fourteen years' service with the Company before he was selected for the appointment he has, as you state, so nobly filled, the Board are pleased to approve of your recommendation, and, subject to the necessary sanction, Mr. Edwards will be allowed to draw—

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Ra. 650 from 3rd November, 1895. |       |
| Ra. 700 .. ..                    | 1896. |
| Ra. 750 .. ..                    | 1897. |
| Ra. 800 .. ..                    | 1898. |

Mr. Byron to be  
retained as a  
temporary officer

17. The Board have had under consideration the Petition addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Byron, Senior Assistant Traffic Manager, on the subject of the recent order in respect of his retirement in January next, referred to in para. 4 of No. 2,215, together with the Traffic Manager's covering letter to you supporting the Petition. In a further letter to you, dated 20th August, Mr. Read intimates that, for the reasons stated, he proposes to take furlough when Mr. Ross Johnson, who is due in Madras on the 8th February next, returns to duty. Mr. Read does not say how long a furlough he would desire, but the Board assume it would not be for less than twelve months.

18. Mr. Read approaches the subject of Mr. Byron's case from a new point of view, and the Board are satisfied with his recommendation in regard to it. He represents that it will be a real convenience to the Traffic Department, and of advantage to the Company to retain Mr. Byron as a temporary Officer during his absence, rather than risk the appointment of a new man fit for the position of Assistant Traffic Manager, whom it is always difficult to find. Mr. Byron is said to be still active, and to take the greatest interest in his Division, and it is understood that the temporary retention of his service would not stop the promotion of any other Officers of the Department.

19. Under these circumstances, both in appreciation of his long and approved service, and as a mark of their sympathy, the Board resolve to allow

Mr. Byron to remain in his present position for twelve months from January next, or until Mr. Read's return from furlough.

20. With regard to House Payments, Mr. Byron will be placed on the same footing as Mr. Stoney and Mr. Winter, as laid down in para. 18 of No. 921.

Excess over  
original estimate  
sanctioned.

21. I have laid before the Board the Officiating Chief Engineer's letter of the 5th September last, received with yours of the 2nd inst., explaining the reasons for the excess over the original estimate for alterations at Bangalore City. They are of opinion that had the planning of the alterations received, in the first instance, more care and attention in respect of our own requirements and the requisitions of the Southern Mahratta Railway, in consultation between the Chief Engineers and Traffic Managers of the two Companies, a considerable amount of money might have been saved. The Board, however, sanction the excess expenditure of Rs. 38,204, in the hope that all reasonable requirements of both Railways have now been adequately provided for, and they have this day sent you the following telegram:—

"Bangalore excess sanctioned."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(*sd*) *Julian Payne*  
Secretary.

No 8851

492

MADRAS RAILWAY No. 3

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 9<sup>th</sup> June 1896

From

The Agent and Manager.

M. d. B.

To

The Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that under the graded scheme of the Traffic Department sanctioned by the Government of India in G. O. No. 339 d of the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1877 there are two officers in the first class. Of these one is Mr. Byron, who in August last was given six months' notice by the Board of the termination of his service with the Company.

2. On an appeal being made by Mr. Byron and supported by the Traffic Manager, the Board in their letter No. 926 of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1895 expressed their willingness to allow him to remain in his present position for twelve months from January 1896 or until the Traffic Manager returns from furlough. The Traffic Manager purposes proceeding on furlough next month.

In

۵۹۴

3. In the letter from the Board to which I have referred there is the following remark - "it is understood that the temporary retention of Mr. Byron's service would not stop the promotion of any other officers of the Department". In regard to this it was pointed out to the Board on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1895 that Mr. W.A. Wilkinson the senior officer in the second class would not be eligible for promotion to the first class until the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1896 and that until Mr. Wilkinson was removed to the first class, Mr. G. Wallington the senior officer in the third class could not obtain promotion to the second class.

4. ... As it is evident, from the Board's letter that they do not intend that the retention of Mr Byron's services should block the promotion of other Officers in the Department. I beg to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the temporary addition of one Officer to the first class from 1<sup>st</sup> September next for about twelve months, at the end of which period the Traffic Manager (Mr Read) is expected to return from furlough and Mr Byron will retire from the service.

3  
The proposal if sanctioned will admit of Mr. Wilkinson drawing in his substantive appointment Rs 727-4-4 per mensem from 4<sup>th</sup> September next instead of Rs 636-5-9 as at present, while Mr. Wallington will draw Rs 548-7-3 instead of Rs 454-8-8, giving a total increase of Rs 181-13-2 per mensem, but on the other hand the half salary of a third class Assistant Traffic Manager will be saved during Mr. Read's absence on furlough, the period during which the temporary addition to the higher class is asked for, so that there will actually be no increase of expenditure in the Department but a saving of Rs 22-15-11, thus:—

Increase to salaries under proposal . . . Rs 181-13-2

Saving of half salary of an Assistant of 3<sup>rd</sup> class . . . Rs 204-13-1

Net saving Rs 22-15-11

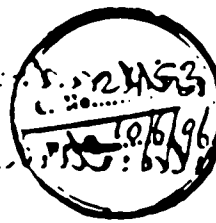
I shall be glad therefore if you will communicate to me the sanction of Government to the proposal.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Henry West

Ag. Agent & Manager.



Handwritten text in Tamil script, likely a letter or official communication. The text is dense and covers most of the left page.

MADRAS RAILWAY.  
 The Consulting Engineer  
 The Agent and Manager  
 of the Madras Railway.

Handwritten notes or dates at the bottom of the left page, including '11-21-96' and other illegible text.

Handwritten text block at the bottom of the left page, possibly a signature or official statement.

Handwritten text at the very bottom of the left page, including what appears to be a signature and date '17-96'.

*Bf*

Government of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
RAILWAY BRANCH

SERIAL No. 5

To  
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

To H.E. Mr. Governor  
for approval

*C*  
2/11 -

*Shukla*  
Copy, Secy. 18/11/1896

Sir,  
I am directed to  
forward for your  
order - the correspondence  
noted in the margin.

Letter No. 857 of 9.1.96 from AM I-Ex  
has 17.5.20 of letter No. 926 from Home  
I-AM

(2) It will be shown  
that the Board of Directors  
of the M.R. has decided  
on the retention of the services of Mr. Brown  
Senior Asst. Traffic Manager  
(who will return to superannuation)  
as a temporary measure until  
Mr. F.W. Reed, Traffic Manager  
returns from his leave of absence of 18 months, and  
he is about to proceed, and  
this is also approved by  
sanction as the understanding  
that this temporary retention  
will not interfere with the  
promotion of any of the other

17-96

appear in the Reg. Sept. 1841. The  
~~however it would be under~~

Agent & Manager Thompson desires to  
 present to the Traffic Staff of the Ry.  
 the following promotion which would  
 have the advantages that Mr. Byron  
 has retired, and he thinks that this  
 can be done ~~without~~ during Mr. Reed's  
 absence on furlough. <sup>expanding</sup> without ~~increasing~~  
 the total <sup>amount</sup> ~~cost~~ for <sup>Grappe</sup> ~~the~~ of  
 office

~~(S) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~

(1). On June there would come  
an issue of one in the Southern  
dealer of the Asst. Prof. Morgan of the  
First class, the Southern of the Govt of  
India is necessary. This I can  
directly to Government should be  
granted ~~via~~ as a temporary measure  
will effect from Sept. 15 1896 for about  
four months. ~~Expenditure~~ at the end  
of this period ~~the~~ Mr. Rice is expected  
to return from Europe & Mr. Byrnes will  
return from the States.

~~The~~ Documents accompanying:-  
Papers noted in two Margins

# Public Works (1896) Department.

No. 627

CURRENT No. 7853

Order

No 2801 of 8-3-96.

Copy forwarded to  
A.M. for information, with  
reference to his letter No. 492  
of 9.6.1896.

Copy forwarded  
to C.R. for information.

W. H. S. L.  
for C.R.

From

The Govt. of India

No. 2136 G.

Dated 25.8.96.

Received 2.9.96

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Traffic Department of the  
Mty.

Communicating the  
sanction of the Govt. of  
India to permanent  
promotions being made  
with effect from the  
4th Sept 96 in the ———  
which would have been  
admissible if Mr. Byron  
had retired.

8/9/96

P. W. D.  
1,000-000

Temporary retention  
of Mr. Byron, assistant  
Traffic Manager, Chabutra  
Railway, till Mr. Road  
Traffic Manager returns  
from furlough  
By No. 573. Dated 1.7.96

R 26/6 247 10/7

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7

[illegible][illegible]

*All communications  
should be addressed  
to the Secretary.*

11/7/69

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

## GENERAL.

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Sir,  
the 25th August 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.573 R.,dated 1st July 1896 in which intimation is conveyed of the approval of the Board of Directors,Madras Railway to the retention of Mr.Byron,Senior Assistant Traffic Manager,as a temporary measure,during the absence of Mr.P.W.Read, Traffic Manager on furlough I am directed to communicate the sanction of the Government of India to permanent promotions being made with effect from the 4th September 1896 in the Traffic Department of that line,which would have been admissible if Mr.Byron had retired as approved by the Board in paragraph 17 of their letter No.926 dated 25th October 1895, on the understanding that no new appointment is made in Mr.Byron's place.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,.

C. H. Walker

Under Secy.to the Govt. of India:-

Documents accompanying:-  
Nil.

B.C. 1911