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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 995 Ry., dated 3rd August 1898.

Read also the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 1757 L., dated 21st September 1898.

Read the following paper:—

From—The President, District Board, Madura.
Dated—12th September 1898, Dis. No. 991.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1555 L., dated 22nd August 1898, I have the honour to report that, as desired therein, a special meeting of the District Board was convened on the 10th September 1898 to propose, for the approval of Government, revised conditions suited to the altered alignment of Messrs. Wilson & Co.'s tramway project, and I enclose copy of its resolution. Messrs. Crighton and Turnbull attended the meeting to represent the promoters. In this connection I beg to point out that if the tramway is constructed beyond Bodinayakkanur to the foot of the hills, the alignment and estimate of that road which is under consideration will have to be considerably altered. I have addressed the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on this matter.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the District Board, Madura.
Dated—10th September 1898.

Present:

No. 90—Read G.O., Mis. No. 1555 L., dated 22nd August 1898, calling on the District Board to convene a special meeting to propose, for the approval of Government, revised conditions suited to the re-alignment of the Periyakulam-Uttamapalayam tramway proposed by Messrs. Wilson & Co. in their letter dated 2nd June 1898.

The Board resolves to offer a contribution of Rs. 200 per mile for the maintenance in good order of the road over which the proposed tramway will run. This contribution will be guaranteed for seven years. Whenever after that period the net profit of the Tramway Company exceeds 5 per cent. on capital the contribution for maintenance of road will permanently cease and the road will be maintained as before by the Tramway Company. In addition to this, the Board will pay 1½ per cent. on the cost of new bridges, provided they are suitable for ordinary traffic, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,000 a year. The Board will continue to collect the tolls on the road.

Order—Mis. No. 1757 L., dated 21st September 1898.

The President's letter read above, with its enclosure, will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

ORDER—No. 1295 Ry., dated 18th October 1898.

The proceedings of Government leading up to the order read above, No. 995 Ry., dated the 3rd August 1898, contain a copy of a letter from Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated the 2nd June 1898, in which that firm apply for the issue of an order under clause 4 of the Indian Tramways Act No. XI of 1886, authorizing them to construct certain steam tramways in the Madura district on the 2' 6" gauge.

2. The Government of India stated in their letter, No. 15 R.P., dated the 1st April 1898, that they saw no objection to the construction of the tramways, provided that the subsidy offered by the District Board is not larger than it can afford without prejudice to its ability to meet its other liabilities, both present and prospective.

3. At a meeting of the District Board of Madura, dated the 10th September 1898, it was resolved to offer a contribution of Rs. 200 per mile for the maintenance in good order of the road over which the proposed tramway will run; this contribution to be guaranteed for seven years. It was also resolved that whenever after that period the net profits of the Tramway Company exceed 5 per cent. on capital the contribution for the maintenance of the road will permanently cease and the road will be maintained as before by the Tramway Company. The Board agreed to pay, in addition, 1½ per cent. on the cost of new bridges, provided they are suitable for ordinary traffic, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,000 (three thousand rupees) per annum.

4. Government approves of the above concessions, but directs that when a regular agreement comes to be drawn up between the District Board of Madura and Messrs. Wilson & Co., the following points shall receive attention and be provided for:—

(a) The Superintending Engineer of the Circle should be the referee in the event of any disagreement as to whether the road is maintained in good order.

(b) It should be specified how much of the road should be so maintained, i.e., whether slopes, bridges, &c., as well as surface.

(c) The conditions regarding the cessation of the contribution after the first seven years are not very clearly defined. Thus the time from which the seven years is to start, e.g., whether from date of opening of each section for traffic, or from the admission of the company to work on the road, should be defined.

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5. A draft order, as specified in paragraph 6 of the Tramways Act XI of 1886, will now be issued authorizing the promoters, Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, to construct the tramways referred to in their letter, dated 2nd June 1898, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, recorded in Government Proceedings, No. 995 Ry., dated 3rd August 1898, viz., the following:—

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From The Local and Municipal
Departments.

Order

No. 1757 L. Mis.

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SUBJECT.

Ammaganayakam - Kuruvam
Tramway.

Communicating to the
P.W.D. the resolution of the
Madura District Board re-
garding the contribution re-
for the maintenance of the road
over which the proposed Tramway
will run.

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No. 1295 Ry., 18TH OCTOBER 1898.

6. The draft order will be published in English and in Tamil in the Fort St. George and Madura Gazettes, and in a notice to be published with the draft a date will be fixed before which objections from persons interested will be considered by Government.

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To Messrs. Wilson & Co.
,, the President, District Board, Madura,
through the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Editors' Table.

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(True Extract)

J. H. S.

for Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department..

Form No. 10.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

C. No. 1130
29.9.98

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. A. T. ARUNDEL, I.C.S.

*Ammayanayakanur - Kuruvamuth
Tramway*

FOR ORDERS.

I have drafted a G. O. about the proposed Ammayanayakanur-Kuruvamuth Tramway. This if approved may issue at once and may go to the Public Press as well as to Wilson & Co., the Madura District Board, &c. &c.

Later on the draft order under the Tramways Act can be published. I have got it into rough shape. Flag. C

But it must go to the Government Solicitor, and in Madras it can be put into final form for approval of Government and of the Government of India.

F. H. S.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Form No. 1.

Again G.O., dated August 3rd

189⁸, No. 995 Ry. *Sube 1*

Again G.O., dated

189⁸, No.

Current No. 1130 Ry.

of 189⁸, dated 21-9-98, from Secy. L. & M. Dept. *Print*

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The President of the Madras
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