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Public Works (1897) Department.

SERIAL No. 55

G.O., No. 148 R

DATED 10 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Nilgiri Railway. Letter of to the Govt. of India forwarding with remarks copies of certain letters from the Agent and Chief Engineer Nilgiri Railway on certain matters relative to the extension of the — to Ootacamund

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The Nilgiri Railway.

No.

No. 931.

Coonoor 22nd January 1897.

FROM

THE AGENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER,
NILGIRI RAILWAY,
COONOOR.

TO

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have received instructions from the Board of this Railway to proceed with the Survey to Ootacamund provided Govermt: approves; I presume the permission already given for this Survey still holds good.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt: Servt:

AGENT&CH ENGINEER

394
25/1/97

Cons: Engrs Current No. 394

Application of Agent Nilgiri Ry. to proceed with survey from Coonoor to Ootacamund

SERIAL
No. 44

(1) H.E. The Governor
(2) Hon Mr. Bliss, C.I.E.
(3) Hon Mr. Grose, C.I.E.

The approval of the Govt. of India to this survey was given in its No. 1411 Re. vide Pro 63R and 28/63R of 1892 (Flag B^+O)

The Agent and Secy. Nilgiri Co. was informed that the route selected was approved generally and that the detailed survey might be carried out 29. O d 15/7/93 (Flag C)

In a subsequent letter it was explained that it was optional with the Co. to spend the money in a detail survey or not (Flag D)

Since this permission was given the old Co. has gone into liquidation and a new Co. has taken over the liabilities of the old one –

It does not seem necessary ~~now~~ on this account to get a new sanction from Govt. of India since para 2 of the letter quoted above states that if the railway is eventually constructed by Govt. or by some other Co. the charge if any will be a Provincial liability –

The Agent may be informed that the permission holds good

J.H.L. 27/1/97

Read from Tour on 1.2.97

Seen
A.H.

Flag B

Yes, on the understanding the conditions attached to the permission hold good.

A.E.A 2.2.97

4/2/97

10/2/97

H.E.
1.2.97

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A.H.
Act accordingly
J.H.A. 12/2/97

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SERIAL No. 45

214 R.C

Government of India
Public Works Department
Railway Construction

To

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

Calcutta, the 3rd February 1897

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3 R, dated 4th January 1897, forwarding copy of letter from the Agent and Chief Engineer Nilgiri Railway Company, in which it is asked whether the Government of India would assist the Company to raise a Capital of about Rs 18,00,000 by granting a subsidy or guarantee of interest, with a view to extending the railway to Ootacamund, a distance of 12 miles, and recommending an assistance being given of the same nature as that in paragraph 26 of the Contract dated 26th February 1886 between the Railway Company and the Secretary of State.-

2. In reply, I am to say that the Government of India will await the receipt of the

statistics

Statistics of traffic promised in paragraph 3 of the letter under acknowledgment; together with any views and opinions which the Government of Madras may be able to offer to assist in the consideration of the proposed extension at the Railway Conference which is to be held this summer, and I am to add that in order to ensure its inclusion in the proceedings of the Conference the further information now asked for should reach the Government of India not later than the 15th May.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Sd) G. A. Anderson

Under Secretary

Documents accompanying

No 1

The original of this letter is in the
Case "Statistics of Traffic."

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H 12/2/97

The Nilgiri Railway.

SERIAL No. 46

No. 993.

Coonoor, 10th February 1897.

FROM

THE AGENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER,
NILGIRI RAILWAY,
COONOOR.

TO

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

Flag L

In continuation of my No: 931 of 22nd January 1897 I have the honour to submit an explanation of the reason why it appears necessary for Govt: sanction to be obtained before starting the Survey.

Flag 2

Under this Company's agreement with the Secretary of State it is provided that should the Secretary of State desire the Extension to Ootacamund and shall determine not to construct it as a Govt: work, he shall then offer to the Co: the preferential right for 6 months &c.

The Solicitors of this Co: therefore consider it advisable not to incur the expense of the Survey till it is known whether the Secretary of State will be willing to let the Co: build the line.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt: Servt
C. J. Weightman
Agent & Chief Engineer

O. No. 676
Recd. 12/2/97

Form No. 10.

Railw Department.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 15th February 1897.

SERIAL
No. 47

To

The Agent & Chief Engineer
Nilgiri Railway

No. 580 Reply No. 1019, dated 24/2/97

Reminders.

SIR.

With reference to your letter No. 931 dated 22nd January 1897, I have the honour to inform you that the permission already given for the proposed survey of the line to Ootacamund holds good on the understanding that the conditions attached thereto also hold good. —

13/2/97

Despatched on 15/2/97

13/2/97

Current No. 676

Not to print

(1) H.E. the Governor
(2) Hon: Mr H. W. Bliss C.I.E.
(3) Hon: Mr J. Grose C.I.E.

Extension to Ootacamund of the Nilgiri Ry

SERIAL No. 48

The case is in circulation with ref. to a reply from the Govt. of India to a suggestion by this Govt. that the Company should receive financial assistance.

I understand from the last para of the letter under ~~ref~~ consideration that the Engr. is unable to devote funds to the survey until his Board are satisfied that Govt. does not intend to construct the line themselves and are willing to let the Co. build it.

A copy of the letter may be forwarded to India ~~with~~

× the enquiry may be made whether the ~~line~~ Co. may be allowed to build the line. It is presumed that the local Govt. has no intention of making it themselves

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The Nilgiri Railway

SERIAL No.

No. 1019.

Coonoor, 24th February 1897.

FROM

THE AGENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER,
NILGIRI RAILWAY,
COONOOR.

TO

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

In reference to your No: 580 of February 15th I have the honor to intimate that I have been instructed by the Boar of Directors of this Company to ask whether Government will advance the cost of the Survey to Ootacamund (say Rs: 15,000) on the condition that this sum be refunded should this Company undertake the construction.

2. The reason of this request is that the capital already raised will be barely sufficient to complete the line to Coonoor and it will not be possible to divert any to other purposes.

3. This procedure has already been adopted by Government in several other cases, the work could be of course either be done directly by Government as in

the

2 the case of Arsikeri - Mangalore or undertaken by this Company as in the case of the Calicut - Cananore.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt: Servt:

W. J. Weightman

AGENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Sir

In response to your No. 280 of February 18th I have the honor to intimate that I have been instructed by the Court of Directors of this Company to ask whether Government will advance the cost of the Survey to Cottanore (say Rs. 6,000) on the condition that this sum be refunded should this Company undertake the construction.

2. The reason of this request is that the Capital already raised will be barely sufficient to complete the line to Cannanore and it will not be possible to divert any to other purposes.

3. This procedure has already been adopted by Government in several other cases, the work would be of course either be done directly by Government as in

: Engrs Current No 920

Extension of Nilgiri Ry to Ootacamund

SERIAL
No.

(1) H.E. the Governor
(2) Hon. Mr. H. W. Bliss C.I.E.
(3) Hon. Mr. J. Grose C.I.E.

AAH
28.2.9

The papers are in circulation

The letter may be forwarded to the Govt. of India for favourable consideration.

The Govt. of India will probably want details of the Estt (15000/-) these will be called for and forwarded on receipt & India informed.

It would perhaps be well to ask for early orders so that the survey can be made before the present staff is dispersed on completion of the line: if ~~early~~ sanction were communicated early it might perhaps be possible to complete the survey and Est. in time for the summer conference at Simla.

H.W.B.
26/2/97

H.E.
26.2.97
1/2/3/97

Nilgri Rr. extension

SERIAL
No. 51

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H. E. the Governor

Appd.
A.H.
7.3.97

A draft is put up for approval.

As the three letters from the Agent Nilgri Rr all deal with the same matter it has been thought more convenient then to forward them all together instead of writing separate letters about each.

4/3/97

H.E.
5.3.97
R/9.3.97

SERIAL No. ~~57~~ 353

Public Works (1897) Department.

(1) His Excellency the Governor
(2) The Hon'ble Mr. Bliss, C.I.E.
(3) The Hon'ble Mr. Grose, C.I.E.

CURRENT No. 2624

Order

A.H. 14.3.97

No. 1069 of 20/3/97 16/3/97 JS 18/3/97

Copy forwarded to the Agent & Chief Engineer, Nilgiri Railway, for information.

JHf 12/3/97

for ER

Despatched on 20/3/97.

From

The Govt. of India
P.W.D.

No. 394 R.C.

Dated 6th March 1897

Received 12-3-97

Enclosures one

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Extension of the N. Rly to Ootacamund.

Forwarding copy of the telegram to Sir Alex Wilson stating that they have no objection to Nilgiri Railway making the ~~the~~ survey of the above at their own cost.

CH 12/3/97 HRE 12/3/97 RL 16/3/97 H.A.S. 16/3/97 RL 19/3/97

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Copy of telegram dated 1st March 1897.

From - Sir Alex. Wilson .... Coonoor
To - Colonel Bisset .... Calcutta.

Am here till Saturday anxious to come to some understanding about Ooty extension before leaving - can you give me any information now previous to Conference hope sanction survey.

B.C.

P.W. E.i 2624/97

JDJ 12/3

SERIAL
No. 52

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 394 R.C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway Construction.

Calcutta, the 6th March 1897.

Flag P

The following with copy of the telegram replied to 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. 214 R.C. dated 3rd February 1897.

By Order,

G.A. Anderson

Under Secretary.

GAA

Telegram No. 393 R.C. dated 6th March 1897.

From----------------Works---------------------Calcutta.

To------------------Sir Alex Wilson-----------Coonoor.

Your telegram first. Government of India have no objection to Nilgiri Company making survey of Ooty Extension at their own cost on the clear understanding that permission to carry out survey does not imply that any further concession will be given.

B B. Bose.

R. Form No. 12.

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No. 148 R

SERIAL
No.

Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

H. E. the Governor

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
P. W. Department.
Calcutta.

~~Madras, the 10th March~~ 1897.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 214 Rℓ. d 3/2/97 I am directed to forward forward copies of letters from the Agent & Ch. E. Nilgiri Ry. noted in the margin.

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[illegible] 993 d. 10/2/97
1019 d. 24/2/97

2. The approval of the Govt. of India to a survey for the extension of the Nilgiri Ry. to Ootacamund was given in Govt. of India letter No. 1411 Rℓ. d. 23/12/92 under certain conditions which were set forth in a letter from this Govt. to the address of the Secy. to Govt. of India No. 2843 R. d. 28

3. The Agent & Ch. E. has

been informed in reply to his letter No. 931 that the permission already given to the old Co. still holds good on the conditions thereto attached. Flag X

4 As regards the second letter No. 993 this Govt. has ~~already~~ already recommended (vide 3R of 4.1.97) that the construction of the line should be entrusted to the Nilgiri Ry. Co. and that assistance should be given to that Co. in order to enable them to raise the necessary Capital. Flag Z

5 If the inference is correct that the Govt. of India has no desire to construct the line as a Govt. work H.E. the Governor in Council recommends that the preferential right mentioned in clause 4 of the Agreement ~~between~~ with the Sec. State may be granted to the Co. ~~in order that~~

6 As regards the request contained in the third letter No. 1019 I am to say that it would be very advantageous to secure the services of the staff now engaged in construction before it is dispersed on the completion of the work and that His Excellency the Governor in Council would be glad if the request of the Agent S.I.R. can be complied with.

7. That officer has been requested to furnish details of the lump sum est. of 18,000/- which will be forwarded on receipt.

4/3/97

Documents accompanying
Papers noted in the
margin

Despatched on 10/3/97