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No. 37

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DATED 23rd January

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224 R 9-8-95
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13/2078

[Despatch Abstract.]

Peralam-Karikal Railway - Orders that

His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council be addressed in the Political Department in regard to the procedure to be adopted in respect of the supply of funds, payments to Contractors & for home expenditure in connection with the

[P.W. 24.
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SERIAL No. 18

6TH MAY 1895, No. 332 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 21st February 1895, No. 94 R., Public Works.

Read—the following letter from His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated Pondicherry, the 23rd January 1895, No. 2.

Le Gouvernement de l'Inde ayant bien voulu accorder à la Colonie Française l'autorisation de construire une ligne de chemin-de-fer allant de Karikal à Péralam, mon Administration a pensé qu'il serait désirable, sous tous les rapports, de confier l'exécution de ce travail à la Compagnie du " South Indian Railway," qui doit être chargée de l'exploitation.

Monsieur Betts, Agent de la " South Indian Railway," consulté à ce sujet, a déclaré que cette Compagnie était prête à entreprendre les travaux de construction du chemin-de-fer dont il s'agit, dès qu'elle en aurait reçu l'autorisation du Gouvernement de Madras.

C'est cette autorisation que j'ai l'honneur de demander à votre Excellence, à qui je serai infiniment reconnaissant de me faire la faveur d'une prompte réponse, afin que les travaux puissent commencer sans retard.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Transferred to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for urgent disposal.

(By Order.)

GUINDY,
24th January 1895.

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Private Secretary.

Order—dated 21st February 1895, No. 94 R., Public Works.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements be addressed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

Read also the following paper :—

From His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated Madras, 25th February 1895, R. No. 34.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter No. 2 of 23rd January 1895, and in reply to inform your Excellency that the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company has applied to his Board of Directors in London for permission to construct the Karikal-Peralam Railway under the same method as the Railway from Máyavaram to Muttupet, viz., that an estimate of the probable cost of the work having been sanctioned by Government, the Company would work up to the estimate. On receipt of a favourable reply from the London Board of Directors, the South Indian Railway Company will be asked to submit the estimate for sanction.

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, &c.

Read again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 23rd March 1895, No. 205 R., Public Works.

Read—the following letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 27th February 1895, No. 184.

Your No. 643 of the 23rd instant. On the 12th ultimo I forwarded the following telegram to the Managing Director of this Company :—

"Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karikal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree."

To which the following reply, dated the 5th instant, was received by me :—

"Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10."

The following is a copy of article 7 of the contract between the Minister of Marine and the Colonies (France) and the Pondicherry Railway Company under which that Company claims the right of constructing the Karikal-Peralam Railway :—

"In case the Colonial Government should avail itself of the option reserved by the specification (cahier des charges) and should subsidize in English or French territory such other lines as it may deem useful to the interests of the country, the Pondicherry Railway Company shall have the preference on like conditions for every line to be constructed in the Colony of Pondicherry."

The clause 10 referred to in the Managing Director's reply is clause 10 of the indenture made the 24th day of November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the South Indian Railway Company, Limited.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Agent's letter to Board, South Indian Railway, No. 401, dated 20th February 1895.

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Karikal-Peralam Railway.—On communicating to the Director of the Interior of the French Establishments in India, Pondicherry, the purport of your telegram of the 5th instant (acknowledged in my letter No. 398), I have received a reply, dated the 12th instant, of which the following is a translation :—

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 5 of the 8th instant in which you inform me that having, after our meeting, telegraphed to the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company on the subject of the construction of the proposed line from Peralam to Karikal, you have received an answer that the South Indian Railway Company cannot undertake the work unless it be invited by the Secretary of State for India under the terms and conditions of the 10th clause of the contract between Government and the Company.

"In hastening to acknowledge receipt of this communication, I have to inform you that, under date of the 23rd of January last, the Governor has written to His Excellency the Governor of Madras requesting the necessary authority and an answer from Lord Wenlock is awaited."

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Read—the following letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 196.

Your letter No. 734 of the 28th ultimo. I wish to point out I have already asked the Board of Directors if the South Indian Railway Company would undertake the construction of the Karikal-Peralam Railway, and they replied that the requisition should come from the Secretary of State for India under clause 10 of the contract.

I will, if you repeat your wish, again put the question, but it is probable I shall receive the same answer, and I submit therefore, in order that time may be saved, that the Secretary of State be moved by Government to make the requisition provided for in clause 10 of the contract.

Read—the following letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 199.

Since writing my letter No. 196, I have received a further communication from the Managing Director regarding the Karikal-Peralam Railway, a copy of which is hereto attached.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from letter from the Managing Director, to the Agent, dated London, 15th February 1895, No. 146.

[Construction of Karikal-Peralam (French) Railway, 14·63 miles in length.]

In continuation of Board's letter No. 145 and in reply to your telegram of 12th January therein quoted—"Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karikal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree" — the following message was cabled to you on the 5th February :—

"Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10."

Under the provisions of this clause, which forms part of the agreement of 24th November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the Company, the Secretary of State may require the Company to construct such a railway as that now under reference.

In your letter No. 392 of 16th January 1895 reciting the circumstances leading up to your telegram of 12th January quoted above, you state, "Funds would be advanced by the French authorities as required in London to meet expenditure in England, and we should draw upon the Colonial Treasury here monthly in advance to meet current expenditure."

With regard to this the Board would remind you that clause 10 also provides that the money required for the construction through the agency of the Company of such a line as this "shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

Order—dated 23rd March 1895, No. 205 R., Public Works.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department in continuation of letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th ultimo.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

Read also the following papers :—

From His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated 3rd April 1895, R. No. 76.

In continuation of my letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th February 1895, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company have agreed to carry out the construction of the Karikal-Peralam Railway under the terms of clause 10 of their contract with the Secretary of State in Council of India, dated 24th November 1890, which is as follows :—

"10. The Secretary of State may require the Company to construct, on behalf of any local authority or any allied tributary or foreign State, any such branch or extension railway of the same gauge in connection with the undertaking, or any other railway in connection with the undertaking, as such authority or State may desire to have worked through the agency of the Company, and the Company shall, if and when required so to do by the Secretary of State, accept and work, upon terms to be specially agreed upon in each case between the Company and the said authority or State with the sanction of the Secretary of State, any and every such railway, whether existing or constructed through the agency of the Company or otherwise, but no such railway shall form part of the undertaking. Provided that the moneys required for the construction through the agency of the Company of any such railway shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

2. Your Excellency will observe that by this clause the undermentioned conditions are prescribed :—

(*a*) That the Secretary of State should requisition the South Indian Railway to construct the line.

(*b*) That the necessary funds should be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India (that is by payment to his credit in a recognized treasury, either in India or England, in such manner and at such periods as may be mutually arranged).

(*c*) That the line is on the metre gauge.

(*d*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

3. Your Excellency will further observe that your previous acceptance of these three last conditions (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) is necessary before the Secretary of State can be asked to requisition the South Indian Railway Company for the construction of the line, and I shall therefore be obliged by your kindly informing me whether or not you are able to agree to the above terms.

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, &c.

From His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated Pondicherry, 11th April 1895, No. 20.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre en date du 3 Avril courant, No. 76, par laquelle votre Excellence m'a fait savoir que le Conseil des Directeurs de la Compagnie du South Indian Railway a accepté de construire la ligne de chemin-de-fer de Karikal à Péralam, en vertu des termes de la clause 10 de son contrat, en date du 24 Novembre 1890, avec le Secrétaire d'Etat pour l' Inde, et aux conditions prescrites par la dite clause.

Votre Excellence a bien voulu préciser ces conditions en me faisant remarquer que la première (*a*), c'est-à-dire la réquisition à adresser par le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Compagnie, est subordonnée à l'acceptation par mon Gouvernement des trois dernières (*b*), (*c*), (*d*).

Au sujet des conditions (*c*) et (*d*), relatives à la largeur de la voie et à l'exploitation de la ligne, il ne peut y avoir aucune difficulté. L'embranchement de Karikal à Péralam sera construit comme les autres parties du réseau auquel it se rattache. D'un autre côté it est entendu déjà que c'est la Compagnie du South Indian Railway qui exploitera la ligne, conformément aux indications contenues dans la lettre de Son Excellence le Vice-Roi, en date du 14 Janvier 1892.

En ce qui concerne la condition (*b*), relative au mode de paiement des travaux, j'ai l'honneur de faire connaître à votre Excellence qu'un emprunt, destiné exclusivement à la construction de la ligne ferrée dont il s'agit, a été contracté à la "Caisse des Dépots et Consignations" à Paris, par le Ministre des Colonies pour le compte du Gouvernement de Pondichéry. Les fonds provenant de cet emprunt ne peuvent pas avoir d'autre destination, être employés à payer d'autres dépenses. Ils sont à la disposition du Gouvernement de Pondichéry et seront remis au Trésorier Payeur de la Colonie par la Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, au fur et à mesure des besoins. C'est donc le Trésor Public de Pondichéry qui fera les paiements au nom de la personne que le Secrétaire d'Etat voudra bien désigner, dans la forme et aux époques qui seront à convenir mutuellement.

Je pense que ce mode de paiement ne soulévera aucune objection de la part de votre Excellence.

Je serai particulièrement reconnaissant à votre Excellence de vouloir bien m'honorer d'une prompte réponse à ce sujet.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for disposal.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
15th April 1895.

(Signed) R. T. LAWLEY, Major,
Acting Private Secretary.

ORDER—dated 6th May 1895, No. 332 R., Public Works.

Ordered that the above correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the Secretary of State be moved to requisition the South Indian Railway Company to construct the Karikal-Peralam Railway.

[Here enter No. 333 R., dated 6th May 1895.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Political Department, for communication to the
French Government, Pondicherry.
" Agent, South Indian Railway.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 6th May 1895, No. 333 R., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.

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RAILWAY.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 6th May 1895, Nos. 332, 333 R.

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Karikal-Peralam Railway

Forwarding to the Government of India Proceedings on the subject of the construction of the —.

R. No. 155.

SERIAL No. 20

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

~~The~~ His Excy: the Governor

of the French Settlements

in India

5th June

May 1895.

~~Sir,~~ Your Excellency

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No: 2007 11th April 1895, I have the honor to forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of the Progs: of my Government No 332 R of 6 May 1895, regarding the construction of the Karikal Peralam Railway.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

most obedient humble servant

28/5/95

To His Excellency the Chief Secretary to Government for favor of communication with reference to Public Works Office letter No 1078 dated 22nd May 1895.

10 Chief Secretariat forwarding 29/5/95

GOUVERNEMENT
DES
ÉTABLISSEMENTS FRANÇAIS DANS L'INDE

CABINET
DU
GOUVERNEUR

N° 35.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
LIBERTÉ. — ÉGALITÉ. — FRATERNITÉ

Pondichéry, le 26 Juin 1895.

M. CLÉMENT-THOMAS,
Gouverneur des Etablissements français dans l'Inde,
à Son Excellence le
Très-Honorable Lord Wenlock,
Gouverneur de la Présidence de
Madras, Fort Saint-George.

Votre Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 5 Juin courant, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie des actes de son Gouvernement, sous le numéro 332 et en date du 6 Mai 1895, relatifs à la construction du Chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam.

Je remercie Votre Excellence de cette communication.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

de Votre Excellence,
le très obéissant serviteur.

Clément Thomas

Letter

~~Petition~~ from H.E. the Governor of French Settlements in India. Pondicherry.

DATED 26 June 1895.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary to Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

Illegible

Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ootacamund.
1st July 1895.

CURRENT No. 883

R155: 5-6-95.
R76: 3.4.95.
R34: 25-2-95

SERIAL No. 21

Poll. (1895) Department.

From C. F. MacCarthie Esq I.C.S.
The Private Secretary to the
Right Honorable the Governor,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
-2 JUL. 1895

Dated 1st
Received 2 } July 1895.
Repd 3.

Enclosure.-

Subject.

Letter
Transfers a petition from H.E. the Governor of French settlements in India.

Endt No 1552.

Transferred to the
Public Works Department,
Railway Branch

Submitted
Chief Secretary

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3.7.95

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6th July 1895.

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SERIAL No. 22

Print

No. 818 R.C.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway Construction.

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To

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

Simla, the 12th July 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No.333 R. dated 6th May 1895, forwarding Proceedings of the Government of Madras regarding the construction and working by the South Indian Railway Company, of a branch line of railway from Peralam to Karikal.

2. In reply I am to communicate the provisional sanction of the Government of India to the South Indian Railway Company, undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government, I am also to suggest that it may be arranged that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid by "le Ministre des Colonies" to the Secretary of State for India, in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid by the Treasury of Pondicherry into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot.

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

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.

S.A.

P. W. CURRENT No. 5457

Recd: 17. 7. 95

No. 496. R, dated 4. 8. 95

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

SERIAL
No. 24

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Govt of India P.W.D. — } No. 818 R. C, 12 July 95

Ordered that

His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Depte:

Fair despd in R. Office book on 4. 8. 95

To the Political Depte with the Draft letter to the Govr of French Settlements in India for issue

B1/-

No. 496. R. dated 4.8.95

R. No: 224 a/9 August 1895.

Print

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30 July

His Excellency the Governor
of the French Settlements
in India —

IMPERIAL
No. 25

Your Excellency, With re-
ference to the correspondence
ending with your letter 35
dated 26 June 1895 I have
the honor to forward for
your Excellency's information
a copy of letter no 818
dated 12 July from the Govt
of India — regarding the
construction of the line of
railway from Peralam to
Karikal and to request that
my this Government may be
informed as soon as the a-
mounts required for expen-
diture have been paid in
as suggested

WJ 2/8/95

Js 3/8

Draft from Govt 10/8/95

no: 85/O a/10.8.95

Copy to Agent S. I. Ry with
request that the usual pro-
gress reports be submitted

Papers to
His Excellency the Governor
Hon W. Bliss
Hon W. Grove
and the Hon the Chief
Secretary for favour of
counter initials

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Rec'd 31/8/95

Letter
Petition from H.E. the Governor of
French Settlements in India.

SERIAL
No. 26

DATED 20th September 1895.

Joint
TRANSFERRED to the Secretary to Government,
Railway Branch
Public Works Department, for disposal.

(By Order.)

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Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ootacamund.
23rd September 1895.

(1895) DEPARTMENT.

P. W. CUR[illegible] No. 7434

From C. J. Mac Cartie Esq. I.C.S.
~~THE~~ PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,

Recd. 2-10-95

To
Joint
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Railway Branch.

Dated 23rd } September 1895.
Received }

ENCLOSURE.-

Subject.

TRANSFERS a ~~petition~~ letter from H.E. the Governor of French Settlements in India.

GOUVERNEMENT
DES
ETABLISSEMENTS FRANÇAIS DANS L'INDE

CABINET
DU
GOUVERNEUR

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
LIBERTÉ.— ÉGALITÉ.— FRATERNITÉ

Pondichéry, le 20 Septembre 1895

Pour

N° 53.

10 P

M. CLÉMENT-THOMAS,
Gouverneur des Etablissements français dans l'Inde,
à Son Excellence le
Très Honorable Lord Wenlock, Gouverneur
de la Présidence de Madras,
Fort Saint-Georges.

Votre Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 9 Août dernier N° 224, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, N° 818. R.C., relative à la construction de la ligne de Chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam.

Je n'ai aucune objection à présenter contre le mode de paiement proposé, c'est-à-dire le versement par le Ministre des Colonies, à Paris, entre les mains du Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, à Londres, des sommes destinées à acquitter les dépenses

les dépenses faites en Europe et le paiement par le trésor de Pondichéry à la Banque de Madras ou au trésor du South arcot, des sommes dépensées dans l'Inde. Toutefois, en ce qui concerne ces derniers versements, mon administration préfère le trésor du "South arcot" qui lui offre, pour la remise des fonds, plus de facilités que la Banque de Madras.

Ainsi que Votre Excellence le demande, le Gouvernement de Madras sera informé immédiatement, par mes soins, de chaque versement effectué dans les conditions indiquées.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

de Votre Excellence,

le très obéissant serviteur.

Clement Hume

P.S.O.
Ste Lee 4 L.W. Rs Branch
to Ireland
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Note to Chapman

I h. the h. to ack. receipt of your 224 dated 3/8/95 in which you E. was pleased to forward a C/p of a letter from the S. of S. for India RE dft 12/7/95 relating to the construction of the Ry from Kurkal to Peralam —

I have no objection Burge yr mode of payment — that is Drey — the deposit, by the Colonial Minister, in the hands of the S. of S. for India of the amount required Direct European expenditure and the payment by the Collector of Pondy to the Bank of Madras & Collector of South arcot of the amount required in India —

Regarding the latter — my obsn. prefer the Collector of South arcot who offers greater facilities for the transfer of funds, than the Bank of Madras —

I write Lee that that will be as p. Exc. request, the S. of St. should be immediately informed by me of each deposit made under the required conditions.

Papers to circulate & be recorded

Well 24/9

SERIAL
No. 27

Letter from H.E. the
Governor of the French
Settlements in India
No 53 dated 20th
September 1895.

Forwarded for in-
formation to
H.E. the Governor
Hon: Mr Bliss
Hon. Mr Grose.

F. Prescott
Asst Secy: to Govt Pondicherry

Order No. 624. R. dated 26/9/95

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No. 621. R. dated

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Extract from Board's letter to Govt.

Construction and working of the Karical Peralam (French) Railway.

SERIAL No. 28

Enclosed is a copy of letter P.W. 1526 of 11 October 1895, from the Secretary of State for India giving notice, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, requiring the Company to construct a railway from Peralam to Karical, the necessary funds for which will be supplied to the Company by the French Authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

The Company will also be required to work the line, on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French Colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State. The letter also sets forth the terms which it is understood have been accepted by both parties, and states that these have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

You are desired to communicate with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for the early commencement of the works may be taken

Extract from the Agents letter to the Board S.I.R.
No. 453 dated 29th Oct 1895.

SERIAL No. 29

Karikal-Peralam (French) Railway.

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The French Government being very anxious to learn the result of the survey and estimate of this line undertaken for them, I sent to the Director of the Interior, Pondicheri, as soon as I received them from the Ag. Chief Engr., an abstract of the revised estimate and a set of tracings shewing the working survey and section of the line prepared by the Company's Engrg. Deptt. I enclose Copies of the abstract estimate, also a statement Comparing this now revised with the preliminary estimate, a Copy of which was sent to the Pondicheri Ry. Bd. with my letter No 72 of 2nd March 1892.

The detailed estimates are in the press and will, together with tracings of the survey and section, be sent to you as soon as the Acting Chief Engineer can get the latter traced.

In the meantime it will be seen from the documents now forwarded, that the Karikal-Peralam line is estimated to cost in round figures Rs 8,07,000 or Rs 91,000 more than the preliminary estimate prepared in 1892. This increase is mainly due to (1) Rs 30,000 difference in the charge on cost of Permanent way Materials, and (2) to Rs 61,000 for administrative charges

charges, that is charge for the Control and supervision exercised by the Directors of the Company, and by the Chief Officers in India, in addition to the pay of the staff actually employed in Constructing the line.

Nothing was provided in the preliminary estimate for these administrative charges, which are calculated at 10 per cent on items N° III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII, in the estimate. I informed the Director of the Interior that the amount is now put forward subject to the approval of the Bd, who have not yet scrutinized the estimate.

The revised estimate, Rs 8,07,000 Confirms the accuracy of the preliminary est - Rs 7,16,000 - in admitting that deducting from the Enhanced charges for Establishment and administration, the items remain the same amount as the preliminary estimate.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

SERIAL No. 30

No. 1454 R.C.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

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Calcutta, the 23rd November 1895.

The under-mentioned papers are forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information in continuation of Government of India letter No.818 R.C., dated 12th July 1895.

By order,

for Under Secretary.

Documents referred to.

Copy of despatch to Secretary of State No.63 Railway, dated 13th August 1895, and enclosures.

Copy of despatch from Secretary of State No.98 Railway, dated 17th October 1895 and enclosure.

Construction and working of the proposed Karikal Peralam Railway.

S.O.R.

W. CURRENT No. 9544
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No. 63 Railway of 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

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To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 13th August 1895.

MY LORD,

With our despatch No. 158 Railway, dated 26th November 1889, we forwarded certain correspondence that had passed with His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India regarding the proposed construction of two branch lines of railway—one from Mayavaram (or Peralam) in British territory to Karikal, and the other from Tirupapaliur, also in British territory, to Pondicherry.

We observed that in informing His Excellency the Governor of our inability to undertake the construction of those lines from state funds, we had offered to assist any company which might be formed for constructing the lines, by the free grant of any Government lands which might be required, by the loan of the services of Government officers for carrying out the survey and by allowing the branches to be worked when completed by one of the existing Indian railways.

2. His Excellency the Governor accepted our offer and the General Council of the French Establishments asked to be informed of the terms on which we would undertake the working of the proposed branches through the agency of the South Indian Railway Company. We accordingly, after a reference to the Agent of the Company, informed His Excellency the Governor, on the 14th January 1892, that the Company would be willing to work the branches on the following conditions :—

(1) The South Indian Railway Company to receive the same proportion of the gross earnings of the branches as the cost of working their own lines bears to the gross earnings. This proportion to be fixed half-yearly in accordance with the proportion of working expenses to gross earnings on the South Indian Railway during the preceding six months.

(2) If rolling stock be found by the South Indian Railway Company the charge for the use of such rolling stock to be five per cent. of the gross earnings of the proposed branches.

We remarked that we considered the terms to be fair and reasonable on the understanding that the percentage obtaining on the whole of the South Indian Railway Company's system (including all branches worked by it) be taken in fixing the payment for working expenses.

His Excellency was also informed that in the event of the present contract with the South Indian Railway Company being terminated, we would be willing to regard the two proposed branch lines as part of the general system now worked by the Company ; and to include them, so far as the circumstances then existing would permit, in the arrangements to be made for the whole system aforesaid. We therefore suggested the desirability of any agreement which might be made by the French Government with the South Indian Railway Company in this matter being executed, in the first instance, for a definite term to expire not later than A. D. 1910, and to be renewable on certain notice.

The correspondence referred to in this paragraph will be found recorded in our proceedings in the Public Works Department noted in the margin.*

* R. C., August 1891, Nos. 203-205, Part A.
" December 1891, Nos. 184-185, Part A.
" January 1892, Nos. 266-267, Part A.
" May 1892, Nos. 173-175, Part A.

3. The subsequent negotiations have been carried out by the Government of Madras, and we now forward for your Lordship's information the enclosed copy of the correspondence that has taken place between that Government and the Governor of the French Settlements in India, as well as the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, on the subject of the construction and working of the Karikal-Peralam railway. It will be observed that His Excellency the Governor has formally agreed :—

(*a*) That the necessary funds shall be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India.

(*b*) That the line shall be on the metre gauge.

(*c*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

The South Indian Railway Company have also expressed their willingness to construct and work the line if required to do so under the terms of clause 10 of their contract.

We have accordingly given provisional sanction to the Company undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government as will be seen from our letter No. *818 R. C., dated 12th July 1895, to the address of the Government of Madras. The arrangements regarding the supply of funds proposed in that letter—*viz.*, that the amounts required for expenditure in London shall be paid to the Secretary of State in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot—were suggested by us with a view to eliminate if possible all elements of exchange in our transactions with the South Indian Railway Company.

* Enclosure 2.

4. We now have the honour to request that your Lordship will, under the powers granted by clause 10 of the contract with the South Indian Railway Company dated the 24th November 1890, formally call upon that Company to construct the Karikal-Peralam railway and to work it on the terms mentioned in our letter of the 14th January 1892 to the address of His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, which is referred to in paragraph 2 of this despatch.

We trust that our action in the matter of these railway extensions to the sea ports of Pondicherry and Karikal in French territory will meet with your Lordship's approval.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient and humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.

„ GEO. S. WHITE.

„ ALEX. EDW. MILLER.

„ H. BRACKENBURY.

„ J. WESTLAND.

„ A. MACKENZIE.

„ A. C. TREVOR.

Documents accompanying.

Enclosure 1.—Copy of Proceedings of the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Enclosure 2.—Copy of Government of India letter No. 818 R. C., dated 12th July 1895, to the Government of Madras.

Copy.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

To

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

No. 63 Railway.

Dated Simla, the 13th August 1895.

Received

KARIKAL-PERALAM RAILWAY.

Proposed construction of the line by the South Indian Railway Company from funds to be supplied by the French Government, and subsequent working of the line by the Company on terms to be arranged.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 758 P. W. D.—8-8-95.—80.

Enclosure No. 1 to Railway Despatch No. 63 of 1895.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Read again the following paper :—

G. O., dated 21st February 1895, No. 94 R., Public Works.

Read the following letter :—

From His Excellency the Governer of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated the 23rd January 1895, No. 2.

Le Gouvernement de l' Inde ayant bien voulu accorder à la Colonie Française l'autorisation de construire une ligne de chemin-de-fer allant de Karikal à Péralam, mon Administration a pensé qu'il serait désirable, sous tous less rapports, de confier l'exécution de ce travail à la Compagnie du "South Indian Railway," qui doit être chargée de l'exploitation.

Monsieur Betts, Agent de la "South Indian Railway," consulté à ce sujet, a déclaré que cette Compagnie était prête à entreprendre les travaux de construction du chemin-de-fer dont il s'agit, dés qu'elle en aurait reçu l'autorisation du Gouvernement de Madras.

C'est cette autorisation que j'ai l'honneur de demander á votre Excellence, à qui je serai infiniment reconnaissant de me faire la faveur d'une prompte réponse, afin que les travaux puissent commencer sans retard.

Veuillez agréer l'asurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, etc.

Private Secy. to the Governor of Madras, memorandum dated 24th January 1895.

Transferred to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for urgent disposal.

No. 94 R. Public Works, dated 21st February 1895.

Order thereon by the Govt. of Madras, P. W. Dept.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements be addressed.

Read also the following paper :—

From His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated Madras, 25th February 1895, R. No. 34.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 2 of 23rd January 1895, and in reply to inform Your Excellency that the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company has applied to his Board of Directors in London for permission to construct the Karikal-Peralam Railway under the same method as the railway from Máyavaram to Mutupet, *viz.*, that an estimate of the probable cost of the work having been sanctioned by Government, the Company would work up to the estimate. On receipt of a favourable reply from the London Board of Directors, the South Indian Railway Company will be asked to submit the estimate for sanction.

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, etc.

Read again the following paper :—

G. O. dated 23rd March 1895, No. 205 R., Public Works.

Read the following letter :—

From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 27th February 1895, No. 184.

Your No. 613 of the 23rd instant. On the 12th ultimo I forwarded the following telegram to the Managing Director of this Company :—

" Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karikal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree ?"

To which the following reply, dated the 5th instant, was received by me :—

" Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10."

The following is a copy of article 7 of the contract between the Minister of Marine and the Colonies (France) and the Pondicherry Railway Company under which that Company claims the right of constructing the Karikal-Peralam Railway :—

" In case the Colonial Government should avail itself of the option reserved by the specification (cahier des charges) and should subsidize in English or French territory such other lines as it may deem useful to the interests of the country, the Pondicherry Railway Company shall have the preference on like condition for every line to be constructed in the Colony of Pondicherry."

The clause 10 referred to in the Managing Director's reply is clause 10 of the indenture made the 24th day of November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the South Indian Railway Company, Limited.

Extract from the Agent's letter to Board, South Indian Railway, No. 401, dated 20th February 1895.

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Karikal-Peralam Railway.—On communicating to the Director of the Interior of the French Establishments in India, Pondicherry, the purport of your telegram of the 5th instant (acknowledged in my letter No. 398), I have received a reply, dated the 12th instant, of which the following is a translation :—

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 5 of the 8th instant in which you inform me that having, after our meeting, telegraphed to the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company on the subject of the construction of the proposed line from Peralam to Karikal, you have received an answer that the South Indian Railway Company cannot undertake the work unless it be invited by the Secretary of State for India under the terms and conditions of the 10th clause of the contract between Government and the Company.

"In hastening to acknowledge receipt of this communication, I have to inform you that under date of the 23rd of Janaury last, the Governor has written to His Excellency the Governor of Madras requesting the necessary authority and an answer from Lord Wenlock is awaited."

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Read the following letter :—

From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 196.

Your letter No. 734 of the 28th ultimo. I wish to point out I have already asked the Board of Directors if the South Indian Railway Company would undertake the contruction of the Karikal-Peralam railway, and they replied that the requisition should comefrom the Secretary of State for India under clause 10 of the contract.

I will, if you repeat your wish, again put the question, but it is probable I shall receive the same answer ,and I submit, therefore, in order that time may be saved, that the Secretary of State be moved by Government to make the requisition provided for in clause 10 of the contract.

Read the following letter :—

From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 199.

Since writing my letter No. 196, I have received a further communication from the Managing Director regarding the Karikal-Peralam Railway, a copy of which is hereto attached.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, TO THE AGENT, DATED LONDON, 15th FEBRUARY 1895, No. 146.

[CONSTRUCTION OF KARIKAL-PERALAM (FRENCH) RAILWAY, 14·63 MILES IN LENGTH.]

In continuation of Board's letter No. 145 and in reply to your telegram of 12th January therein quoted—"Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karikal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by constractors. May I agree ?"—the following message was cabled to you on the 5th February :—

"Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10."

Under the provisions of this clause, which forms part of the agreement of 24th November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the Company, the Secretary of State may require the Company to construct such a railway as that now under reference.

In your letter No. 392 of 16th January 1895 reciting the circumstances leading up to your telegram of 12th January quoted above, you state, "Funds would be advanced by the French authorities as required in London to meet expenditure in England, and we should draw upon the Colonial Treasury here monthly in advance to meet current expenditure."

With regard to this the Board would remined you that clause 10 also provides that the money required for the construction through the agency of the Company of such a line as this "shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

No. 205 R., dated 23rd March 1895.

Order thereon by the Govt of Madras, P. W. Dept.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department in continuation of letter, No. 34 R., dated 25th ultimo.

Read also the following papers :—

From His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated 3rd April 1895, No. 76. R.

In continuation of my letter No. 34 R., dated 25th February 1895, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company have agreed to carry out the construction of the Karikal-Peralam Railway under the terms of clause 10 of their contract with the Secretary of State in Council of India, dated 24th November 1890, which is as follows :—

"10. The Secretary of State may require the Company to construct, on behalf of any local authority or any allied tributary or foreign State, any such branch or extension railway of the same gauge in connection with the undertaking, or any other railway in connection with the undertaking, as such authority or State may desire to have worked through the agency of the Company, and the Company shall, if and when required so to do by the Secretary of State, accept and work, upon terms to be specially agreed upon in each case between the Company and the said authority or State with the sanction of the Secretary of State, any and every such railway, whether existing or constructed through the agency of the Company or otherwise, but no such railway shall form part of the undertaking. Provided that the moneys required for the construction through the agency of the Company of any such railway shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

2. Your Excellency will observe that by this clause the undermentioned conditions are prescribed :—

(*a*) That the Secretary of State should requisition the South Indian Railway to construct the line.

(*b*) That the necessary funds should be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India (that is, by payment to his credit in a recognized treasury, either in India or England, in such manner and at such periods as may be mutually arranged).

(*c*) That the line is on the metre gauge.

(*d*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

3. Your Excellency will further observe that your previous acceptance of these three last conditions (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), is necessary before the Secretary of State can be asked to requisition the South Indian Railway Company for the construction of the line, and I shall therefore be obliged by your kindly informing me whether or not you are able to agree to the above terms

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, etc.

From His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of the Madras, dated Pondicherry, 11th April 1895, No. 20.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre en date du 3 Avril courant, No. 76, par laquelle votre Excellence m'a fait savoir que le Conseil des Directeurs de la Compagnie du South Indian Railway aa ccepté de construire la ligne de chemin-de-fer de Karikal à Péralam, en vertu des termes de la clause 10 de son contract, en date du 24 Novembre 1890, avele Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, et aux conditions prescrites par la dite clause.

Votre Excellence a bien voulu préciser ces conditions en me faisant remarquer que là première (*a*), c'est-à-dire la réquisition à adresser par le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Compagnie, est subordonnée à l'acceptation par mon Governement des trois dernières (*b*), (*c*), (*d*).

Au sujet des conditions (*c*) et (*d*), relatives à la largeur de la voie et à l'exploitation de la ligne, il ne peut y avoir aucune difficulté. L'embranchement de Karikal à Péralam sera construit comme les autres parties du réseau auquel it se rattache. D'un autre côté it est entendu déjà que c'est la Compagnie du South Indian Railway qui exploitera la ligne, conformément aux indications contenues dans la lettre de Son Excellence le Vice-Roi, en date du Janvier 1892.

En ce qui concerne la condition (*b*), relative au mode de paiement des travaux, j'ai l'honneur de faire connâitre à votre Excellence qu'un emprunt destiné exclusivement à la construction de la ligne ferrée dont il s'agit, a été contracté à la "Caisse des Dépots et Consignations" à Paris, par le Ministre des Colonies pour le compte du Gouvernement de Pondichéry. Les fonds provenent de cet emprunt ne peuvent pas avoir d'autre destination, être employés à payer d'autres dépenses. Ils sont à la desposition du Gouvernement de Pondichéry et seront remis au Trésorier Payeur de la Colonie par la Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, au fur et à mesure des besoins. C'est donc le Trésor Public de Pondichéry qui fera les paiements au nom de la personne que le Secrétaire d'Etat voudra bien désigner, dans la forme et aux époques qui seront à convenir mutuellement.

Je pense que ce mode de paiement ne soulévera aucune objection de la part de votre Excellence.

Je serai particulièrement reconnaissant à rotre Excellence de vouloir bien m'honorer d'une prompte réponse à ce sujet.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, etc.

Private Secy. to the Govt. of Madras memorandum dated 18th April 1895.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for disposal.

No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Order thereon by the Govt. of Madras, P. W. Dept.

Ordered that the above correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the Secretary of State be moved to requisition the South Indian Railway Company to construct the Karikal-Peralam Railway.

Madras, P. W. Dept., memorandum No. 333 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Forwarded.

Enclosure No. 2 of Railway Despatch No. 63 of 1895.

No. 818 R. C., dated the 12th July 1895.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.,

To—The Joint Secy. to the Govt. of Madras, P. W. Dept., Ry. Branch.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 333 R., dated 6th May 1895, forwarding Proceedings of the Government of Madras regarding the construction and working by the South Indian Railway Company of a branch line of railway from Peralam to Karikal.

2. In reply I am to communicate the provisional sanction of the Government of India to the South Indian Railway Company undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government. I am also to suggest that it may be arranged that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid by "le Ministre des Colonies" to the Secretary of State for India in London, and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid by the Treasury of Pondicherry into the Bank of Madras, or the Treasury at South Arcot.

P. W. Dept. memorandum No. 97 8R. C., dated 15th August 1895.

Copy of the foregoing Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, with enclosures, forwarded to the Foreign Department / Finance and Commerce Department, for information.

India Office,

London, 17th October 1895.

Railway,

No. 98.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

Scheme for a Railway from Peralam to French port of Karikal.

I have received your Excellency's Railway Letter, No. 62, dated 13th August 1895, forwarding correspondence relating to the construction and working of a projected railway from Peralam, on the Mayavaram-Tuticorin Railway, to the French port of Karikal.

2. I learn from this Letter that the negotiations with regard to the line in question, which have been in progress since 1888, have at length been brought to practical completion, and that you have agreed to its construction by the South Indian Railway Company, from funds to be supplied by the French Government. You have also agreed that the line shall be worked by the South Indian Railway Company, on terms which you specify, and which have been accepted both by the Company and by the Governor of the French Settlements.

3. As desired by your Government, I have now, in accordance with the power reserved under Clause 10 of the South Indian Railway Company's Contract, dated 24th November 1890, given formal notice

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to the Company to construct and work the railway on behalf of the Government of the French Settlements in India.A copy of the letter which I have caused to be addressed to the Company is enclosed.

4. With regard to the provision of funds, I approve the procedure suggested by your Government,viz.,that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid in London,and that the amounts required for expenditure in India shall be paid into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot.The Government of Pondicherry,through whom,apparently, all payments will be made by the French Government,should be requested to cause the amount required to meet the estimated expenditure in this country to be placed to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) George Hamilton.

Dated 11th October 1895.

A.E.P.

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ENCLOSURE.

P.W.1826. India Office,

11th October 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that the construction of a line of railway on the metre gauge from Peralam,on the Mayavaram-Mutupet Railway,to the French port of Karikal has been decided on,and that it is intended to employ the agency of the South Indian Railway Company for the purpose,as also for the working of the line when completed.

I am accordingly directed to give you formal notice, in accordance with Clause 10 of the Contract with the South Indian Railway Company,dated 24th November 1890,that the Secretary of State requires the Company to construct the line in question on behalf of the Government of the French Settlements in India.The necessary funds will be supplied to the Company by the French authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

When the line shall have been constructed,the Company will be required to work it on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State.It is understood that the following terms have already been accepted by both parties:-

1. The Company to receive for working expenses the same proportion of the gross earnings of the new railway as the cost of working the whole of the South Indian Railway system (including all branches worked by the Company) bears to the gross earnings of the system.This proportion to be fixed half-yearly in accordance with the proportion of working expenses to gross earnings on the South Indian Railway system during the preceding six months.

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2. If rolling stock be found by the Company, the charge for the use of such rolling stock to be 3 per cent of the gross earnings of the new line.

These terms have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

It will now be for the Company, in communication with the Government of Madras, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for commencing the construction of the line.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) A. Godley.

The Managing Director,
South Indian Railway Company.

No. 1097

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.

SERIAL No. 32

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 10th Dec. 1895.

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From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

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To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

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Referring to Government of India letter No. 818 R.C., dated 12th July 1895 Copy received under cover of your endorsement No. 85/C of 10th August 1895 — The Secretary of State having given notice to the South Indian Railway Company, Limited, under clause 10 of the Contract of 24th November 1890 that the Peralam Karikal Railway is to be constructed by its agency from funds supplied through the Secretary of State or Government of Madras, I am desired to place myself in communication with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for an early commencement of the work may be taken. I have therefore the honor to request instructions as to the procedure to be adopted in respect to the supply of funds, payments to Contractors, forecasts of expenditure, and payments for home expenditure. The Chief Engineer desires to be informed whether the bills drawn out for payments by the Engineer in charge of

of the work will have to be submitted to the French P.W.D. Engineer for scrutiny before payment can be made, or whether payments may be made on the authority of the Chief Engineer.

2. The project estimate, the proof copies of which are now under revision, has been framed for Rs 8,07,192. This includes the cost of land both in English and French territory, and administration charges at 10 per cent on the total outlay on Capital main heads III to VIII, but no provision has been made for the telegraph beyond the station connections. As all land charges are to be met from funds supplied by the French Government, that Government will become the owners of land in British territory, and I shall be glad to know whether there is any objection to this. ~~The~~ The French Government may perhaps prefer to make its own arrangements for providing the land beyond the British frontier, in which case the charge on this account would not be paid over to the English Government.

3. It is understood that for

(a) the carriage of construction materials

(b) Stores issued from the South Indian Railway stock

(c) Workshop charges

the Peralam Karikal Railway will be treated as a foreign line.

It is presumed that charges against the estimate should be raised for the undermentioned items for which no provision has been made:-

(d) Supervision by the Board at 2½ per cent on stores purchased in England.

(e) any Audit and control which may be exercised by the Government of Madras.

4. It is presumed that the travelling allowance of inspecting officers while employed on duty connected with the Peralam Karikal Railway should be charged to that line, and also the Provident Fund bonus of South Indian Railway officers and subordinates temporarily engaged on the work.

5. I shall be glad if you will inform me what control as regards way and works will be exercised on behalf either of the English or French Governments. The estimates have been based on the standard dimensions of the Government of India and as the rolling stock for working the line will be supplied by this Company, these dimensions should as far as possible be adhered to.

6. The land plans are now in course of preparation, and the compilation of the indents will be put in hand at once.

Mr.

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Mr. J. A. T. Manning, Assistant Engineer, will be placed in charge of the work so long as his services can be spared.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A.W.G. Shelley
Captain R.E.
Agent

W.G.S

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

Dated
Received } 189

No.

Enclosure.

SERIAL
No. 34

Letter
Petition from H.E. the Governor of French Settlements in India.

Dated 11th December 1895.

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Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Railway Branch Department, for disposal.

(By Order.)

for Private Secretary.

Government House,
Guindy
12th December 1895.

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(1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE

RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR.

To

Joint
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Railway Branch.

Dated 12th December 1895.
Received

ENCLOSURE.-

Subject.

Letter
TRANSFERS a ~~petition~~ from H.E. the Governor
of French

GOUVERNEMENT
DES
ETABLISSEMENTS FRANÇAIS DANS L'INDE

CABINET
DU
GOUVERNEUR

N° 76.

RÉPUBLIQUE FR

Pondichery, 11 Décembre

Gouverneur des Établ. français

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Votre Excel

Par lettre du 9 Août 1895

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de construction de la ligne par le Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, conformément à la clause 10 du contrat du 24 novembre 1890. Il est, en effet, d'une grande importance pour nous que ces travaux puissent commencer aussitôt après la saison des pluies, c'est-à-dire en Janvier ou tout au moins en Février 1896 et je pense que rien ne s'opposera à ce qu'ils soient entrepris dès que la réquisition nécessaire aura été adressée à la Compagnie chargée de les exécuter.

Je serai reconnaissant à Votre Excellence de me fixer sur ce point le plus tôt possible.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

de Votre Excellence,

le très obéissant serviteur.

Clément Charles

R No: 23 of 31st January 1896

His Exc. Sir Clement Hill
Governor of the French Set.
Elements in India.

Your Excellency - I have
the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter No 16
dated 11 Dec. 1895 and to
bring the following points
before you, which I trust
you may be able to accept.
2. The project estimate will
be submitted to your Excellency
thro S. I. Ry Co and on
your approval by the land
will be acquired - in British
territory thro' the Collector of
South Arcot, and in French
Territory by your Excellency's
officer appointed for that
purpose --
3 The S. I. Ry Co will prepare
a forecast of expenditure
for 6 months in advance,
this through will after approval by
your Excellency of the forecast
be lodged in the Treasury
of South Arcot at Cuddalore
to the credit of the
Agent S. I. Ry -
4. The Agent will make
all payments for work
direct -

Do last paper
dated 38.

SERIAL
No. 35

5. The progress of the Work will be inspected from time to time by the Consulting Engineer for Railways and a Report will be submitted to your Excellency's Government.

6. The Rules & Regulations of State Rys and the Standard dimensions of the metre gauge will be applicable to this branch.

7. The Agent will correspond with your officials direct in regards land and provision of funds.

8. Permanent Way materials and articles required from Europe will be purchased thro' the Agency of the Board of Directors of the S. I. Ry. and the cost will be met by the money being placed to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England. A fortnightly statement of this expenditure will be forwarded by the Agent S. I. Ry.

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No. 4112. dated 20.12.95 Agent S. I. Ry.

In reply to your letter No. 1097 of 10 Dec. I have the honour to say that land will be taken up in British territory by the Collector of Santalpur in the usual way.

2. The land will remain vested in the British Govt & under its jurisdiction.

3. Provision should be made in the estimate for Telegraph.

4. The line should be treated as a foreign line and provision made for supervision & audit charges & travelling allowances.

5. In regard to the other questions I enclose a draft letter to your Secretary

*Be pleased to accept the assurance of the highest consideration with which I have the honour to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

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the forwarder and request
you to return it duly
with any remarks you
desire to make - and
to inform me when pro
posed the estimate to
be ready for submission

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20/12/95

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Desp'd
20.12.95

No. 13

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 8th January 1896.

SERIAL
No. 36

From

THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

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Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No. 4112 dated 20th December 1895 I have the honor to return the draft reply to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India and to inform you that I have no further remarks to make.

2. The Chief Engineer informs me that great delay has occurred in the printing of the estimates, owing to the printer first employed failing to carry out the work properly and necessitating its transfer to another firm. The Chief Engineer hopes to be able to get some manuscript copies ready by the middle of next week.

3. The Land plans are nearly ready, but work cannot be commenced until the crops are off the fields which will be about the middle of March.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A.G. Shelley
Captain R.E.,
Agent.

1. Enclosure - Draft

G. No. 110
Recd. 9-2-96

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly,

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

Dated
Received } 189

No.

Enclosure.

Form No. 2.

Approved 22/9/97

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Serial No.

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Please note this slip

of French Settlements in India for favor of issue

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(R.) Form No. 3.

B/ No. 63. R dated 23.1.96

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

SERIAL
No. 87

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Proceedings of the Madras Government, P. W. D. No. 496 R. dated 4th August 1895.

Letter to His Excellency the Governor of French Settlements - in India, No. 224 dated 9th August 1895.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, P. W. D. No. 621 R. dated 26th September 1895.

Memo from the Government of India, P. W. D. No. 1454 R.C. dated 23rd November 1895.

Letter from the Agent South Indian Railway, No. 1097 dated 10th December 1895.

Letter from His Excellency the Governor of French Settlements in India, No. 76 dated 11th December 1895.

Letter to the Agent South Indian Railway, No. 4112 dated 20th December 1895.

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Letter from ----- do ----- No. 13 dated 8th January 1896.

Order thereon, No. 63. R.d/23rd Jany/96

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements - in India be addressed in the Political Department.

To.

The Political Department with draft letter to H.E. the Governor of French Settlements in India for favor of issue

Dept on 24/1/96

24/1/96 Fwd 23

A.R.

The Letter to the For Government R No 2 3 of 31-1-96 (Serial 38) has not been printed. It is first sent as a draft & an Enclosure to letter from ER to ~~P.W.D.~~ 4112 of 20-12-95 (Serial 35) and afterwards issued thro' the Political Dept.

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Print it as issued to Pol. Dept

Dft 31/1/96

B/-

No. 63 R, dated 23.1.96

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Please print off 4 more 20 copies with docket. 27/1/96. A.R

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20 Copies

No. 63 R., 23RD JANUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 23rd January 1895, No. 2.

Le Gouvernement de l'Inde ayant bien voulu accorder à la Colonie Française l'autorisation de construire une ligne de chemin-de-fer allant de Karikal à Péralam, mon Administration a pensé qu'il serait désirable, sous tous les rapports, de confier l'exécution de ce travail à la Compagnie du "South Indian Railway," qui doit être chargée de l'exploitation.

Monsieur Betts, Agent de la "South Indian Railway," consulté à ce sujet, a déclaré que cette Compagnie était prête à entreprendre les travaux de construction du chemin-de-fer dont il s'agit, dès qu'elle en aurait reçu l'autorisation du Gouvernement de Madras.

C'est cette autorisation que j'ai l'honneur de demander à votre Excellence, à qui je serai infiniment reconnaissant de me faire la faveur d'une prompte réponse, afin que les travaux puissent commencer sans retard.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Endt. by the Private Secy. to H. E. the Governor, dated Guindy, 24th January 1895.

Transferred to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for urgent disposal.

Order—No. 94 R., dated 21st February 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed.

From—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Madras, 25th February 1895, R. No. 34.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter No. 2 of 23rd January 1895, and in reply to inform your Excellency that the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company has applied to his Board of Directors in London for permission to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway under the same method as the Railway from Mayavaram to Mutupet, viz., that an estimate of the probable cost of the work having been sanctioned by Government, the Company would work up to the estimate. On receipt of a favourable reply from the London Board of Directors, the South Indian Railway Company will be asked to submit the estimate for sanction.

Endt. by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 23rd February 1895, No. 643.

Copy forwarded to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Read also the following papers:—

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 27th February 1895, No. 184.

Your No. 643 of the 23rd instant. On the 12th ultimo I forwarded the following telegram to the Managing Director of this Company:—

Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karaikkal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree?

To which the following reply, dated the 5th instant, was received by me:—

Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10.

The following is a copy of article 7 of the contract between the Minister of Marine and the Colonies (France) and the Pondicherry Railway Company under which that Company claims the right of constructing the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway:—

In case the Colonial Government should avail itself of the option reserved by the specification (*cahier des charges*) and should subsidize in English or French territory such other lines as it may deem useful to the interests of the country, the Pondicherry Railway Company shall have the preference on like conditions for every line to be constructed in the Colony of Pondicherry.

The clause 10 referred to in the Managing Director's reply is clause 10 of the indenture made the 24th day of November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council for India and the South Indian Railway Company (Limited).

ENCLOSURE.

Extract from letter from—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Board of Directors.
Dated—The 20th February 1895, No. 401.

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Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.—On communicating to the Director of the Interior of the French Establishments in India, Pondicherry, the purport of your telegram of the 5th instant (acknowledged in my letter No. 398), I have received a reply, dated the 12th instant, of which the following is a translation:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 5 of the 8th instant in which you inform me that having, after our meeting, telegraphed to the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company on the subject of the construction of the proposed line from Peralam to Karaikkal, you have received an answer that the South Indian Railway Company cannot undertake the work unless it be invited by the Secretary of State for India under the terms and conditions of the 10th clause of the contract between Government and the Company.

"In hastening to acknowledge receipt of this communication, I have to inform you that, under date of the 23rd of January last, the Governor has written to His Excellency the Governor of Madras requesting the necessary authority and an answer from Lord Wenlock is awaited."

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From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—Madras, 28th February 1895, No. 734.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Agent to obtain the sanction or otherwise of his Board of Directors to the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam line being undertaken by them.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 196.

Your letter No. 734 of the 28th ultimo. I wish to point out I have already asked the Board of Directors if the South Indian Railway Company would undertake the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, and they replied that the requisition should come from the Secretary of State for India under clause 10 of the contract.

I will, if you repeat your wish, again put the question, but it is probable I shall receive the same answer, and I submit therefore, in order that time may be saved, that the Secretary of State be moved by Government to make the requisition provided for in clause 10 of the contract.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 199.

Since writing my letter No. 196, I have received a further communication from the Managing Director regarding the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Extract from letter from—The Managing Director.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—London, 15th February 1895, No. 146.

[Construction of Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, 14·63 miles in length.]

In continuation of Board's letter No. 145 and in reply to your telegram of 12th January therein quoted—"Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karaikkal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree"—the following message was cabled to you on the 5th February :—

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Under the provisions of this clause, which forms part of the agreement of 24th November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the Company, the Secretary of State may require the Company to construct such a railway as that now under reference.

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With regard to this the Board would remind you that clause 10 also provides that the money required for the construction through the agency of the Company of such a line as this "shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

Order—No. 205 R., dated 23rd March 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department in continuation of letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th ultimo.

From—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Madras, 3rd April 1895, R. No. 76.

In continuation of my letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th February 1895, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company have agreed to carry out the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway under the terms of clause 10 of their contract with the Secretary of State in Council of India, dated 24th November 1890, which is as follows :—

10. The Secretary of State may require the Company to construct, on behalf of any local authority or any allied tributary or foreign State, any such branch or extension railway of the same gauge in connection with the undertaking, or any other railway in connection with the undertaking, as such authority or State may desire to have worked through the agency of the Company, and the Company shall, if and when required so to do by the Secretary of State, accept and work, upon terms to be specially agreed upon in each case between the Company and the said authority or State with the sanction of the Secretary of State, any and every such railway, whether existing or constructed through the agency of the Company or otherwise, but no such railway shall form part of the undertaking. Provided that the moneys required for the construction through the agency of the Company of any such railway shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State.

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2. Your Excellency will observe that by this clause the undermentioned conditions are prescribed :—

(*a*) That the Secretary of State should requisition the South Indian Railway to construct the line.

(*b*) That the necessary funds should be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India (that is by payment to his credit in a recognized treasury, either in India or England, in such manner and at such periods as may be mutually arranged).

(*c*) That the line is on the metre gauge.

(*d*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

3. Your Excellency will further observe that your previous acceptance of these three last conditions (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) is necessary before the Secretary of State can be asked to requisition the South Indian Railway Company for the construction of the line, and I shall therefore be obliged by your kindly informing me whether or not you are able to agree to the above terms.

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, &c.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 11th April 1895, No. 20.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre en date du 3 Avril courant, No. 76, par laquelle votre Excellence m'a fait savoir que le Conseil des Directeurs de la Compagnie du South Indian Railway a accepté de construire la ligne de chemin-de-fer de Karikal à Péralam, en vertu des termes de la clause 10 de son contrat, en date du 24 Novembre 1890, avec le Secrétaire d'Etat pour l' Inde, et aux conditions prescrites par la dite clause.

Votre Excellence a bien voulu préciser ces conditions en me faisant remarquer que la première (*a*), c'est-à-dire la réquisition à adresser par le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Compagnie, est subordonnée à l'acceptation par mon Gouvernement des trois dernières (*b*), (*c*), (*d*).

Au sujet des conditions (*c*) et (*d*), relatives à la largeur de la voie et à l'exploitation de la ligne, il ne peut y avoir aucune difficulté. L'embranchement de Karikal à Péralam sera construit comme les autres parties du réseau auquel it se rattache. D'un autre côté it est entendu déjà que c'est la Compagnie du South Indian Railway qui exploitera la ligne, conformément aux indications contenues dans la lettre de Son Excellence le Vice-Roi, en date du 14 Janvier 1892.

En ce qui concerne la condition (*b*), relative au mode de paiement des travaux, j'ai l'honneur de faire connaître à votre Excellence qu'un emprunt, destiné exclusivement à la construction de la ligne ferrée dont il s'agit, a été contracté à la "Caisse des Dépots et Consignations" à Paris, par le Ministre des Colonies pour le compte du Gouvernement de Pondichéry. Les fonds provenant de cet emprunt ne peuvent pas avoir d'autre destination, être employés à payer d'autres dépenses. Lls sont à la disposition du Gouvernement de Pondichéry et seront remis au Trésorier Payeur de la Colonie par la Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, au fur et à mesure des besoins. C'est donc le Trésor Public de Pondichéry qui fera les paiements au nom de la personne que le Secrétaire d'Etat voudra bien désigner, dans la forme et aux époques qui seront à convenir mutuellement.

Je pense que ce mode de paiement ne soulévera aucune objection de la part de votre Excellence.

Je serai particulièrement reconnaissant à votre Excellence de vouloir bien m'honorer d'une prompte réponse à ce sujet.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Endt. by the Private Secy., to H.E. the Governor dated Ootacamund, 15th April 1895.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for disposal.

Order—No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Ordered that the above correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the Secretary of State be moved to requisition the South Indian Railway Company to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.

Endt.—Dated 6th May 1895, No. 333 R.

Forwarded.

From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Ootacamund 5th June 1895, R. No. 155.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 20, dated 11th April 1895, I have the honour to forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of the Proceedings of my Government No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895, regarding the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India..
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 26th June 1895, No. 35.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 5 Juin courant, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie des actes de son Gouvernement, sous le numéro 332 et en date du 6 Mai 1895, relatifs à la construction du chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralum.

Je remercie Votre Excellence de cette communication.

Endt. by the Public Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1895, No. 1554.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 12th July 1895, No. 818 R.C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 333 R., dated 6th May 1895, forwarding Proceedings of the Government of Madras regarding the construction and working by the South Indian Railway Company, of a branch line of railway from Peralam to Karikkal.

2. In reply I am to communicate the provisional sanction of the Government of India to the South Indian Railway Company, undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government. I am also to suggest that it may be arranged that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid by "le Ministre des Colonies" to the Secretary of State for India, in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid by the treasury of Pondicherry into the Bank of Madras or the treasury at South Arcot.

Order—No. 496 R., dated 4th August 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department.

From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Ootacamund 9th August 1895, R. No. 224

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 35, dated 26th June 1895, I have the honour to forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of letter No. 818, dated 12th July, from the Government of India regarding the construction of the line of railway from Peralam to Karaikkal, and to request that my Government may be informed as soon as the amounts required for expenditure have been paid in as suggested.

Endt. by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 10th August 1895, No. 85/O.

Copy forwarded to the Agent, South Indian Railway, with the request that the usual progress reports may be submitted.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 20th September 1895, No. 53.

J'ai l' honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 9 Aout dernier, No. 224, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, No. 818 R.C., relative à la construction de la ligne de chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam.

Je n 'ai aucune objection à présenter contre le mode de paiement proposé, c'est-à-dire le versement par le Ministre des Colonies, à Paris, entre les mains du Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, à Londres, des sommes destinées à acquitter les dépenses faites en Europe et le paiement par le Trésor de Pondichéry, à la Banque de Madras ou au Trésor du South Arcot, des sommes dépensées dans l'Inde. Toutefois, en ce qui concerne ces derniers versements, mon administration préfère le Trésor du "South Arcot" qui lui offre, pour la remise des fonds, plus de facilités que la Banque de Madras.

Ainsi que Votre Excellence le demande, le Gouvernement de Madras sera informé immédiatement, par mes soins, de chaque versement offectué dans les conditions indiquées.

Order—No. 621 R., dated 26th September 1895.

Recorded.

Extract from a letter from—The Board of Directors.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—25th October 1895, No. 158.

Enclosed is a copy of letter, P.W. No. 1526 of 11th October 1895, from the Secretary of State for India, giving notice, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, requiring the Company to construct a railway from Peralam to Karaikkal, the necessary funds for which will be supplied to the Company by the French Authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

The Company will also be required to work the line, on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French Colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State. The letter also sets forth the terms which it is understood have been accepted by both parties and states that these have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

You are desired to communicate with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for the early commencement of the works may be taken.

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To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 20th September 1895, No. 53.

J'ai l' honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 9 Aout dernier, No. 224, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, No. 818 R.C., relative à la construction de la ligne de chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam.

Je n 'ai aucune objection à présenter contre le mode de paiement proposé, c'est-à-dire le versement par le Ministre des Colonies, à Paris, entre les mains du Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, à Londres, des sommes destinées à acquitter les dépenses faites en Europe et le paiement par le Trésor de Pondichéry, à la Banque de Madras ou au Trésor du South Arcot, des sommes dépensées dans l'Inde. Toutefois, en ce qui concerne ces derniers versements, mon administration préfère le Trésor du "South Arcot" qui lui offre, pour la remise des fonds, plus de facilités que la Banque de Madras.

Ainsi que Votre Excellence le demande, le Gouvernement de Madras sera informé immédiatement, par mes soins, de chaque versement offectué dans les conditions indiquées.

Order—No. 621 R., dated 26th September 1895.

Recorded.

Extract from a letter from—The Board of Directors.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—25th October 1895, No. 158.

Enclosed is a copy of letter, P.W. No. 1526 of 11th October 1895, from the Secretary of State for India, giving notice, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, requiring the Company to construct a railway from Peralam to Karaikkal, the necessary funds for which will be supplied to the Company by the French Authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

The Company will also be required to work the line, on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French Colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State. The letter also sets forth the terms which it is understood have been accepted by both parties and states that these have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

You are desired to communicate with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for the early commencement of the works may be taken.

Extract from a letter from—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Board of Directors.
Dated—29th October 1895, No. 453.

The French Government being very anxious to learn the result of the survey and estimate of this line undertaken for them, I sent to the Director of the Interior, Pondicherry, as soon as I received them from the Acting Chief Engineer, an abstract of the revised estimate and a set of tracings showing the working survey and section of the line prepared by the Company's Engineering department. I enclose copies of the abstract estimate, also a statement comparing the now revised with the preliminary estimate, a copy of which was sent to the Pondicherry Railway Board with my letter No. 72 of 2nd March 1892.

The detailed estimates are in the press and will, together with tracings of the survey and section, be sent to you as soon as the Acting Chief Engineer can get the latter traced.

In the meantime it will be seen from the documents now forwarded that the Karaikkal-Peralam line is estimated to cost, in round figures, Rs. 8,07,000, or Rs. 91,000 more than the preliminary estimate prepared in 1892. This increase is mainly due to (1) Rs. 30,000, difference in exchange on cost of permanent-way materials and (2) to Rs. 61,000 for administrative charges, that is, charge for the control and supervision exercised by the Directors of the Company, and by the chief officers in India, in *addition* to the pay of the staff actually employed in constructing the line.

Nothing was provided in the preliminary estimate for these administrative charges which are calculated at 10 per cent. on items Nos. III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII in the estimate. I informed the Director of the Interior that the amount is now put forward, subject to the approval of the Board, who have not yet scrutinized the estimates.

The revised estimate, Rs. 8,07,000, confirms the accuracy of the preliminary one, Rs. 7,16,000, inasmuch as that deducting therefrom the enhanced charges for exchange and administration, the revised comes to the same amount as the preliminary estimate.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W.Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Calcutta, 23rd November 1895, No. 1454 R. C./A.

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information in continuation of Government of India letter No. 818 R.C., dated 12th July 1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Despatch from—The Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India.
Dated—Simla, 13th August 1895, No. 63 Railway of 1895.

With our despatch No. 158 Railway, dated 26th November 1889, we forwarded certain correspondence that had passed with His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India regarding the proposed construction of two branch lines of railway—one from Mayavaram (or Peralam) in British territory to Karaikkal, and the other from Tiruppapuliyur, also in British territory, to Pondicherry.

We observed that, in informing His Excellency the Governor of our inability to undertake the construction of those lines from State funds, we had offered to assist any company which might be formed for constructing the lines, by the free grant of any Government lands which might be required, by the loan of the services of Government officers for carrying out the survey, and by allowing the branches to be worked when completed by one of the existing Indian railways.

2. His Excellency the Governor accepted our offer and the General Council of the French Establishments asked to be informed of the terms on which we would undertake the working of the proposed branches through the agency of the South Indian Railway Company. We accordingly, after a reference to the Agent of the Company, informed His Excellency the Governor, on the 14th January 1892, that the Company would be willing to work the branches on the following conditions :—

(1) The South Indian Railway Company to receive the same proportion of the gross earnings of the branches as the cost of working their own lines bears to the gross earnings. This proportion to be fixed half-yearly in accordance with the proportion of working expenses to gross earnings on the South Indian Railway during the preceding six months.

(2) If rolling stock be found by the South Indian Railway Company the charge for the use of such rolling stock to be 5 per cent. of the gross earnings of the proposed branches.

We remarked that we considered the terms to be fair and reasonable on the understanding that the percentage obtaining on the whole of the South Indian Railway Company's system (including all branches worked by it) be taken in fixing the payment for working expenses.

His Excellency was also informed that, in the event of the present contract with the South Indian Railway Company being terminated, we would be willing to regard the two proposed branch lines as part of the general system now worked by the Company; and to include them, so far as the circumstances then existing would permit, in the arrangements to be made for the whole system aforesaid. We therefore suggested the desirability of any agreement which might be made by the French Government with the South Indian Railway Company in this matter being executed, in the first instance, for a definite term to expire not later than A.D. 1910, and to be renewable on certain notice.

The correspondence referred to in this paragraph will be found recorded in our proceedings in the Public Works Department noted in the margin.

R.C., August 1891, Nos. 203—205, Part A.
R.C., December 1891, Nos. 184—185, Part A.
R.C., January 1892, Nos. 266—267, Part A.
R.C., May 1892, Nos. 173—175, Part A.

3. The subsequent negotiations have been carried out by the Government of Madras, and we now forward for your Lordship's information the enclosed copy of the correspondence that has taken place between that Government and the Governor of the French Settlements in India, as well as the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, on the subject of the construction and working of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway. It will be observed that His Excellency the Governor has formally agreed —

(*a*) That the necessary funds shall be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India.
(*b*) That the line shall be on the metre gauge.
(*c*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

The South Indian Railway Company have also expressed their willingness to construct and work the line, if required to do so, under the terms of clause 10 of their contract.

We have accordingly given provisional sanction to the Company undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government as will be seen from our letter No. 818 R.C.,* dated 12th July 1895, to the address of the Government of Madras. The arrangements regarding the supply of funds proposed in that letter—*viz.*, that the amounts required for expenditure in London shall be paid to the Secretary of State in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot — were suggested by us with a view to eliminate if possible all elements of exchange in our transactions with the South Indian Railway Company.

*Enclosure 2.

4. We now have the honour to request that your Lordship will, under the powers granted by clause 10 of the contract with the South Indian Railway Company, dated the 24th November 1890, formally call upon that Company to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway and to work it on the terms mentioned in our letter of the 14th January 1892 to the address of His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, which is referred to in paragraph 2 of this despatch.

We trust that our action in the matter of these railway extensions to the sea-ports of Pondicherry and Karaikkal in French territory will meet with your Lordship's approval.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 in 1.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Govt. of Madras, P.W. Dept., No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Despatch from—The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India.
To—His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council.
Dated—London, 17th October 1895, No. 98 Railway.

I have received your Excellency's Railway letter, No. 63, dated 13th August 1895, forwarding correspondence relating to the construction and working of a projected railway from Peralam, on the Mayavaram-Mutupet Railway, to the French port of Karaikkal.

2. I learn from this letter that the negotiations with regard to the line in question, which have been in progress since 1888, have at length been brought to practical completion, and that you have agreed to its construction by the South Indian Railway Company, from funds to be supplied by the French Government. You have also agreed that the line shall be worked by the South Indian Railway Company, on terms which you specify, and which have been accepted both by the Company and by the Governor of the French Settlements.

3. As desired by your Government, I have now, in accordance with the power reserved under clause 10 of the South Indian Railway Company's contract, dated 24th November 1890, given formal notice to the Company to construct and work the railway on behalf of the Government of the French Settlements in India. A copy of the letter dated 11th October 1895 which I have caused to be addressed to the Company is enclosed.

4. With regard to the provision of funds, I approve the procedure suggested by your Government, viz., that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid in London, and that the amounts required for expenditure in India shall be paid into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot. The Government of Pondicherry, through whom, apparently, all payments will be made by the French Government, should be requested to cause the amount required to meet the estimated expenditure in this country to be placed to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 IN 2

From—A. Godley, Esq.
To—The Managing Director, South Indian Railway.
Dated—India Office, 11th October 1895, P. W. No. 1526.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that the construction of a line of railway on the metre gauge from Peralam, on the Mayavaram-Mutupet Railway, to the French port of Karaikkal has been decided on, and that it is intended to employ the agency of the South Indian Railway Company for the purpose, as also for the working of the line when completed.

I am accordingly directed to give you formal notice, in accordance with clause 10 of the contract with the South Indian Railway Company, dated 24th November 1890, that the Secretary of State requires the Company to construct the line in question on behalf of the Government of the French Settlements in India. The necessary funds will be supplied to the Company by the French authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

When the line shall have been constructed, the Company will be required to work it on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French Colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State. It is understood that the following terms have already been accepted by both parties:—

(1) The Company to receive for working expenses the same proportion of the gross earnings of the new railway as the cost of working the whole of the South Indian Railway system (including all branches worked by the Company) bears to the gross earnings of the system. This proportion to be fixed half-yearly in accordance with the proportion of working expenses to gross earnings on the South Indian Railway system during the preceding six months.

(2) If rolling stock be found by the Company, the charge for the use of such rolling stocks to be 5 per cent. of the gross earnings of the new line.

These terms have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

It will now be for the Company, in communication with the Government of Madras, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for commencing the construction of the line.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 10th December 1895, No. 1097.

Referring to Government of India letter No. 818 R. C., dated 12th July 1895, copy received under cover of your endorsement No. 85/O. of 10th August 1895, the Secretary of State having given notice to the South Indian Railway Company, Limited, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, that the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway is to be constructed by its agency from funds supplied through the Secretary of State or Government of Madras, I am desired to place myself in communication with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for an early commencement of the work may be taken. I have therefore the honour to request instructions as to the procedure to be adopted in respect to the supply of funds, payments to contractors, forecasts of expenditure, and payments for home expenditure. The Chief Engineer desires to be informed whether the bills drawn out for payments by the Engineer in charge of the work will have to be submitted to the French Public Works Department Engineer for scrutiny before payment can be made, or whether payments may be made on the authority of the Chief Engineer.

2. The project estimate, the proof copies of which are now under revision, has been framed for Rs. 8,07,192. This includes the cost of land both in English and French territory, and administration charges at 10 per cent. on the total outlay on Capital main heads III to VIII, but no provision has been made for the telegraph beyond the station connections. As all land charges are to be met from funds supplied by the French Government, that Government will become the owners of land in British territory, and I shall be glad to know whether there is any objection to this. The French Government may perhaps prefer to make its own arrangements for providing the land beyond the British frontier, in which case the charge on this account would not be paid over to the English Government.

3. It is understood that for—

(*a*) the carriage of construction materials,
(*b*) stores issued from the South Indian Railway stock,
(*c*) workshop charges,

the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway will be treated as a foreign line.

It is presumed that charges against the estimate should be raised for the undermentioned items for which no provision has been made:—

(*d*) Supervision by the Board at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on stores purchased in England.
(*e*) Any audit and control which may be exercised by the Government of Madras.

4. It is presumed that the travelling allowance of inspecting officers while employed on duty connected with the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway should be charged to that line, and also the Provident Fund bonus of South Indian Railway officers and subordinates temporarily engaged on the work.

5. I shall be glad if you will inform me what control as regards way and works will be exercised on behalf, either of the English or French Government. The estimates have been based on the standard dimensions of the Government of India and as the rolling-stock for working the line will be supplied by this Company, these dimensions should, as far as possible, be adhered to.

6. The land plans are now in course of preparation, and the compilation of the indents will be put in hand at once. Mr. T. A. T. Manning, Assistant Engineer, will be placed in charge of the work so long as his services can be spared.

From—His Excellency Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 11th December 1895, No. 76.

Par lettre du 9 Aôut 1895, à laquelle j'ai eu l'honneur de répondre le 20 Septembre suivant, sous le No. 53, Votre Excellence a bien voulu me communiquer une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, No. 818, R.C., faisant connaître que la construction de la ligne de chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam, par la compagnie du South Indian Railway pour le compte du Gouvernement français, a été provisoirement approuvée.

J'ai l'honneur dé prier Votre Excellence de vouloir bien me faire savoir si cette mesure a reçu une sanction dé'finitive, en d'autres termes si la compagnie du South Indian Railway a été requise de faire les travaux de construction de la ligne par le Secretaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, conformément à la clause 10 du contrat du 24 Novembre 1890. Il est, en effet, d'une grande importance pour nous que ces travaux puissent commencer aussitôt après la saison des pluies, c'est-à-dire en Janvier ou tout au moins en Février 1896, et je pense que rien ne s'oppo:era à ce qu'ils soient entrepris dès que la réquisition nè'cessaire aura été adressée á la compagnie chargée de les exécuter.

Je serai reconnaissant à Votre Excellence de me fixer sur ce point le plus tôt possible.

From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—20th December 1895, No. 4112.

In reply to your No. 1097 of 10th December, I have the honour to say the land will be taken up in British territory by the Collector of South Arcot in the usual way.

2. The land will remain vested in the British Government and under its jurisdiction.

3. Provision should be made in the estimate for telegraph.

4. The line should be treated as a foreign line and provision made for supervision and audit charges and travelling allowances.

5. In regard to the other questions I enclose a draft reply to His Excellency the Governor and request you to return it to me with any remarks you desire to make, and to inform me when you expect the estimate to be ready for submission.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 8th January 1896, No. 13.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No. 4112, dated 20th December 1895, I have the honour to return the draft reply to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India and to inform you that I have no further remarks to make.

2. The Chief Engineer informs me that great delay has occurred in the printing of the estimates, owing to the printer first employed failing to carry out the work properly and necessitating its transfer to another firm. The Chief Engineer hopes to be able to get some manuscript copies ready by the middle of next week.

3. The land plans are nearly ready, but work cannot be commenced until the crops are off the fields which will be about the middle of March.

Order—No. 63 R., dated 23rd January 1896.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department.

~~(True Extract.)~~

~~Under Secretary.~~

~~To the Political Department, with draft letter to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India for favour of issue.~~

~~Dtd. T. Seetharam.~~

From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Madras, 31st January 1896, R. No. 23.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 76, dated 11th December 1895, and to bring the following points before you, which I trust you may be able to accept.

2. The project estimate will be submitted to your Excellency by the South Indian Railway Company and on your approval thereof the land will be acquired in British territory through the Collector of South Arcot, and in French territory by your Excellency's officer appointed for that purpose.

3. The South Indian Railway Company will prepare a forecast of expenditure for six months in advance, this money will, after approval by your Excellency of the forecast, be lodged in the treasury of South Arcot at Cuddalore to the credit of the Agent, South Indian Railway.

4. The Agent will make all payments for work direct.

5. The progress of the work will be inspected from time to time by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, and his report will be forwarded to your Excellency's Government.

6. The rules and regulations of State Railways and the standard dimensions of the metre gauge will be applicable to this branch.

7. The Agent will correspond with your officials direct as regards land and provision of funds.

8. Permanent-way material and articles required from Europe will be purchased through the Agency of the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway and the cost will be met by the money being placed to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England. A forecast statement of this expenditure will be furnished by the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Be pleased to accept the assurance of the high consideration with which, &c.

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No. 63 R., 23RD JANUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 23rd January 1895, No. 2.

Le Gouvernement de l'Inde ayant bien voulu accorder à la Colonie Française l'autorisation de construire une ligne de chemin-de-fer allant de Karikal à Péralam, mon Administration a pensé qu'il serait désirable, sous tous les rapports, de confier l'exécution de ce travail à la Compagnie du "South Indian Railway," qui doit être chargée de l'exploitation.

Monsieur Betts, Agent de la "South Indian Railway," consulté à ce sujet, a déclaré que cette Compagnie était prête à entreprendre les travaux de construction du chemin-de-fer dont il s'agit, dès qu'elle en aurait reçu l'autorisation du Gouvernement de Madras.

C'est cette autorisation que j'ai l'honneur de demander à votre Excellence, à qui je serai infiniment reconnaissant de me faire la faveur d'une prompte réponse, afin que les travaux puissent commencer sans retard.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Endorsement by the Private Secretary to H. E. the ~~Right Honorable~~ Governor, dated ~~Guindy~~, 24th January 1895.

Transferred to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for urgent disposal.

Order—No. 94 R., dated 21st February 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements be addressed.

From—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Madras, 25th February 1895, R. No. 34.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter No. 2 of 23rd January 1895, and in reply to inform your Excellency that the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company has applied to his Board of Directors in London for permission to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway under the same method as the Railway from Mayavaram to Mutupet, viz., that an estimate of the probable cost of the work having been sanctioned by Government, the Company would work up to the estimate. On receipt of a favourable reply from the London Board of Directors, the South Indian Railway Company will be asked to submit the estimate for sanction.

Endorsement by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 23rd February 1895, No. 643, ~~forwarding~~ copy ~~of the above~~ to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Read also the following papers:—

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 27th February 1895, No. 184.

Your No. 643 of the 23rd instant. On the 12th ultimo I forwarded the following telegram to the Managing Director of this Company:—

Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karaikkal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree?

To which the following reply, dated the 5th instant, was received by me:—

Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10.

The following is a copy of article 7 of the contract between the Minister of Marine and the Colonies (France) and the Pondicherry Railway Company under which that Company claims the right of constructing the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway:—

In case the Colonial Government should avail itself of the option reserved by the specification (*cahier des charges*) and should subsidize in English or French territory such other lines as it may deem useful to the interests of the country, the Pondicherry Railway Company shall have the preference on like conditions for every line to be constructed in the Colony of Pondicherry.

The clause 10 referred to in the Managing Director's reply is clause 10 of the indenture made the 24th day of November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council for India and the South Indian Railway Company (Limited).

ENCLOSURE.

Extract from letter from—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Board of Directors.
Dated—The 20th February 1895, No. 401.

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Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.—On communicating to the Director of the Interior of the French Establishments in India, Pondicherry, the purport of your telegram of the 5th instant (acknowledged in my letter No. 398), I have received a reply, dated the 12th instant, of which the following is a translation:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 5 of the 8th instant in which you inform me that having, after our meeting, telegraphed to the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company on the subject of the construction of the proposed line from Peralam to Karaikkal, you have received an answer that the South Indian Railway Company cannot undertake the work unless it be invited by the Secretary of State for India under the terms and conditions of the 10th clause of the contract between Government and the Company.

"In hastening to acknowledge receipt of this communication, I have to inform you that, under date of the 23rd of January last, the Governor has written to His Excellency the Governor of Madras requesting the necessary authority and an answer from Lord Wenlock is awaited."

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From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—Madras, 28th February 1895, No. 734.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Agent to obtain the sanction or otherwise of his Board of Directors to the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam line being undertaken by them.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 196.

Your letter No. 734 of the 28th ultimo. I wish to point out I have already asked the Board of Directors if the South Indian Railway Company would undertake the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, and they replied that the requisition should come from the Secretary of State for India under clause 10 of the contract.

I will, if you repeat your wish, again put the question, but it is probable I shall receive the same answer, and I submit therefore, in order that time may be saved, that the Secretary of State be moved by Government to make the requisition provided for in clause 10 of the contract.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 4th March 1895, No. 199.

Since writing my letter No. 196, I have received a further communication from the Managing Director regarding the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Extract from letter from—The Managing Director.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—London, 15th February 1895, No. 146.

[Construction of Karaikkal-Peralam Railway, 14·63 miles in length.]

In continuation of Board's letter No. 145 and in reply to your telegram of 12th January therein quoted—"Pondicherry Government ask us construct Karaikkal line. They rule Pondicherry Company no right under article 7 when work not done by contractors. May I agree"—the following message was cabled to you on the 5th February :—

"Telegram 12th. If required by Secretary of State for India under terms and conditions, clause 10."

Under the provisions of this clause, which forms part of the agreement of 24th November 1890 between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the Company, the Secretary of State may require the Company to construct such a railway as that now under reference.

In your letter No. 392 of 16th January 1895 reciting the circumstances leading up to your telegram of 12th January quoted above, you state, "Funds would be advanced by the French authorities as required in London to meet expenditure in England, and we should draw upon the Colonial Treasury here monthly in advance to meet current expenditure."

With regard to this the Board would remind you that clause 10 also provides that the money required for the construction through the agency of the Company of such a line as this "shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State."

Order—No. 205 R., dated 23rd March 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department in continuation of letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th ultimo.

From—His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—3rd April 1895, R. No. 76.

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In continuation of my letter, R. No. 34, dated 25th February 1895, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway Company have agreed to carry out the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway under the terms of clause 10 of their contract with the Secretary of State in Council of India, dated 24th November 1890, which is as follows :—

10. The Secretary of State may require the Company to construct, on behalf of any local authority or any allied tributary or foreign State, any such branch or extension railway of the same gauge in connection with the undertaking, or any other railway in connection with the undertaking, as such authority or State may desire to have worked through the agency of the Company, and the Company shall, if and when required so to do by the Secretary of State, accept and work, upon terms to be specially agreed upon in each case between the Compan and the said authority or State with the sanction of the Secretary of State, any and eve- -ch railway, whether existing or constructed through the agency of the Company or -se, but no such railway shall form part of the undertaking. Provided that the moneys required for the construction through the agency of the Company of any such railway shall be supplied to the Company by the authority or State concerned through the Secretary of State.

2. Your Excellency will observe that by this clause the undermentioned conditions are prescribed :—

(*a*) That the Secretary of State should requisition the South Indian Railway to construct the line.

(*b*) That the necessary funds should be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India (that is by payment to his credit in a recognized treasury, either in India or England, in such manner and at such periods as may be mutually arranged).

(*c*) That the line is on the metre gauge.

(*d*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

3. Your Excellency will further observe that your previous acceptance of these three last conditions (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) is necessary before the Secretary of State can be asked to requisition the South Indian Railway Company for the construction of the line, and I shall therefore be obliged by your kindly informing me whether or not you are able to agree to the above terms.

Accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I have the honour to be, &c.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 11th April 1895, No. 20.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre en date du 3 Avril courant, No. 76, par laquelle votre Excellence m'a fait savoir que le Conseil des Directeurs de la Compagnie du South Indian Railway a accepté de construire la ligne de chemin-de-fer de Karikal à Péralam, en vertu des termes de la clause 10 de son contrat, en date du 24 Novembre 1890, avec le Secrétaire d'Etat pour l' Inde, et aux conditions prescrites par la dite clause.

Votre Excellence a bien voulu préciser ces conditions en me faisant remarquer que la première (*a*), c'est-à-dire la réquisition à adresser par le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Compagnie, est subordonnée à l'acceptation par mon Gouvernement des trois dernières (*b*), (*c*), (*d*).

Au sujet des conditions (*c*) et (*d*), relatives à la largeur de la voie et à l'exploitation de la ligne, il ne peut y avoir aucune difficulté. L'embranchement de Karikal à Péralam sera construit comme les autres parties du réseau auquel it se rattache. D'un autre côté it est entendu déjà que c'est la Compagnie du South Indian Railway qui exploitera la ligne, conformément aux indications contenues dans la lettre de Son Excellence le Vice-Roi, en date du 14 Janvier 1892.

En ce qui concerne la condition (*b*), relative au mode de paiement des travaux, j'ai l'honneur de faire connaître à votre Excellence qu'un emprunt, destiné exclusivement à la construction de la ligne ferrée dont il s'agit, a été contracté à la "Caisse des Dépots et Consignations" à Paris, par le Ministre des Colonies pour le compte du Gouvernement de Pondichéry. Les fonds provenant de cet emprunt ne peuvent pas avoir d'autre destination, être employés à payer d'autres dépenses. Lls sont à la disposition du Gouvernement de Pondichéry et seront remis au Trésorier Payeur de la Colonie par la Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, au fur et à mesure des besoins. C'est donc le Trésor Public de Pondichéry qui fera les paiements au nom de la personne que le Secrétaire d'Etat voudra bien désigner, dans la forme et aux époques qui seront à convenir mutuellement.

Je pense que ce mode de paiement ne soulévera aucune objection de la part de votre Excellence.

Je serai particulièrement reconnaissant à votre Excellence de vouloir bien m'honorer d'une prompte réponse à ce sujet.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

Endorsement by the Private Secretary, dated Ootacamund, 15th April 1895.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for disposal.

Order—No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895.

Ordered that the above correspondence be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the Secretary of State be moved to requisition the South Indian Railway Company to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.

Endt.—Dated 6th May 1895, No. 333 R.
Forwarded.

From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—5th June 1895, R. No. 155.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 20, dated 11th April 1895, I have the honour to forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of the Proceedings of my Government No. 332 R., dated 6th May 1895, regarding the construction of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India..
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 26th June 1895, No. 35.

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 5 Juin courant, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie des actes de son Gouvernement, sous le numéro 332 et en date du 6 Mai 1895, relatifs à la construction du chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralum.

Je remercie Votre Excellence de cette communication.

Endt. by the Public Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1895, No. 1554.
Transferred to the Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 12th July 1895, No. 818 R.C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 333 R., dated 6th May 1895, forwarding Proceedings of the Government of Madras regarding the construction and working by the South Indian Railway Company, of a branch line of railway from Peralam to Karikkal.

2. In reply I am to communicate the provisional sanction of the Government of India to the South Indian Railway Company, undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government. I am also to suggest that it may be arranged that the amounts required for expenditure in Europe shall be paid by "le Ministre des Colonies" to the Secretary of State for India, in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid by the treasury of Pondicherry into the Bank of Madras or the treasury at South Arcot.

Order—No. 496 R., dated 4th August 1895.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department.

From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated 9th August 1895, R. No. 224

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 35, dated 26th June 1895, I have the honour to forward, for your Excellency's information, a copy of letter No. 818, dated 12th July, from the Government of India regarding the construction of the line of railway from Peralam to Karaikkal, and to request that my Government may be informed as soon as the amounts required for expenditure have been paid in as suggested.

Endt. by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 10th August 1895, No. 85/O.

Copy forwarded to the Agent, South Indian Railway, with the request that the usual progress reports may be submitted.

From—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 20th September 1895, No. 53.

J'ai l' honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 9 Aout dernier, No. 224, par laquelle Votre Excellence a bien voulu me transmettre une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, No. 818 R.C., relative à la construction de la ligne de chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam.

Je n 'ai aucune objection à présenter contre le mode de paiement proposé, c'est-à-dire le versement par le Ministre des Colonies, à Paris, entre les mains du Secrétaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, à Londres, des sommes destinées à acquitter les dépenses faites en Europe et le paiement par le Trésor de Pondichéry, à la Banque de Madras ou au Trésor du South Arcot, des sommes dépensées dans l'Inde. Toutefois, en ce qui concerne ces derniers versements, mon administration préfère le Trésor du "South Arcot" qui lui offre, pour la remise des fonds, plus de facilités que la Banque de Madras.

Ainsi que Votre Excellence le demande, le Gouvernement de Madras sera informé immédiatement, par mes soins, de chaque versement effectué dans les conditions indiquées.

Order—No. 621 R., dated 26th September 1895.

Recorded.

Extract from a letter from—The Board of Directors.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—25th October 1895, No. 158.

Enclosed is a copy of letter, P.W. No. 1526 of 11th October 1895, from the Secretary of State for India, giving notice, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, requiring the Company to construct a railway from Peralam to Karaikkal, the necessary funds for which will be supplied to the Company by the French Authorities through the Secretary of State or the Government of Madras.

The Company will also be required to work the line, on terms to be agreed upon by them with the Government of the French Colony, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State. The letter also sets forth the terms which it is understood have been accepted by both parties and states that these have the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

You are desired to communicate with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for the early commencement of the works may be taken.

Extract from a letter from—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Board of Directors.
Dated—29th October 1895, No. 453.

The French Government being very anxious to learn the result of the survey and estimate of this line undertaken for them, I sent to the Director of the Interior, Pondicherry, as soon as I received them from the Acting Chief Engineer, an abstract of the revised estimate and a set of tracings showing the working survey and section of the line prepared by the Company's Engineering department. I enclose copies of the abstract estimate, also a statement comparing the now revised with the preliminary estimate, a copy of which was sent to the Pondicherry Railway Board with my letter No. 72 of 2nd March 1892.

The detailed estimates are in the press and will, together with tracings of the survey and section, be sent to you as soon as the Acting Chief Engineer can get the latter traced.

In the meantime it will be seen from the documents now forwarded that the Karaikkal-Peralam line is estimated to cost, in round figures, Rs. 8,07,000, or Rs. 91,000 more than the preliminary estimate prepared in 1892. This increase is mainly due to (1) Rs. 30,000, difference in exchange on cost of permanent-way materials and (2) to Rs. 61,000 for administrative charges, that is, charge for the control and supervision exercised by the Directors of the Company, and by the chief officers in India, in *addition* to the pay of the staff actually employed in constructing the line.

Nothing was provided in the preliminary estimate for these administrative charges which are calculated at 10 per cent. on items Nos. III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII in the estimate. I informed the Director of the Interior that the amount is now put forward, subject to the approval of the Board, who have not yet scrutinized the estimates.

The revised estimate, Rs. 8,07,000, confirms the accuracy of the preliminary one, Rs. 7,16,000, inasmuch as that deducting therefrom the enhanced charges for exchange and administration, the revised comes to the same amount as the preliminary estimate.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W.Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Calcutta, 23rd November 1895, No. 1454 R. C./A.

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information in continuation of Government of India letter No. 818 R.C., dated 12th July 1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Despatch from—The Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India.
Dated—Simla, 13th August 1895, No. 63 Railway of 1895.

With our despatch No. 158 Railway, dated 26th November 1889, we forwarded certain correspondence that had passed with His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India regarding the proposed construction of two branch lines of railway—one from Mayavaram (or Peralam) in British territory to Karaikkal, and the other from Tiruppapuliyur, also in British territory, to Pondicherry.

We observed that, in informing His Excellency the Governor of our inability to undertake the construction of those lines from State funds, we had offered to assist any company which might be formed for constructing the lines, by the free grant of any Government lands which might be required, by the loan of the services of Government officers for carrying out the survey, and by allowing the branches to be worked when completed by one of the existing Indian railways.

2. His Excellency the Governor accepted our offer and the General Council of the French Establishments asked to be informed of the terms on which we would undertake the working of the proposed branches through the agency of the South Indian Railway Company. We accordingly, after a reference to the Agent of the Company, informed His Excellency the Governor, on the 14th January 1892, that the Company would be willing to work the branches on the following conditions :—

(1) The South Indian Railway Company to receive the same proportion of the gross earnings of the branches as the cost of working their own lines bears to the gross earnings. This proportion to be fixed half-yearly in accordance with the proportion of working expenses to gross earnings on the South Indian Railway during the preceding six months.

(2) If rolling stock be found by the South Indian Railway Company the charge for the use of such rolling stock to be 5 per cent. of the gross earnings of the proposed branches.

We remarked that we considered the terms to be fair and reasonable on the understanding that the percentage obtaining on the whole of the South Indian Railway Company's system (including all branches worked by it) be taken in fixing the payment for working expenses.

His Excellency was also informed that, in the event of the present contract with the South Indian Railway Company being terminated, we would be willing to regard the two proposed branch lines as part of the general system now worked by the Company; and to include them, so far as the circumstances then existing would permit, in the arrangements to be made for the whole system aforesaid. We therefore suggested the desirability of any agreement which might be made by the French Government with the South Indian Railway Company in this matter being executed, in the first instance, for a definite term to expire not later than A.D. 1910, and to be renewable on certain notice.

The correspondence referred to in this paragraph will be found recorded in our proceedings in the Public Works Department noted in the margin.

R.C., August 1891, Nos. 203—205, Part A.
R.C., December 1891, Nos. 184—185, Part A.
R.C., January 1892, Nos. 266—267, Part A.
R.C., May 1892, Nos. 173—175, Part A.

3. The subsequent negotiations have been carried out by the Government of Madras, and we now forward for your Lordship's information the enclosed copy of the correspondence that has taken place between that Government and the Governor of the French Settlements in India, as well as the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, on the subject of the construction and working of the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway. It will be observed that His Excellency the Governor has formally agreed —

(*a*) That the necessary funds shall be supplied to the Company by the French Government through the Secretary of State for India.
(*b*) That the line shall be on the metre gauge.
(*c*) That the line when made shall be worked by the South Indian Railway upon terms to be mutually agreed upon with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

The South Indian Railway Company have also expressed their willingness to construct and work the line, if required to do so, under the terms of clause 10 of their contract.

We have accordingly given provisional sanction to the Company undertaking the work of constructing the line from funds to be supplied by the French Government as will be seen from our letter No. 818 R.C.,* dated 12th July 1895, to the address of the Government of Madras. The arrangements regarding the supply of funds proposed in that letter—viz., that the amounts required for expenditure in London shall be paid to the Secretary of State in London and that the amounts required for expenditure in India be paid into the Bank of Madras or the Treasury at South Arcot—were suggested by us with a view to eliminate if possible all elements of exchange in our transactions with the South Indian Railway Company.

*Enclosure 2.

4. We now have the honour to request that your Lordship will, under the powers granted by clause 10 of the contract with the South Indian Railway Company, dated the 24th November 1890, formally call upon that Company to construct the Karaikkal-Peralam Railway and to work it on the terms mentioned in our letter of the 14th January 1892 to the address of His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, which is referred to in paragraph 2 of this despatch.

We trust that our action in the matter of these railway extensions to the sea-ports of Pondicherry and Karaikkal in French territory will meet with your Lordship's approval.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 10th December 1895, No. 1097.

Referring to Government of India letter No. 818 R. C., dated 12th July 1895, copy received under cover of your endorsement No. 85/O. of 10th August 1895, the Secretary of State having given notice to the South Indian Railway Company, Limited, under clause 10 of the contract of 24th November 1890, that the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway is to be constructed by its agency from funds supplied through the Secretary of State or Government of Madras, I am desired to place myself in communication with the Government of Madras in order that the necessary measures for an early commencement of the work may be taken. I have therefore the honour to request instructions as to the procedure to be adopted in respect to the supply of funds, payments to contractors, forecasts of expenditure, and payments for home expenditure. The Chief Engineer desires to be informed whether the bills drawn out for payments by the Engineer in charge of the work will have to be submitted to the French Public Works Department Engineer for scrutiny before payment can be made, or whether payments may be made on the authority of the Chief Engineer.

2. The project estimate, the proof copies of which are now under revision, has been framed for Rs. 8,07,192. This includes the cost of land both in English and French territory, and administration charges at 10 per cent. on the total outlay on Capital main heads III to VIII, but no provision has been made for the telegraph beyond the station connections. As all land charges are to be met from funds supplied by the French Government, that Government will become the owners of land in British territory, and I shall be glad to know whether there is any objection to this. The French Government may perhaps prefer to make its own arrangements for providing the land beyond the British frontier, in which case the charge on this account would not be paid over to the English Government.

3. It is understood that for—

(*a*) the carriage of construction materials,
(*b*) stores issued from the South Indian Railway stock,
(*c*) workshop charges,

the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway will be treated as a foreign line.

It is presumed that charges against the estimate should be raised for the undermentioned items for which no provision has been made:—

(*d*) Supervision by the Board at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on stores purchased in England.
(*e*) Any audit and control which may be exercised by the Government of Madras.

4. It is presumed that the travelling allowance of inspecting officers while employed on duty connected with the Peralam-Karaikkal Railway should be charged to that line, and also the Provident Fund bonus of South Indian Railway officers and subordinates temporarily engaged on the work.

5. I shall be glad if you will inform me what control as regards way and works will be exercised on behalf, either of the English or French Government. The estimates have been based on the standard dimensions of the Government of India and as the rolling-stock for working the line will be supplied by this Company, these dimensions should, as far as possible, be adhered to.

6. The land plans are now in course of preparation, and the compilation of the indents will be put in hand at once. Mr. T. A. T. Manning, Assistant Engineer, will be placed in charge of the work so long as his services can be spared.

From—His Excellency Governor of the French Settlements in India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
Dated—Pondicherry, 11th December 1895, No. 76.

Par lettre du 9 Aôut 1895, à laquelle j'ai eu l'honneur de répondre le 20 Septembre suivant, sous le No. 53, Votre Excellence a bien voulu me communiquer une copie de la lettre du Gouvernement de l'Inde, en date du 12 Juillet 1895, No. 818, R.C., faisant connaître que la construction de la ligne de chemin de fer de Karikal à Péralam, par la compagnie du South Indian Railway pour le compte du Gouvernement français, a été provisoirement approuvée.

J'ai l'honneur dé prier Votre Excellence de vouloir bien me faire savoir si cette mesure a reçu une sanction dé'finitive, en d'autres termes si la compagnie du South Indian Railway a été requise de faire les travaux de construction de la ligne par le Secretaire d'Etat pour l'Inde, conformément à la clause 10 du contrat du 24 Novembre 1890. Il est, en effet, d'une grande importance pour nous que ces travaux puissent commencer aussitôt après la saison des pluies, c'est-à-dire en Janvier ou tout au moins en Février 1896, et je pense que rien ne s'opposera à ce qu'ils soient entrepris dès que la réquisition nè'cessaire aura été adressée á la compagnie chargée de les exécuter.

Je serai reconnaissant à Votre Excellence de me fixer sur ce point le plus tôt possible.

From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—20th December 1895, No. 4112.

In reply to your No. 1097 of 10th December, I have the honour to say the land will be taken up in British territory by the Collector of South Arcot in the usual way.

2. The land will remain vested in the British Government and under its jurisdiction.

3. Provision should be made in the estimate for telegraph.

4. The line should be treated as a foreign line and provision made for supervision and audit charges and travelling allowances.

5. In regard to the other questions I enclose a draft reply to His Excellency the Governor and request you to return it to me with any remarks you desire to make, and to inform me when you expect the estimate to be ready for submission.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 8th January 1896, No. 13.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No. 4112, dated 20th December 1895, I have the honour to return the draft reply to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India and to inform you that I have no further remarks to make.

2. The Chief Engineer informs me that great delay has occurred in the printing of the estimates, owing to the printer first employed failing to carry out the work properly and necessitating its transfer to another firm. The Chief Engineer hopes to be able to get some manuscript copies ready by the middle of next week.

3. The land plans are nearly ready, but work cannot be commenced until the crops are off the fields which will be about the middle of March.

ORDER—No. 63 R., dated 23rd January 1896.

Ordered that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be addressed in the Political Department.

(True Extract.)

To the Political Department, with draft letter to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India for favour of issue.

Under Secretary.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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From—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras.
To—His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India.
Dated—Madras, 31st January 1896, R. No. 23.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 76, dated 11th December 1895, and to bring the following points before you, which I trust you may be able to accept.

2. The project estimate will be submitted to your Excellency by the South Indian Railway Company and on your approval thereof the land will be acquired in British territory through the Collector of South Arcot, and in French territory by your Excellency's officer appointed for that purpose.

3. The South Indian Railway Company will prepare a forecast of expenditure for six months in advance, this money will, after approval by your Excellency of the forecast, be lodged in the treasury of South Arcot at Cuddalore to the credit of the Agent, South Indian Railway.

4. The Agent will make all payments for work direct.

5. The progress of the work will be inspected from time to time by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, and his report will be forwarded to your Excellency's Government.

6. The rules and regulations of State Railways and the standard dimensions of the metre gauge will be applicable to this branch.

7. The Agent will correspond with your officials direct as regards land and provision of funds.

8. **Permanent-way material** and articles required from Europe will be purchased through the Agency of the Board of Directors of the South Indian Railway and the cost will be met by the money being placed to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England. A forecast statement of this expenditure will be furnished by the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Be pleased to accept the assurance of the high consideration with which, &c.