

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1210-11. *Ly*

DATED 5th October 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Status of Head Draughtsman
in the Company's Service*

*Ordered that the replies from the
Agents, M. & S. S. Ry., on the _____ be
forwarded to the Govt. of India.*

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Railway
CURRENT No. 1068

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Order No. 2608920.9.98

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Agent's headqrs & L. J. Ry
for favour of report.

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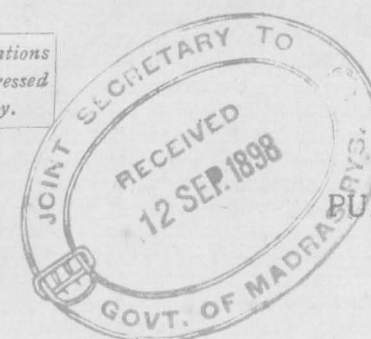
Head Draughtsman.

Requesting to ascertain
from the Agents of the
Madras & S. I. Ry^s what
is the status of —
in the Company's service

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A. R. K.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.



No. 2695 R.E.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENTS.

To

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

Simla, the 5th September 1898.

Sir,

The position of Head Draughtsmen appointed under covenant in England for the Locomotive Department of State Railways is, at present, held to be that of a subordinate; but as there have been some cases where the men so appointed, being in fact by education and training equal to officers of the Engineer and Superior Locomotive Establishment, have been dissatisfied with their position and prospects in the Department, I am directed to request that you will ascertain ----- from the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways. : companies lines noted ----- on the margin what is the status of Head Draughtsmen in the Company's service; and whether difficulties, similar to those above referred to, are met with in the case of men appointed in England, and if so, how they are overcome.

In connection with this question I am directed to enclose copies of two memoranda by Sir A. Rendel, K.C.I.E.,

on

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P.W. Ry. C. No. 1068/98

on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Waller

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying :-

Copies of memoranda referred to.

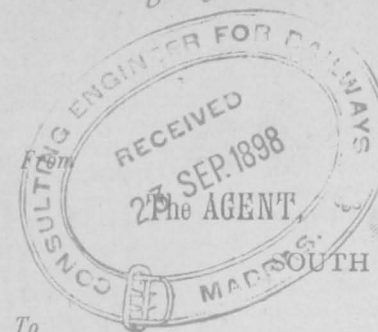
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South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 22nd September 1898.



To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

4439.
23.9.98

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 2608 dated 20th September 1898, I have the honor to inform you that the present Head Draughtsman of the Locomotive Department of this railway is a native, and that his status is that of a subordinate. The previous Head Draughtsman, who was appointed in England, occupied until promoted Assistant Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent, a somewhat anomalous position, but as he had been promised promotion to the Officer's grade was not discontented with his position.

2. I would mention that the practice of employing a native draughtsman is not intended to be permanent and that when it becomes necessary to appoint a trained European from home he should I consider rank as an Officer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

A. B. G. Shelley.

Capt. R. E.
Agent.

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No. 924

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 28th September 1898.



The Agent and Manager.

Madras Railway

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Madras.

Your endorsement No. 2608 of the 20th instant upon copy of letter No. 2695 R.E. from the Government of India dated the 5th September.

The question raised in this letter was disposed of, so far as the Madras Railway is concerned, in the year 1891 by my Board of Directors.

The Secretary of the Company writing to this office on the 16th of October of that year, ruled as follows:-

" You report that a question has arisen as to
" whether the Locomotive Draughtsman is an "officer"
" of the Company or not, and you enclose for perusal
" copies of the correspondence that has passed on the
" subject, and refer the matter for the decision of the
" Board. In reply, I am to state that Mr. Stanley, like
" his predecessor in the office, has always been regard-
" -ed and treated as an officer, and therefore seems to
" the Board to be entitled to the higher grant of Rupees
" 300/ for passing the prescribed examination in Tamil."

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ENCLOSURE.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

From

THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

The Company's Locomotive Superintendent writing to me on the 22nd instant in a D. O. letter remarked -

" Personally I quite think this (the Board's ruling) is
 " correct. I think a Chief Draughtsman should as suggested by Sir
 " A. Rendel, be placed on the same footing as an Assistant Loco:
 " Superintendent. To be a good and competent Chief Draughtsman he
 " should have gone through the same training as a Loco: Assistant
 " and he should therefore in theory and on big lines in practice
 " also, have the same status. Of course a Chief Draughtsman on a
 " big English Line or in a big Loco: Works in England is a very
 " much bigger " pot " than the best of the men holding similar appoint-
 " -ments out here, but all the same the argument holds good and he
 " should most certainly I think be an officer "

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Louis S. M. V. A.

Agent and Manager.

C. A. S.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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P.W. Current No. 1068 of 1898, dated 13.9.98, from the Govt. of India
ERs " " 4439 " 1898, " 23.9.98, " the Agent S. I. Ry
" " " 4501 " 1898, " 29.9.98, " the Agent & Manager Madras

ORDER.

No. 1210. Dated 5/10/98
The Government of India
will be addressed.

He. No. 1211. Ry 75 Sept 1898
To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
P. W. Dept.

Sir,
With reference to your
letter No. 2695 R.E., dated 5th
Sept 1898, I am directed to
forward herewith the replies
of the Agents of the Madras
& South Indian Railways
on the Status of Strabrights
men in the Company's Service

Documents accompanying

Letter from A.M. No 924 of 18.9.98

" " " A No 880 of 22.9.98

Despatched on 6/10/98

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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