Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1450 Ry

DATED 24th November 1898

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G. O. No. 1398–99 d/ 15-11-98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr T. Michell, Executive Engineer, 1st Grad

Commg: to the Agent, S. I. Ry, memos and en from the Govt of India, forwarding for information copy of its letter to the Govt: of Bombay, requesting that - may on arrival be instructed to report himsel for orders to the Agent of the Railwa at Trichinopoly.

Indexed. 28/11/98.

[P. W. Ry.]

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Extract from the Managing Director's Letter No. 214 dated London, the 1st July 1898.

Subject.

Staff for proposed extensions

Extract:—

The Board approve generally of the procedure sketched in your No. 587, and have instructed their Consulting Engineer to make preliminary enquiries for the requisite number of engineers to be engaged in this country, so that they may be sent out as soon as possible after the necessary sanction has been received. The proposed additions to the audit staff can probably be made without indenting on England.

5 No 1 (a)

AGENT'S OFFICE.
Trichinopoly, 27th July 1898.

(True Extract)

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Chief Clerk, Agent's Office.

Accompaniment to Agent's letter

No. 706 dt 27 – 7 — 1898

3 To & RoC No 3521/98
701 d/ 27.7.98

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South Indian Railway
Engineers Office
3 Victoria Street, S.W.
1st July 1898

H. W. Notman Esquire

My Dear Sir

Staff for Proposed Extensions

I have duly received yours of the 22nd ultimo with the accompanying letters from the Agent on the above subject.

The Agent has stated his views as to the best way of arranging the Engineering Staff necessary for the construction of three proposed extensions, viz:—

1. Madura – Pamban Railway.
2. Tinnevelly – Quilon Railway.
3. Mutupet – Avadaiyarkovil Railway.

I do not think it would be wise to place the two former lines under the same Executive Officer. The Tinnevelly – Quilon Railway is a very heavy line and will require more than ordinary supervision and it is separated by many miles from the Madura – Pamban line and there is no special connection between the two.

I think also that it is very undesirable to appoint an officer with the designation "Engineer-in-Chief" who of course will be under the orders of the Company's Chief Engineer. In the engineering profession the two titles mean exactly the same thing and the introduction of the former designation to an officer other than the Chief Engineer would lead to considerable confusion and probably to friction and misunderstanding. If it is thought advisable to give the Engineer who is in charge of the Tinnevelly and Quilon Railway some title other than that of "Executive Engineer" I would suggest that the designation of "Superintending Engineer" might with advantage be adopted.

Having had an opportunity of conferring with Mr Spalding as to the number of Engineers which should be employed, I have come to the conclusion that it will be desirable to increase somewhat the number of Assistant Engineers on the Tinnevelly - Quilon Railway beyond those proposed by the Agent and have two Assistant Engineers instead of one on Division No 1, and three Assistant Engineers instead of two on Division No 2.

According to the foregoing suggestions the Staff of the Tinnevelly - Quilon Railway would be:—

1 Superintending Engineer
Division No 1. - 1 Executive Engineer
" - 1 Assistant Engineer
Division No 2 - 1 Executive Engineer
" - 3 Assistant Engineers
Division No 3 - 1 Executive Engineer
" - 2 Assistant Engineers

The Madura - Pamban Railway I would recommend should be under the general charge of two Executive Engineers each responsible directly to the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway with an Assistant Engineer under each of them. The Staff would thus be:—

2 Executive Engineers.
2 Assistant Engineers.

I would recommend for the Mutupet and Avadaiyar-Kovil Railway:—

1 Executive Engineer
1 Assistant Engineer

The Executive Engineer to be directly responsible to the Chief Engineer

It will be seen that the modifications I suggest in the arrangements proposed by the Agent are:—

1. An increase in the Staff on the Tinnevelly-Quilon Railway of two Assistant Engineers.
2. That the principal officers on each of the three proposed Railways should be under the orders of and directly responsible to the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway.
3. That the principal officer in charge of the Tinnevelly-Quilon Railway should not be called "Engineer-in-Chief" but "Superintending Engineer" or some such title as will not confound him with his superior officer.

I have not dealt at all with the question of who are to be appointed to the respective posts as I think suggestions as to this are better left to the Chief Engineer, but I may be allowed to express the hope that, so far as the interests of the Company will allow of it, full consideration will be given to the prior claims of the existing Engineering Staff wherever the chance of promotion is opened up by the construction of these new lines. These gentlemen have no pensions, however long their service, and promotion has for some years been very slow.

With regard to the terms of engagement to be made with the Engineers to be sent from England, it would probably be best to limit these to two years, though the Tinnevelly-Quilon Railway will last much longer. They need not necessarily come home at the end of two years but as the term of their service will in any case be short and there is but little prospect of their services being required after these extension lines are made, I think the passages home of these — gentlemen should be paid, when their work on construction is completed as well as their passage out.

The two enclosures which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

Yours faithfully
(Sd.) George B. Bruce

55 Gracechurch Street
E.C.

Agents Office
Trichinopoly
27th July 1898

(True Copy of a Copy)

W. de Mesunier
for Agent

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South Indian Railway

Meeting held between Mr. T. Michell and Mr. Spalding at 55, Gracechurch Street on June 30th 1898.

Memo by Mr. Spalding.

The Tinnevelly-Quilon Railway will run for the most part through a difficult country and the staff proposed by the Agent for this portion of the Extensions is not sufficient.

The Executive staff should be :-

Division No. 1. 1 Executive Engineer Rs. 700 + Compensation
" " 1 Assistant Engineer (senior) Rs. 500 + Compensation
Division No. 2. (Ghat) 1 Executive Engineer Rs. 900 + 25% for hill allowance
3 Assistant Engineers Rs. 500 + 25% for hill allowance
Compensation allowance to be given in each case.
Division No. 3. 1 Executive Engineer Rs. 700 + Compensation.
1 Assistant Engineer Rs. 500 + Compensation.
1 Assistant Engineer Rs. 400 + Compensation.

The ordinary Travelling allowance to apply to No. 1 and 3 but for Division No. 2, 50% over the ordinary Travelling allowance to be given to compensate for the difficulty in getting supplies.

The Superintending Engineer.

Mr. Michell will not accept the appointment for less than the pay of 2nd Grade Superintending Engineer viz Rs. 1350 + Compensation allowance which will amount to about

about Rs 100 per mensem, a total of Rs 1450 and in case of his promotion during the holding of this appointment to 2nd Grade Superintending Engineer he would require his salary increased to the pay of 1st Grade viz Rs 1600 which is the ordinary rule in the Government service.

The survey of the Ghat portion of this extension is in its beginning and a very great amount of prospecting and surveying has yet to be done, before the final alignment can be fixed. An Officer who has an experience and knowledge of the country, such as Mr. Michell has, will be of great assistance in settling this final alignment and must be the means of saving time and money.

The salary demanded is high for such an unimportant line but is not too high for the ability required to meet the difficulties of the country. It has this objection that the salary demanded is equal to that drawn by the Chief Engineer, and this anomaly will be much more apparent should the post of Chief Engineer be an acting one. This objection could be got over by the Acting man being given a personal allowance for the extra work involved on him during the construction of this line.

The staff to be sent out from England should be engaged for 2 years if possible with the understanding that their passage out will be paid, and home also, if their services are dispensed with through no fault of their own within 3 years.

The Ghat portion of the line passes through a very unhealthy district, jungle fever during a portion of the year is rampant and for this reason higher pay is necessary for this district and a full staff is required.

Madura

Madura Pamban Railway

The Staff proposed by the Agent for this extension is sufficient

Avadayarcoil Extension

The Staff proposed by the Agent for this extension is sufficient.

The staff is not likely to be required for more than two years.

Besides the names given by the Agent I recommend for entertainment, if obtainable, as Assistant Engineers Mr. H. H. Irwin, Messrs Dallas and O'Shaughnessey, the former as Executive, the latter as Assistant.

Mr. Michell recommends Mr. Rose, Hon: Assistant Engineer P.W.D. as Executive Engineer.

In England Mr. D.L. Campbell may care to take up work again (his address is 65 Thornhill Road Croydon) as Executive Engineer.

(Intd). W.H.S.

(True Copy of a Copy)

Agent's Office
Trichinopoly
27th July 1898

T.H. Le Mesurier
for Agent

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No. 701

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 27th July 1898.

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From
The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

3521
28.7.98

To
The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

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Sir,

With reference to the paragraph under the heading of "Railway Extensions – Staff" in my letter No. 587 SN 1(a) of 25th May 1898 to the Managing Director, I have the honor to forward an extract from the Managing Director's letter No. 214 dated 1st July 1898 on the subject, together with copies of a letter (dated 1st July 1898) from the Company's Consulting Engineer and a memorandum by the Chief Engineer on the staff required.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS MADRAS
RECEIVED
29 JUL 1898

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

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3 Enclosures
by Reg'd Post

Keep in Ooty till Capt. Shelley comes up.
FWS
4/8/98

South Indian Railway.

Extract from the Agent's Letter No. 598, dated Trichinopoly, the 10 August 1898, to the Managing Director

RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

Staff. With reference to the paragraph on this subject in your letter No. 215 of 15th July, 1898, I forward in the packet a copy of Madras Government Order No. 996, Railway, dated 3rd August, 1898, communicating a letter from the Government of India on the matter, and as regards the first paragraph of the same, shall be glad if the Board can obtain from Mr. T. Michell his formal acquiescence in the proposed arrangement.

Enclosure

Do. „ 996 Ry., 3rd August, 1898, regarding Government Officers required for the construction of the Madura-Pamban, and Tinnevelly-Quilon, Railways.

AGENT'S OFFICE.
TRICHINOPOLY
18th October 1898

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter
No. of 189

True Extract.

M Le Mesurier
for Agent.

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.
To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras.

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Enclosure.

South Indian Railway.

Extract from the Agent's Letter No. 607, dated Trichinopoly, the 12th October 1898, to the Managing Director.

RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

Staff. With reference to the paragraph on this subject in my letter No. 598, I forward in the packet a copy of the Chief Engineer's letter No. C/$\frac{3204A}{2101}$ of 8th October, 1898, together with a copy of the Memorandum therein referred to, and request that, subject to the Board's approval, the formal acquiescence of Mr. T. Michell may be obtained to the loan of his services from the Government of India upon the following terms:—

(*a*) that his salary shall be that (Rs. 1,350 plus Exchange Compensation Allowance) of a Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Class in the Public Works Department with the proviso that it shall be increased to that (Rs. 1,600 per mensem) of a Superintending Engineer of the 1st Class, should Mr. Michell receive promotion to the 2nd Class during his service with the Company.

(*b*) that the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway Company shall have the right of inspecting Mr. Michell's construction work, designs, &c., Mr. Michell, however, corresponding direct with the Chief Auditor and myself in all matters regarding expenditure and staff, the latter being arranged for by myself upon application from Mr. Michell.

AGENT'S OFFICE.
TRICHINOPOLY
18th October 1898

True Extract.

W. Le Mes[redacted]ier
for Agent.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter
No of 189

SERIAL
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No. 948

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 18th October 1898.

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From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

No 8

With reference to Government Order No. 996, Railway, dated 3rd August 1898, regarding the loan of the services of Mr. J. Mitchell, Executive Engineer, for employment on the Madura - Pamban, and Tinnevelly - Quilon, Railways, I have the honor to forward for information two extracts from my letters No. 598 and 607 - dated respectively the 10th August and 12th October, 1898 to the Managing Director, together with two copies of the accompaniments to the last named extract, and to inform you that as soon as the telegram referred to in the latter has been received from the Board the same will be communicated to you, so that the Government of India may be addressed on the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

M. L. Mesurier
for Agent

8 Enclosures.

Await receipt of reply from Board

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras.

Dated }
Received } 189

No.

Enclosure.

South Indian Railway.

(I. K.)

Extract from the Managing Director's Letter No. 217 , dated London, the 21st. October 189 8.

Subject.

Staff for Railway Extensions
Mr. Theo. Michell

Extract:— The paragraph in your No. 598, of 10th. August, relating to the staff for the proposed Extensions has been considered by the Board. With reference to the appointment of an Officer to take charge of construction under the Chief Engineer- the Board have intimated to Mr. Michell that they propose to ask Government for the loan of his services upon the terms which have been suggested by him. These are that Mr. Michell, who is now an Executive Engineer First Grade, should receive the pay of Second Grade Superintending Engineer, viz Rs. 1350, plus compensation allowance which will amount to about Rs. 100 per mensem, or a total of Rs. 1450 per mensem, and in case of his promotion to Second Grade Superintending Engineer during the currency of his engagement with the Company, that his salary should be increased to the pay of First Grade Superintending Engineer, viz Rs. 1600 per mensem, also with compensation allowance.

Mr. Michell has acquieced in this arrangement and you will inform Government accordingly and make formal application for the loan of the services of that officer on the terms named .

The Board have not taken into consideration the designation of the appointment, nor whether Mr. Michell should

Agent's Office.

Trichinopoly, 7th. November 1898.

(True Extract.)

Accompaniment to Agent's letter
No. 1008 of 9th Nov. 1898

Chief Clerk, Agent's Office.

(K. K.)
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Extract continued:—

have charge of the Quilon Line alone or of that and the extension to Pamban. These points are left to your decision in communication with the Chief Engineer.

As definite sanction for the commencement of the work has not yet been received the Board saw no reason to ask Mr. Michell as had been suggested by him to alter the date on which he had arranged to return to India, viz 3rd November next, and he will accordingly leave on that date.

With regard to the subordinate Engineering and Audit staff your further report is awaited after the receipt of the sanction of Government to a commencement of operations.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

Trichinopoly, 7th November 1898.

(True Extract.)

Accompaniment to Agent's letter

No. 1008 of 9th Novr 1898

Chief Clerk, Agent's Office.

Enc. No. 1 to E. R's. C. No. 5239 of 1898
Letter No. 1008 d/ 9. 11. 98
From A

No. 1008

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 9th November 1898.

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C. No. 5239
Recd. 11-11-98

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
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11 NOV 1898

From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to Madras Government Order No. 996 Ry., dated 3rd August 1898, and my letter No. 948 of 18th October 1898, regarding the loan of the services of Mr. J. Michell, Executive Engineer, for the proposed extension of this System, I have the honor to forward an extract from the Managing Director's letter No. 217 of 21st October 1898, from which you will see that Mr. Michell has accepted the terms mentioned in paragraph (a) of the extract from my letter No. 607 of 12th October 1898 to the Managing Director, and I therefore request that the Government of India may be pleased to place Mr. Michell's services at the disposal of this Administration.

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

1 Enclosure

FORM No. 20.

TELEGRAM

~~URGENT~~
~~ORDINARY~~
DEFERRED

FROM / E.R. TO Works

42B × Applanding (your letter numbered and dated as follows), 2164 G. almanac (19th July last) Michell has accepted Silvias (S.I. Rys) terms. Please send him orders to Bombay to report himself at Trichinopoly. He left England third instant.

JWS
11/11/98

Despd
11/11/98.

Draft letter replying to India's letter 2164 G, S No. 6, will be submitted after despatch of this telegram.

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11-11-98

Form No. 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again ~~G.O.~~ Letter, dated 6th June 1898, No. 785 Ry 55
Again G.O., dated 3rd August 1898, No. 996 Ry 58
Current No. 3521 of 1898, dated 27-9-98, from the Agent S.I. Ry S7
" " 4892 " 1898, " 19-10-98, " " S10
" " 5239 " 1898, " 11-11-98, " " S11
Telegram to the Govt of India No 42B dd 11. 11. 98.

ORDER. No. 1398 Ry dated 15/11/98

The Govt of India will be addressed.

No. 1399 Ry dd 15/11/98
To
The Secy to the Govt of India
P.W. Dept

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2164 G. dated the 19th July 1898, and my telegram No 42B of the 11th Novr 1898, I am directed to state that Mr Michell has accepted the following terms:–

for the present that his salary shall be that (Rs 1350 plus Exchange Compensation allowance) of a Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Class in the P.W. Dept with the proviso that it shall be increased to that (Rs 1600 per mensem) of a Supdg Engr of the in 1st Class, should Mr. Michell receive promotion to the 2nd Class during his service with the Company.

2. I am accordingly directed to request that Mr. Michell's services may now be formally placed at the disposal of the S. I. Ry Comp.

3. The orders promised in your letter under reply regarding the appointment of an Engineer for survey work, and the proposal to charge to Capital the Provident Fund bonuses of such of the Company's officers who are transferred to Construction, are awaited.

for R

14.11.98

Despatched on 15/11/98

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.
Service Telegram.

G. 7. B.

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Signaller in Charge,
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From Trichy
" Agent

To Madras
" Consulting Engr

Michell arrives in Bombay by Sutlej on November 25th hope instructions to report at Trichy may await him

G. No 5328
Recd 16.XI.1898

From R

To Works Simla

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43B× Applaren (my telegram numbered and dated as follows × 42B Anonymous (11th instant) Michell arrives Bombay by Sutlej ~~on~~ Antecessor (25th instant).

F J S
R.
16/11/98

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Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway

CURRENT No. 1381

Read again
G.O. No 1398-99 Ry d/ 15-11-98

Read also
Govt: of India letter No 3224 R.E.
d/ 16-11-98

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Order No 1450 Ry d/ 24/11/98

Communicated to the Agent, South Indian Railway for information..

DR
23-11-98

To
The Agent S. I. Ry ✓
– " – Ex Ch. Ry Accts ✓
~~– " – [illegible]~~
– " – Consg Engr for Rys. ✓

JJ
22/11/98

Despatched on 24/11/98

From The Govt. of India

No. 3224 R.E.

Dated 15th November 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Mr. T. Meichell

Forwarding for informa copy of its letter to the Govt., Bombay requesting that — Executive Engr 1st Grade may ~~be~~ on arrival be instructed to report himself for orders to the Agent, Sou Indian Ry at Trichinopoly

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No.3224 R.E.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENTS.

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS RYS.
RECEIVED
22 NOV 1898

Simla, the 15th November 1898.

The following is forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information, with reference to his telegram No.42 B., dated 11th November 1898.

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By order,

G H D Walker

for

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of a letter No.3223 R.E., dated the 15th November 1898, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

I am directed to request that Mr. T. Michell, Executive Engineer, 1st grade, who is expected to arrive at Bombay on return from leave, on or about the 26th instant, may, on arrival, be instructed to report himself for orders to the Agent, South Indian Railway Company at Trichinopoly.

K.P.G.