

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 555. *Hy*
DATED 10th May, 1899.

Includes No. 294 Hy 15/3/99

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Special Allowance to Mr. F. F. Smith,
Ag. Chief Eng^r, S.Ry.*

*Coming to the Agent, letter from the
Govt. of India sanctioning the grant of a —
sufficient to bring up his salary to Rs 1450 per
mensem, during the time he may act as Chief
Eng^r.*

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South Indian Railway Company, Limited.

Extract from the Managing Director's Letter No. 224, dated London,
the 27th January 1899.

Subject.

Extract :—

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY.

16th February 1899.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No. 137
of 16 February 1899

(True Extract)

Notes

South Indian Railway.

Extract from the Agent's Letter No. 617, dated Trichinopoly,
the 21st December 1898, to the Managing Director.

Staff

Personal Allowance to the Acting Chief Engineer. In the packet I forward, for the favorable consideration of the Board of Directors, a copy of letter No. B/⁴⁰⁸⁰/₂₆₄₁ dated the 20th December, 1898, from the Chief Engineer recommending that, in view of the additional work involved by the Madura-Pamban, and Tinnevely-Quilon, Extensions, a personal allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem be given to Deputy Chief Engineer Mr. F. F. Smith when the latter acts as Chief Engineer.

Enclosure

Copy of letter No. B/⁴⁰⁸⁰/₂₆₄₁ dated 20th December, 1898, from the Chief Engineer regarding the grant of a personal allowance to the Acting Chief Engineer.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY.

True Extract.

16th Feb 1899

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter

No. _____ of _____ 189

for Agent.

Agent

South Indian Railway.

Copy of a letter, No B 4080F/ 2641, dated 20th December 18 98
from the Chief ENGINEER
to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Establishment Rolls, 1899-1900

Your No M 1123/2118²³ of 17th Instant

In continuation of my No 2608 of 16th Instant, I have the pleasure to give you the fuller proposals with regard to the increase of pay recommended for Mr F.F.Smith while acting as Chief Engineer. If it had not been for your taking leave and my transfer to your Office while on Furlough, I should have recommended that Mr F.F.Smith be placed in charge of the Construction of the Madura Pantan and Tinnevely Quilon Railway Extensions; but as the interest of the Railway Company required that he should remain on the Open line, he has lost this chance of temporary promotion, and Mr T.Michell, drawing pay nearly equal to that of the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway, has been appointed to the Office. Although the appointment of Mr T.Michell is in a great measure independent of the Chief Engineer, yet the Chief Engineer or his Locum Tenens will have a final say in the matter of the alignment of these extensions and is to have the power of inspection of his work. The

(True Copy)

16th February 1899

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No.

W. de Meurriet
for Agent

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ensem chargeable to construction (Rs 100 for each of the

Extensions) be given to Mr Smith while acting as Chief Engineer.

His acting pay from the S.I. Railway will be ^{Rs} 1262½, and the

Rs 200 allowance is not too much to ask for.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY.

16th February 1899

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No.

(True Copy).

W. Mcguire
for Agent

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Extensions must enter additional work on the Chief Engineer

of the S.I. Railway and while Mr F. Smith is acting for me

there will be anomaly of the virtually superior drawing less

pay than the Engineer-in-Chief in charge of the construction

of the Extensions.

Mr F. Smith considering his service with the S.I. Ry

and his capabilities should naturally be the man to benefit

by such an opportunity as has now offered itself and as cir-

cumstances have rendered it necessary that he should be passed

over he should not suffer more than possible and while he

holds the superior officer's position he should be as regards pay

equal to Mr Michell whose work he will have the power of

supervising.

When in England, I fully discussed this eventually

both with Mr Holman and with Sir G. Bruce and I understood that

my proposal to increase Mr Smith's pay temporarily would be

received with favor. Sir G. Bruce expressed himself disappointed

that the necessity for Mr Smith's supersession should arise.

I recommend that a personal allowance of Rs 200 per

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Extension) be given to Mr Smith while acting as Chief Engineer.
His acting pay from the S.I. Railway will be 1200M and the
Rs 200 allowance is not too much to ask for.

AGENT'S OFFICE
TRICHINOPOLY
16th February 1899

No. 137

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 16th February 1899.



From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying extracts

from:-

My letter No 617 dated 21st December 1898 to the
Managing Director.
Managing Director's letter No 224 of 27th January
1899 to myself
together with a copy of the
Chief Engineer's letter mentioned in my
communication to the
Board,

I have the
honour to apply for sanction to the grant of a
personal allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem to
Deputy Chief Engineer Mr. F. F. Smith, when he
acts as Chief Engineer, which will probably be
for a period of eighteen months from 1st April
1899.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

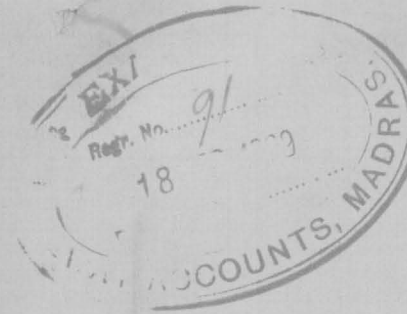
M. de Measuris
for Agent.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 17th February 1899.

No. 542

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 137, dated 16th February 1899, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts, for remarks.

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for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

Mr. Smith's present pay is Rs 900 plus a personal allowance of Rs 100.

The Chief Engineer, whose pay is Rs 1300 + 75 = 1600, will be entitled to Rs 1525 from the 18th April 99, so that from that date Mr. Smith will be acting Chief Engineer be entitled to $\frac{Rs\ 900 + 100\ P.A. + 1525}{2} = Rs\ 1262\frac{1}{2}$; and

it is apparently intended that he should be granted a further allowance of Rs 200 per annum in addition to this acting salary, which would bring the total salary to Rs 1462 $\frac{1}{2}$ or Rs 162 $\frac{1}{2}$ in excess of the minimum pay of Chief Engineer.

The proposal will require sanction of the Govt of India.

W. Allen
CR 20/2/99

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

Dated
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ENCLOSURE.

H. E. The Governor.

For Order.

Capt Shelley goes on leave, and his Chief Engineer Mr Spalding acts for him. Mr F. F. Smith acts as Chief Engineer in lieu of Mr Spalding. and for this his pay will be raised, under the ordinary rules. from Rs 1000 to Rs 1262.

The Agent, with the approval of his Board now asks for an additional special allowance of Rs 200 for Mr Smith, on the grounds of the additional work and responsibility devolving on him in consequence of the construction of the Travancore & Pamban Railway. Had Capt Shelley not been going on leave the same reason might with equal force have been put forward for giving the additional allowance of Rs 200 to Mr Spalding.

But when it was arranged that the S. I. B. C. should build the two new lines it was known perfectly well that Mr Spalding would soon be acting for Capt Shelley - that Mr F. F. Smith would act as Chief Engineer, and it was because I and all concerned knew perfectly well that Mr F. F. Smith was not fit to superintend the extension that we arranged to specially borrow Mr Theo. Mitchell from Government, and to place him in charge of the new extension under the Agent. It was also specially arranged, to save from Mr Smith's annual progress, that he, as acting Chief Engineer of the Company should at any time be brought

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it meaning have access to the Mitchell's plans. But
it was specially agreed that beyond this he was to
have no control over him.

The present proposal is an appeal for
misericórdia on the Smith's behalf. It seems
regret that the special man, the Mitchell, should
draw more pay than the Company's Acting Chief Engineer
and Capt. Shillington's real object is to find some sort
of an excuse for giving the Smiths a share at
least of pay for two or three years before his
retirement, (less I think).

The Smith will undoubtedly have some extra work
and correspondence in his office on the inception of the
new line. But he will have no responsibility. He pays
after all in from out of pay for a man approaching
55 without a pension or any provision except that
he can save after paying for an extensive and expensive
family. But I think that it is more proper
to fairly ^{look at} ~~pay~~ it in this way instead of supporting
the fiction that the extra pay is to be given as
allowance for responsibilities which have been
specially flaked off from the Smith because he
is not fit to face them.

I recommend that we proceed to the Govt. of India the
Lieut. letter No. 137 dated the 16th Feb. 99, and say that
although it is not admitted of this fact, that most additional
work or responsibility will devolve on the Smith in
consequence of the new extension, it is recommended, ~~that~~ in
consideration of all the circumstances of the case, that a
special allowance be granted to the Smith sufficient to bring up
his emolument to Rs. 1450 per mensem. (He has asked for Rs. 1462 1/2)
during the time he may be acting as Chief Engineer of the S.I.B.

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Government of Madras.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.**

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Noted 15. March 1899.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Agent S. I. R. No. 137 dt 16.2.99. with enclosures and to say that although, on account of the appointment of Mr. Mitchell as Eng. in Chief of the Madras Pamban & Travancore extensions, it is not admitted by this Govt. that much additional work or responsibility will devolve on Mr. Smith, it appears ^{from the} ~~from the~~ ^{superior} ~~superior~~ that the officer in charge of the construction of extensions should ^{not} draw ^{higher} ~~more~~ pay than the Company's Acting Chief Engineer who has access to & power to scrutinize the plans & estimates of these extensions, it is recommended in consideration ^{of the} ~~of the~~ special circumstances of the case that a special allowance be granted to Mr. Smith sufficient to bring up his salary ^{consequently} to Rs. 1450 per mensem during the time he may act as Chief Engineer of the S. I. R. while the

Madura Pambala & Travancore extensions
are in progress

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Despatched on 17-3-99.

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Public Works (1899) Department.

Railway Branch

CURRENT No. 635

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Letter to the Govt of India
No 294 Rg dt 15.3.99.
from
No 788 Rg dt 28.4.99

From The Govt of India

Order No 555 Rg dated 10/5/99
Communicated to
the Agent S.L.Rg.

No. 788 Rg

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Dated the 28th April 1899
Received " 8th May 1899
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SUBJECT.

To the Agent S.L.Rg.
" Enq. for the Ac-
" Caus. Enq. for the

Special Allowance
Mr. J. J. Smith, Esq.
Chief Engr. S.L.Rg.

Sanctioning the grant
of a — sufficient
to bring up his salary
to Rs 1450 p.m.

This closes the affair. Please to
send it to the Agent, Bangalore.
FMS

FURTHER PAPERS.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENTS.

*All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.*

To

Simla, the 23th April 1899.

Sir,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

C. H. Walker

Nil.

J.B.M.