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RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 377-78 R.D

DATED 7th April 1897.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Office for the Engineer-in-chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Ettaiyapuram Railways.

Sanction accorded to the proposed expenditure of Rs 17,500 on the purchase, repair, and furniture of an ——— at Trichinopoly. + Copy of the Prov. forwarded to the Govt of India.

Forwarding copy of Prov. Sanction & the proposed expenditure of Rs 17,500 on the purchase, repair & furniture of an ——— at Trichinopoly.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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RAILWAY.

Government {1899} of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O., Nos. 377, 378 Ry., 7th April 1899.

APRIL.

Office for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways

Forwarding copy of Proceedings sanctioning the proposed expenditure of Rupees 17,500 on the purchase, repair and furniture of an — at Trichinopoly.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read again the following papers:—

G.O., No. $\frac{529}{A}$ R., dated 5th August 1897.

G.O., No. $\frac{781}{A}$ Ry., dated 6th June 1898.

G.O., No. 968 Ry., dated 28th July 1898.

G.O., No. 1349 Ry., dated 2nd November 1898.

Read also the following papers:—

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 10th February 1899, No. 129.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received an estimate amounting to Rs. 8,413 from the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, for the cost of building a temporary office. There is no spare accommodation in the South Indian Railway Company's offices that can be handed over to him, neither is it possible to rent a suitable building in Trichinopoly. It is of course absolutely necessary that he should have proper office accommodation, and in order that his work should not be delayed I have allowed him, as a temporary measure, to occupy two rooms in my own house.

This arrangement cannot continue and I shall be obliged if you would kindly advise me whether the Government of India will be pleased to make a small grant to cover the cost of the building, or whether the cost of the work should be debited *temporarily* to the South Indian Railway account. In the latter contingency the expenditure will of course be adjusted as soon as the construction grant is made and the South Indian Railway account relieved before the close of the half-year.

I forward for your information a plan and estimate of the proposed building, and would suggest that its amount be *increased by Rs.* 2,000 to cover the cost of furniture which I observe has been omitted from the estimate.

Enclosure.

Estimate for a temporary office at Trichinopoly for the Madura-Pamban and Travancore Railways.

Description of work.	Quantity.	Unit.	Rate.	Cash to be expended in India.	Value of stores.	Total value of work to be done.	Chargeable to Capital.	
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Total ..	..	..	..	3,156	5,257	8,413	3,156	5,257

Note by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated 20th February 1899.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent, the expenditure of Rs. 8,413 for an office, and Rs. 2,000 for office furniture, for the accommodation and use of the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, appears to be reasonable. The outlay might be charged for the present to the Revenue account of the South Indian Railway pending the allotment of a construction grant for the projected extensions or either of them. The outlay could ultimately be allocated, proportionately to their respective estimates, to the head General Charges of the estimates of the two extensions. It should be arranged if possible that roofs, as well as doors and windows, should be such as may later on be utilized in the permanent buildings of the extensions, and existing stores should also, as far as practicable, be utilized.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 1st March 1899, No. 193.

I have the honour to inform you that the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways is now of opinion that it is advisable to purchase a bungalow known by the name of "Underwood" in place of building the temporary office which he at first recommended. The bungalow in question is a large house situated in extensive grounds of some 65 acres, and the property is offered for sale at Rs. 13,500. I understand that a further sum of about Rs. 2,000 will probably have to be spent in renewing the roof, so that including furniture the adoption of the

Engineer-in-Chief's proposal would involve an outlay of Rs. 17,500 against the amount of Rs. 8,413 sanctioned by Government. In considering the proposal, the loss of Rs. 3,000 by the eventual demolition of the temporary office may be fairly taken into account, and instead therefore of ultimately having nothing to show for an expenditure of Rs. 3,000, the Company will have acquired a valuable house for, say, Rs. 15,500.

2. You will observe from the plan of the bungalow that it affords more accommodation than is required for the Engineer-in-Chief's office, but this superfluous area can be profitably used in providing quarters for his personal assistant. When the bungalow is no longer required for office purposes there will be no difficulty in renting it to the Company's officers as it is conveniently situated in respect to the general offices. Another point which deserves consideration is the fact that the house is surrounded by a large extent of land, and that the acquisition of this area would be of very great value in the event of the introduction of the Cantonment Act necessitating the construction of quarters for Railway officers.

3. I forward, for your information, copies of letters addressed to me by the Chief Engineer, and the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, together with a copy of the owner's letter, and tracings showing the details of the house and grounds. On the whole I am inclined to support the proposal, and should you share the same opinion, will you kindly obtain the orders of Government on the subject.

Enclosures.

From—The Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—24th February 1899, No. D./418.

With reference to the proposal made to you by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Extensions to purchase the property called "Underwood" for his office instead of erecting a temporary office at the cost of about Rs. 8,000, I have the pleasure to strongly support his proposal. By the spending of Rs. 8,000 he will get a building not as suitable for the purpose of an office as the "Underwood" bungalow. This bungalow contains four very fine rooms besides two small side quarters, one consisting of three small rooms, the other of one very fair-sized room. The land on which the bungalow stands is about 65·25 acres. We have ourselves often talked of the advisability of buying this property looking forward to the difficulty that may arise about officers' residences should the Cantonment Act be brought into force in Trichinopoly. If this property is purchased, three if not four railway bungalows could be built should occasion arise, and "Underwood" bungalow would in itself make a very suitable residence for one of the chief officials of the railway when it is no longer required by the Engineer-in-Chief.

I understand that the owner of the property demands about Rs. 13,500 for it, quite its full value, for a couple of thousand rupees will be required to be spent on the side bungalows and outhouses, but supposing the eventual cost of the place was Rs. 15,000, the interest at 7 per cent on this sum would not give an excessive rent to pay; Mr. Logan and myself paid Rs. 90 per mensem when we occupied the place. Should the compound be divided up, a portion of the purchase money would be distributed over the new bungalow for the area of the compound allotted to each. The Engineer-in-Chief would have the office ready made to go into, and by not erecting the temporary office, the loss of about Rs. 3,500, cash expenditure and depreciation of materials would be avoided.

I send you a plan of the buildings and of the ground belonging to them.

From—The Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—22nd February 1899, No. M.P. 48/3.

Office accommodation.

With reference to this office No. M.P. 48/386 of the 2nd instant forwarding an estimate for temporary office accommodation, I have the honour to state that there is available, with immediate possession, the house formerly occupied by the late Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway with nearly 60 acres of ground.

The house is adjacent to your central offices and its situation is admirably suitable for my temporary offices; it has also sufficient upstairs accommodation for my Personal Assistant.

The present owner is willing to sell the whole of the property for Rs. 13,500 and I strongly advise its purchase for the following reasons:—

(1) If the proposed temporary offices are erected, the sum of Rs. 3,000 (cash expenditure) will absolutely be lost on the demolition of the temporary quarters, whilst in the purchase of the proposed house and grounds, only the expenditure due to wear and tear will have been spent to keep the property in repair.

(2) A rental of Rs. 30 will be (at the least) recoverable for the use of quarters by the Personal Assistant—this amounts to interest on Rs. 5,100 at 7 per cent.—whilst the other part will be used as offices.

(3) On the closing of the offices, the whole of the bungalow will be available for rental, which at Rs. 90 per mensem (the present rental I understand), means interest on the sum of Rs. 15,400 at 7 per cent.

I have asked the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway to submit a report also on the advantages accruing to the purchase of the property from his point of view.

I am informed the present owner has a clear legal title to the property and that from previous valuations made it is well worth the sum asked for.

I sincerely trust that sanction may be obtained for its purchase in the future interests of the Company.

From—The Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—23rd February 1899, No. M.P. 48/7.

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this office letter No. M.P. 48/3, dated 22nd February 1899.

From—Messrs. M. L. Krishnasawmy Chetty and Brothers, Trichinopoly.
To—The Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.
Dated—22nd February 1899.

In reply to your letter, dated 20th instant, we beg to inform you that the information referred to regarding the sale of the "Underwood" bungalow for the sum of Rs. 13,500 nett is correct. We are prepared to dispose of it for the above sum, provided it is settled within ten days. The documents may be inspected at any time you choose.

Office-note from—The Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
Dated—9th March 1899.

I do not see any objection to the proposed purchase, provided it is understood that on completion of the construction of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, the South Indian Railway will pay for the estate at its then value. If the Agent agrees to this, the purchase might be sanctioned by the Local Government.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 13th March 1899, No. 238.

In reply to your memo., No. 849 of the 11th March 1899, regarding the purchase of a bungalow in Trichinopoly to provide office accommodation for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, I have the honour to inform you that the bungalow in question will be taken over by the South Indian Railway on completion of the construction of the above mentioned lines or perhaps even before.

Office-note from—The Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
Dated—Madras, 16th March 1899.

Sanction to the purchase of the building may now be accorded by the Local Government. The Government of India should be furnished with a copy of the order for information.

Order—No. 377 Ry., dated 7th April 1899.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent, South Indian Railway, sanction is accorded to the proposed expenditure of Rs. 17,500 on the purchase, repair, and furniture of an office at Trichinopoly for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.

2. Pending the allotment of a construction grant for either or both of the extensions, the outlay will be charged, temporarily, to the Revenue account of the South Indian Railway. The outlay will ultimately be allocated, in proportion to their respective estimates, to the accounts head *General Charges* of the two extensions.

3. On the completion of the extensions the property will be brought, at its then value, into the Capital account of the South Indian Railway.

4. This sanction has been registered as No. 1 Ry. of 1899–1900.

5. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India.

[Here enter No. 378 Ry., dated 7th April 1899.]

(True Extract.)

Francis J. E. Spring,
Joint Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Agent, South Indian Railway.
" Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Endorsement—No. 378 Ry., dated 7th April 1899.

Forwarded.

(By order.)

Francis J. E. Spring,
Joint Secretary.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

URGENT.

No. 129

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 10th February 1899

From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS RECEIVED 11 FEB. 1899 MADRAS.

Sir,

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grant is made, and the South Indian Railway account relieved before the close of the half-year.

2. I forward for your information a plan and estimate of the proposed building, and would suggest that its amount be increased by Rs 2000 to cover the cost of furniture which I observe has been omitted from the estimate.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

M de Fleuriel
for Agent

2 Enclosures herewith
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From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

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Enclosure.

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY Co., Ld.

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Engineering Department.

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE No ..... PLAN No. .....

WORK { NAME Proposed Temporary Office at Head Quarters Trichinopoly
POSITION for Madura Pamban & Tinnevelly Quilon Railways

Eclipse Press, Negapatam. 20-11-98—2000.

Description of Work.	Quantity.	Unit.	Rate.	Cash to be expended in India. Rs.	Value of Stores. Rs.	Total value of work to be done. Rs.	Chargeable to Capital. Cash. Rs.	Chargeable to Capital. Stores. Rs.	Chargeable to Revenue. Cash Rs.	Chargeable to Revenue. Stores. Rs.
Excavation C.ft.	1237	o/oo	5/-	6	"	6	6	"		
Earthfilling after laying founds	369	"	3/-	1	"	1	1	"		
Earthfilling for floor.	495	"	5/4	3	"	3	3	"		
Brick with mud.	3022	o/o	1 8/	498	"	498	498	"		
Brick with mortar	1153	"	20/-	229	"	229	229	"		
Old rail lintels	2	tons	21/-	"	42	42	"	42		
Pointing and White washing S.ft.	8254	o/o	2/12-	227	"	227	227	"		
Stone undr. Trusses & Steps C.ft.	67	o/o	125/-	84	"	84	84	"		
Wrought iron roof 25 ft Span Complete S.ft.	128	per	21/-	"	2688	2688	"	2688		
Sandfilling for floor C.ft.	1478	o/oo	14/-	21	"	21	21	"		
Old creasoted Sleeper flooring No	776	o/o	10/-	"	78	78	"	78		
Bamboo Matting for floor. S.ft	3100	per	2/10	388	"	388	388	"		
Corai mat ceiling S.ft	1000	o/o	2/12/-	28	"	28	28	"		
Thatched roof. Over Roof	5120	o/o	7/-	358	"	358	358	"		
Doors ½ panelled & ½ glazed.....	210	per	2/8-	"	525	525	"	525		
Windows glazed.	456	"	2/4	"	1026	1026	"	1026		
3" Bamboo L.ft.	2932	"	o/o/4	61	"	61	61	"		
Bamboo Bundles.	10	"	o/10/o	6	"	6	6	"		
Bamboo matting. Over roof S.ft	3892	"	o/2/o	487	"	487	487	"		
Labour for erection of wrought iron roof. L.ft	128	"	3/-	384	"	384	384	"		
Punkahs	216	l.ft	3/-	"	648	648	"	648		
Latrine for Clerks.	Lump Sum			200	"	200	200	"		
Lead to work.	"			25	"	25	25	"		
	Total Rs			3006	5007	8013	3006	5007		
				150	250	400	150	250		
Contingencies @ 5 o/o				3156	5257	8413	3156	5257		

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Approved
Consulting Engineer

Engineer-in-Chief
Madura Pamban & Tinnevelly Quilon Railways
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Form No. 33.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 11th February 1899.

EXAMD. Regr. 78 11 FEB. 1899 Enclosures RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

No. 470

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OFFICE NOTE.

Lw 11/2/99

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 129, dated 10th February 1899, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for check as to allocation and budget provision.

[signature]
for E. R.
11.2.99.

To E.R.

Is H.Q. of Enc. finally fixed upon?

Push trolley. Chargeable above to Cap. accounts to

Rs 5156

A.J.S.

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EXAMINER'S REPLY.

If E.R. considers the estimated Expenditure of Rs 8413 or Rs 10,413 including furniture, not too high for a temporary office, the Local Government may sanction the work and approve of the outlay being charged to Revenue for the present; and forward a copy of the order to the Government of India for information.

It is presumed that the cost of the building will be divided in equal proportions between the Madura Paumban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.

E.S. Walley

C.R.

13.2.99

[500—1-12-98.]

Form No. :

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

Consq. Engrs Current No 797

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Again G.O., dated ~~5/8~~ 5th August 1897, No. 529/A. R. flag D — 1 Quote — Quote

Again G.O., dated 28th July 1898, No 968. Ry. flag B — Quote

~~Current~~ letter No. 129 print of 189 , dated 10th Feb. 99 , from Agent S. I. R. Co. to Con. Engr for Ry. flag E

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4 Quote

G.O. dated 2nd Nov. 98. No 1349. Ry. flag A Quote

„ „ 6th June 98 No. 781/A. R. flag C

ORDER. Quote No 191. Ry dated 20/2/99

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Print

H. E. Draft Order for approval. This is all regular.

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14/2/99

Appd.

A.S.H.
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To The Agent S. I. Ry ✓
" Exam. Gtd Ry Acct
" Consg Engr for Ago.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent Government is pleased to sanction an expenditure of Rs 8413 for an office and Rs 2000 for Office furniture for the accommodation and use of the Engineer in Chief Madura Pamban and Tinnevelly Quilon Railways. The outlay will be charged for the present to the Revenue Account of the S. I. Ry. pending the allotment of a construction grant for the projected extension or either of them. The outlay will ultimately be allocated, proportionately to their respective estimates, to the head General Charges of the estimates of the two extensions. It should be arranged if possible that roofs, as well as doors and windows, should be such as may later on be utilized in the permanent buildings of the extensions, and existing stores should also as far as practicable be utilized.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded for the information of the Govt of India.

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14/2/99

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Cancelled

No. 192 Ry dated 20/2/99

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Committee Enlarged ... 17.2.99

Enclosure.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY (Ld.).

Engineering Department.

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,, Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 191 Ry., 20TH FEBRUARY 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

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I forward for your information a plan and estimate of the proposed building, and would suggest that its amount be *increased by Rs.* 2,000 to cover the cost of furniture which I observe has been omitted from the estimate.

South Indian Railway.

Copy of a letter, No. M.P 48/3, dated 22nd February 1899
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to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

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Office accommodation

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The present owner is willing to sell the whole of the property for Rs 13,500/- and I strongly advise its purchase for the following reasons:-

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AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY,
1st March 1899.

True copy.
W. de Mesquita
for Agent.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter
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South Indian Railway.

Copy of a letter, No. M.P 48/7, dated 23rd February 1899.
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Quilon Railways
to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

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/signed/ Theo. Michell
Engineer-in-Chief.

Copy of a letter dated 22nd February 1899.

From,

M. L. Krishnasawmy Chetty and Bros.
Trichinopoly.

To,

The Engineer-in-Chief.
Madura-Pamban & Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.

In reply to your letter dated 20th instant, we beg to inform you that the information referred to regarding the sale of the "Underwood Bungalow" for the sum of Rs 13,500/- nett is correct. We are prepared to dispose it off for the above sum, provided if it is settled within (10) ten days. The documents may be inspected at any time you choose.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY,
1st March 1899.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter
No. ____ of ____ 189 .

True copy.
for Agent.

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From A

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I understand that the owner of the property demands about Rs 13,500 for it, quite its full value, for a couple of thousand

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AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY,
1st March 1899.

True copy.
M. Le Mesurier
for Agent.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No. 193 of 1st March 1899.

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To C.R. Ft 2/3/99. Fo[illegible] [illegible]

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 1st March 1899.

From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
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MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to G. O. No. 191 Ry., dated 20th Febry 1899, I have the honor to inform you that the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways is now of opinion that it is advisable to purchase a bungalow known by the name of "Underwood" in place of building the temporary office which he at first recommended. The bungalow in question is a large house situated in extensive grounds of some 65 acres, and the property is offered for sale at Rs13,500/-. I understand that a further sum of about Rs2,000 will probably have to be spent in renewing the roof, so that including furniture the adoption of the Engineer-in-Chief's proposal would involve an outlay of Rs17,500 against the amount of Rs8,413 sanctioned by Government. In considering the proposal, the loss of Rs3,000 by the eventual demolition of the temporary office may be fairly taken into account, and instead therefore of ultimately having nothing to show for an expenditure of Rs3,000, the Company will have acquired a valuable house for say Rs15,500.

2. You will observe from the plan of the bungalow that it affords more accommodation than is required for the Engineer-in-Chief's office, but this superfluous area can be profitably used in providing quarters for his

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his Personal Assistant. When the Bungalow is no longer required for offices purposes there will be no difficulty in renting it to the Company's Officers as it is conveniently situated in respect to the General Offices. Another point which deserves consideration is the fact that the house is surrounded by a large extent of land, and that the acquisition of this area would be of very great value in the event of the introduction of the Cantonment Act necessitating the construction of quarters for Railway Officers.

3. I forward, for your information, copies of letters addressed to me by the Chief Engineer, and the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, together with a copy of the owners' letter, and tracings showing the details of the house and grounds. On the whole I am inclined to support the proposal, and should you share the same opinion, will you kindly obtain the orders of Government on the subject.

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

5 Enclosures herewith

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From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

Dated
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Form No. 33.

EXAMINER
Regr. No. 121
3-MAR. 1899
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RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 2nd March 1899.

No. 743

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 193, dated 1st March 1899, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for remarks.

AJB.

for E. R.

No. 749 & 11.3.99.

Communicate C.E.'s remarks to A for expression of his opinion
AJB
10/3/99

Despatched on 11/3/99

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

I do not see any objection to the proposed purchase, provided it is understood that on completion of the construction of the Madura Pamban and Tinnevelly Quilon Railways, the South Indian Railway will pay for the estate at its then value. The allocation should follow that laid down in Madras G.O. No. 191 Ry & Ag dt 7 Feby 1899.

If the Agent agrees, the purchase might be sanctioned by the Local Govt.

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No. 238

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 13th March 1899.

From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
14 MAR 1899
MADRAS.

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 849 of the 11th March 1899 regarding the purchase of a bungalow in Trichinopoly to provide Office accommodation for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, I have the honor to inform you that the bungalow in question will be taken over by the South Indian Railway on Completion of the construction of the above mentioned lines or perhaps even before

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
A.B.G. Thelly
Captain R.E.
Agent

Form No. 33.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 14th March 1899.

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EXAMINER, RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.
Regr. No. 153
15 MAR 1899
Enclosures

No. 888

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 238, dated 13th March 1899, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for remarks.

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a/B.

for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

Sanction to the purchase of the building may now be accorded by the Local Government, with reference to, as in G. O. No. 191 M dated 20th ultimo, regarding the present and ultimate adjustment of the outlay.

The Government of India should be furnished with a copy of the order for information.

JBW 16/3/99

C. R.
15.3.99

Pass order
See back
of this

16.3.99

1-12-98.]

From
THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

Dated
Received } 18 .

No.

ENCLOSURE.

Order. No. 377 Ry dated 7th April 99

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent S.I.R. sanction is accorded to the proposed expenditure of Rs. 17,500 on the purchase repair and furniture of an office at Trichinopoly for the Engineer in Chief of the Madura - Pamban and Travancore railways.

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4. This Sanction has been registered as No 42 Ry of 1898-1899.

5. A copy of these orders will be forwarded to the Govt of India

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R. 17/3/99

To Con. Engr

" Agent S.I.R.

" C.B. No 378 Ry of 7/4/99

Forwarded.

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Endorsement—No. 192 Ry., dated 20th February 1899.

Forwarded.

(By order.)

Joint Secretary.

Print

Agent's letter 193 dy 1-3-99 & Enclosure

Examiner's letter ordered 9-3-99

Agent's letter 238 dy 13-3-99

Examiner's letter ordered 16-3-99

Order attached

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

RAILWAY.

Government {1899} of Madras.

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G.O., Nos. 191, 192 Ry., 20th February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Office for the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways

Forwarding copy of Proceedings sanctioning, with remarks, an expenditure of Rs. 8,413 for an office and Rs. 2,000 for office furniture for the accommodation and use of the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.

2° proof : 24. 3. 99.

No. 377 Ry., 7th March 1899.

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April

Enclosure.

Estimate for a temporary office at Trichinopoly for the Madura-Pamban and Travancore Railways.

Description of work.	Quantity.	Unit.	Rate.	Cash to be expended in India.	Value of stores.	Total value of work to be done.	Chargeable to Capital.	
							Cash.	Stores.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Excavation .. .. .. c. ft	1,237	°/₀₀	5 0 0	6	..	6	6	..
Earthfilling after laying foundations.	369	,,	3 0 0	1	..	1	1	..
,, for floor	495	,,	5 4 0	3	..	3	3	..
Brick with mud	3,022	°/₀	16 8 0	498	..	498	498	..
,, with mortar	1,153	,,	20 0 0	229	..	229	229	..
Old rail lintels	2	Ton.	21 0 0	..	42	42	..	42
Pointing and whitewashing .. sq. ft.	8,254	°/₀	2 12 0	227	..	227	227	..
Stone under trusses and steps .. c. ft.	67	,,	125 0 0	84	..	84	84	..
Wrought iron roof, 25 feet span, complete .. .. .. sq. ft.	128	Per sq. ft.	21 0 0	..	2,688	2,688	..	2,688
Sand-filling for floor .. .. c. ft.	1,478	°/₀₀	14 0 0	21	..	21	21	..
Old creasoted sleepers, flooring .. No.	776	°/₀	10 0 0	..	78	78	..	78
Bamboo matting for floor .. sq. ft.	3,100	Per sq. ft.	0 2 0	388	..	388	388	..
Corai mat ceiling .. .. ,,	1,000	°/₀	2 12 0	28	..	28	28	..
Thatched roof over roof	5,120	,,	7 0 0	358	..	358	358	..
Doors half panelled and half glazed	210	each.	2 8 0	..	525	525	..	525
Windows, glazed	456	,,	2 4 0	..	1,026	1,026	..	1,026
Three-inch bamboo .. .. L. ft.	2,932	Per l. ft.	0 0 4	61	..	61	61	..
Bamboo bundles	10	,,	0 10 0	6	..	6	6	..
Bamboo matting over roof .. sq. ft.	3,892	,,	0 2 0	487	..	487	487	..
Labour for erection of wrought iron roof .. .. .. L. ft.	128	,,	3 0 0	384	..	384	384	..
Punkahs .. .. .. ,,	216	,,	3 0 0	..	648	648	..	648
Latrine for clerks	Lump sum.	..	..	200	..	200	200	..
Lead to work	..	..	..	25	..	25	25	..
Total ..	..	..	..	3,006	5,007	8,013	3,006	5,007
Contingencies at 5 per cent. ..	..	..	..	150	250	400	150	250
Total ..	..	..	..	3,156	5,257	8,413	3,156	5,257

Note by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated 20th February 1899.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent, the expenditure of Rs. 8,413 for an office, and Rs. 2,000 for office furniture, for the accommodation and use of the Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, appears to be reasonable. The outlay might be charged for the present to the Revenue account of the South Indian Railway pending the allotment of a construction grant for the projected extensions or either of them. The outlay could ultimately be allocated, proportionately to their respective estimates, to the head General Charges of the estimates of the two extensions. It should be arranged if possible that roofs, as well as doors and windows, should be such as may later on be utilized in the permanent buildings of the extensions, and existing stores should also, as far as practicable, be utilized.

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To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 1st March 1899, No. 193.

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I understand that the owner of the property demands about Rs. 13,500 for it, quite its full value, for a couple of thousand rupees will be required to be spent on the side bungalows and out-houses, but supposing the eventual cost of the place was Rs. 15,000, the interest at 7 per cent. on this sum would not give an excessive rent to pay; Mr. Logan and myself paid Rs. 90 per mensem when we occupied the place. Should the compound be divided up, a portion of the purchase money would be distributed over the new bungalow for the area of the compound allotted to each. The Engineer-in-Chief would have the office ready made to go into, and by not erecting the temporary office, the loss of about Rs. 3,500, cash expenditure and depreciation of materials would be avoided

I send you a plan of the buildings and of the ground belonging to them.

From—The Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—22nd February 1899, No. M.P. 48/3.

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I have asked the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway to submit a report also on the advantages accruing to the purchase of the property from his point of view.

I am informed the present owner has a clear legal title to the property and that from previous valuations made it is well worth the sum asked for.

I sincerely trust that sanction may be obtained for its purchase in the future interests of the Company.

From—The Engineer-in-Chief, Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—23rd February 1899, No. M.P. 48/7.

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this office letter No. M P. 48/3, dated 22nd February 1899.

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Office-note from—The Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
Dated—9th March 1899.

I do not see any objection to the proposed purchase, provided it is understood that on completion of the construction of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, the South Indian Railway will pay for the estate at its then value. If the Agent agrees to this, the purchase might be sanctioned by the Local Government.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 13th March 1899, No. 238.

In reply to your memo., No. 849 of the 11th March 1899, regarding the purchase of a bungalow in Trichinopoly to provide office accommodation for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways, I have the honour to inform you that the bungalow in question will be taken over by the South Indian Railway on completion of the construction of the above mentioned lines or perhaps even before.

Office-note from—The Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
Dated—Madras, 16th March 1899.

Sanction to the purchase of the building may now be accorded by the Local Government. The Government of India should be furnished with a copy of the order for information.

Order—No. 377 Ry., dated 7th March 1899.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent, South Indian Railway, sanction is accorded to the proposed expenditure of Rs. 17,500 on the purchase, repair, and furniture of an office at Trichinopoly for the Engineer-in-Chief of the Madura-Pamban and Tinnevelly-Quilon Railways.

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3. On the completion of the extensions the property will be brought, at its then value, into the Capital account of the South Indian Railway.

4. This sanction has been registered as No. 42 of 1898-99.

5. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India.

[Here enter No. 378 Ry., dated 7th March 1899.]

(True Extract.)

Francis J. E. Spring,
Joint Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Agent, South Indian Railway.
„ Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Endorsement—No. 378 Ry., dated 7 March 1899.

Forwarded.

(By order.)

Joint Secretary.

Despatched on 11/3/99.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

RAILWAY.

Government {1899} of Madras.

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G.O., Nos. 377, 378 Ry., April March 1899.

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