

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 614-15. Ry.

DATED 30th May 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

European Artisans

Order that the replies of the Ry.
Adms under the Control of this Dept. in
regard to the similar difficulty experi-
enced in obtaining the services of effi-
cient — to fill posts in the Loco. Dept.
be forwarded to the Dept. of India.

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Railway
CURRENT No. 674

From
The Book of India

No. 809 R.E.

Dated 2nd May 1899

Received

Registered 15.5.99

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

European artisans.
stating that it has
been represented by the
Manager North Western
Ry. that considerable diffi-
culty has been experienced
in obtaining the services of
efficient — to fill posts
in the Locomotive Depart-
ment & inquiring whether
a similar difficulty has
been experienced on the
lines under the Control
of the Madras Govt.

Order

no: 1539
15/5/58

1575-29

10.5.99
JER.

G H Walker

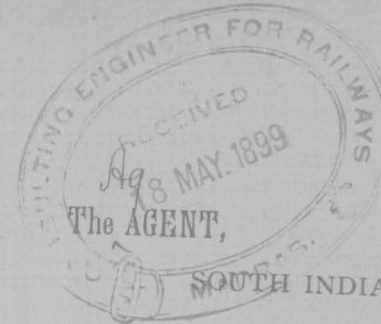
No. 2164

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 17th May 1899.

From



To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to the question put in your letter No. 1539 of 15th May I have the honor to inform you that I have never heard of there being any difficulty in obtaining men in England to come out to this Country to take up the post of Foremen on the pay that has been in force for years past. Draftsmen are obtained in this Country.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. D.

M. Spalding
Ag. Agent.

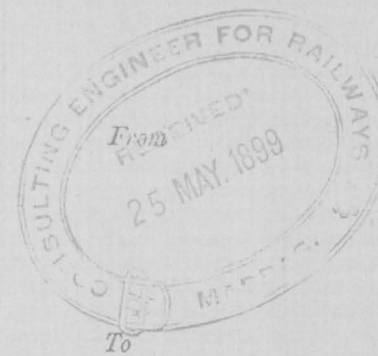
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10.5.99.
P. E. K.

No. 11843.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 25th May 1889.

The Agent and Manager,

M. R. Co.,

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Madras.

With reference to your endorsement N^o. 1539 dated the 15th instant on Government of India letter N^o. 809 dated the 2nd idem, I have the honor to state there is no question but that the difficulty of obtaining the services of efficient Europeans to fill the posts referred to in the letter is daily increasing, and that the time is approaching, if it has not already arrived, when considerable increases in the pay offered will have to be made to secure the necessary supply of these men.

2. The last occasion on which an indent was made for a warranted Spring Smith, it was not found to be possible to obtain a suitable man at the usual rate; and the Board were therefore compelled to increase the pay offered from a maximum of Rs. 237/- to Rs. 250/- at which rate Spring Smith Austin was sent out;

Similarly

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

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Similarly in the case of two Enginemen sent from home under covenant, the fixed pay was increased from Rs: 248/- to Rs: 250/-.

3. The alternative, of course, is to restrict indents for men of this class as far as possible; but a certain sprinkling of competent European Artisans is a necessity, and as the market value in England has risen, the value in India must, I am afraid, be expected to correspondingly rise.

4. Competent and fully qualified Mechanical Draftsmen cannot, I am informed, be obtained in India, and the salaries hitherto paid are not sufficient to obtain good men from home.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

James S M V S
Agent and Manager.

Remels
Til
D. W.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager,

M. R. Co.,

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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Recd.

No.

ERs C. No. 2600

NOTE FOR Sr

26.5.99

In their letter No 809 RE of 2 May 1899 the Govt. of India State that it has been represented to them by the Manager North Western Railway that considerable difficulty has been experienced for some time past in obtaining the services of efficient European Artisans to fill posts in the Locomotive Dept., such as General Foreman, Foreman Engine, Shed Foreman and Chief Draftsman, on the pay formerly offered for these appointments & they ask ~~that~~ whether a similar difficulty has been experienced on the lines under the control of this Govt.

The matter was referred to the Agent Manager S. I. Railways whose replies are attached.

As
Forward draft to Sr
for approval.



26.5.99

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following,

Letter from the
Govt. of India P.W.D. } H.E. No. 809 R.E. of 2. 5. 99

ER's Endorsement - " - " - 1539 of 15. 5. 99

Letter from A. - " - " - 464 of 17. 5. 99

Letter from A.M. - " - " - 11843 of 25. 5. 99

No. 614 R.E. dated 30/5/99
The Government.

of India will be addressed.

H.E. No. 615 R.E. of 30 May 1899
To

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

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 809 R.E. of 2 May 99 in which you state that it has been represented to the Govt. of India by the manager

The Agent Manager Ry confirms the representation made by the Manager North Western Railway that the Agent S. & Ry reports that he has had no such difficulty in filling up the posts of Foremen with men from England & that Foremen are obtained in this country. -

The replies of the Agents will be forwarded to India. - Dept put up

26/5/99

North Western Railway that
considerable difficulty has
for some time past been
experienced in obtaining
the services of efficient European
Artisans to fill posts in the
Locomotive Department such
as Engine Foremen, Firemen
& Erectors, Shop Foremen and
Chief Draftsmen on the pay
formerly offered for these ap-
pointments and you enquire
whether a similar difficulty
has been experienced on the
lines under the control of the
Government. -

2. In reply I am to
forward the accompanying
copies of letters from the Agents
Messrs S. J. Railways on the
subject.

A.M's N^o. 11843 of 25.5.99
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As - - 464 of 17.5.99

3. The Agent & Manager Messrs
Railways confirms the representations
made by the Manager N. W. Ry;
but the Agent S. J. Ry reports that
he has had no such difficulty with
regard to Foremen & that Drafts-
men are obtained in this country.

Yd
29.5.99.

Documents accompanying:-
Paper Papers noted on
the enclosure

Despatched on 30/5/99