

Public Works (1890) Department.

CONCERNS BOTH BRITISH INDIA
AND INDIAN STATES.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 739-40. Ry.

DATED 6th July 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

Shoranur-Cochin Metre Gauge Branch
of the Madras Railway.

Approving, with remarks, the selection by the Cochin
Darbar of the Inkycy as the Agency for Constructing
& working the — & ordering that the Govt of India
be addressed on certain ^{other} matters connected therewith.

Forwarding, with remarks, Copy of Res. passing
orders on the subject selection by the Cochin Darbar
of the Inkycy as the Agency for Constructing
& working the — & on certain other matters
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Approving, with remarks, the selection by the Cochin Durbar of the Madras Railway Company as the agency for constructing and working the —, and ordering that the Government of India be addressed on certain other matters connected therewith.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

G.O., No. 578 Ry., dated 13th May 1899.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 7th June 1899, No. 1074 R.C.

With reference to the "memorandum of matters preliminarily agreed to" relative to the Shoranur-Cochin Railway, received under cover of your endorsement No. 579 Ry., dated the 13th May 1899, I am directed to observe that there are some points therein which depart from the usual terms for branch lines, to which your attention is invited:

- (1) The drift of paragraph (1) C of the note dated 19th April 1899, by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, attached to the memorandum is not very clear. Remittances must be made to England to meet the cost of stores purchased by the Madras Railway Board.
- (2) The terms of working stated in paragraph 15 of the memorandum are unusually liberal; it is not usual to give the working company any share of surplus profits, and the rate of interest to be applied before declaring them, viz., 3 per cent., appears too low.
- (3) As regards paragraph 17 of memorandum it is usual for the cost of police during construction to be borne *wholly* by Capital, and for the Government to bear a share only after the line is opened.

From—The Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—The Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund.
Dated—Trivandrum, 26th June 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1897.

With reference to G.O.,* No. 326, Political, dated 20th May 1899, on the subject of the Shoranur-Cochin Railway, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter, * Communicating G.O., No. 578 Ry., Ref. on C. No. A., dated 23rd instant, received from the Diwan of Cochin in reply to a reference I made to him on the subject.

2. The Diwan has promised to address me separately regarding the provision of land, on the receipt of which I shall submit my further report about it, together with the reply from the Diwan of Travancore which has just been received.

ENCLOSURE.

From—The Diwan of Cochin.
To—The British Resident in Travancore and Cochin, Trivandrum.
Dated—Ernakulam, 23rd June 1899, Ref. on C. No. A.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 8th June 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1583, and the copy of the order of the Madras Government, dated 13th May 1899, No. 578 Ry., forwarded to me with your endorsement, dated 29th May 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1564.

2. I am directed by His Highness the Raja to say that he accepts the arrangements stated in paragraphs 1 to 6 of the minutes of conference held at Balgatti, and His Highness desires me to request that the Madras Government may be moved to settle with the Madras Railway Company accordingly.

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the minutes of conference, arrangements will be made with the Bank of Madras at Madras in regard to all payments to be made at Madras. This is a matter of detail which may be left to the Durbar. And in regard to all payments, whether made within the Cochin State at Durbar Treasuries or at Madras, I shall see that they are made without any delay, provided that the Madras Railway Company furnishes me with the information referred to in paragraph 5 of the minutes of conference.

4. In regard to paragraphs 9 and 10 of the minutes of conference, His Highness has directed me to say that the suggestions are accepted by him.

5. A separate communication is being prepared for submission to you in regard to the question of land.

6. With reference to paragraph 12 of the minutes of conference, if it be considered that, in view to the fact that as the bridges over the Shalakudi and Karumali rivers have to be fitted for road traffic as well, a portion of the expenditure in the construction of these bridges should be debited to the Public Works Department, the Durbar has no objection to do so.

7. His Highness accepts the arrangements in regard to the Postal Department referred to in paragraph 13 of the minutes of conference. And in regard to paragraph 14, I am directed by His Highness to request that it be particularly stipulated that the Madras Government's control of all designs, estimates, &c., be final.

8. The arrangements for working the railway when completed, referred to in paragraph 15 of the minutes of conference, appear to His Highness to be reasonable, and are accepted by him.

9. His Highness understands that the usual cession of complete jurisdiction over all lands occupied by the railway will have to be ceded to the British Government, and that seven-tenths of the cost of the police over the railway will have to be borne by the railway, and that the remaining three-tenths borne in proportion to the mileage by the Durbar.

Endorsement of the Political Department, dated 29th June 1899, No. 1696.

Transferred to the Public Works Department (Railway).

ORDER—No. 739 Ry., dated 6th July 1899.

The selection of the Madras Railway Company by the Cochin Durbar as the agency for constructing and working the Cochin metre gauge branch, is approved, and that Company's Agent and Manager should take the orders of his Board in regard to the terms proposed at the Balgatti conference for its construction and working—terms which have now been confirmed by the Durbar.

2. The Agent, Madras Railway Company, is hereby authorized, should he see fit to do so, to proceed with all necessary arrangements for the construction of the branch in anticipation of his Board's sanction under the control of this Government's Consulting Engineer.

3. The Agent should intimate in advance month by month to the Durbar, through the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, what credits are likely to be required to meet his drafts on the Durbar Treasuries and on the Bank of Madras. Remittances to England on account of indents and other English expenditure, should be made by the Agent, through the Bank of Madras, whose "Cochin Railway Account current" will be kept in funds by the Durbar, to meet this and other expenditure to be incurred on account of the Cochin Railway by the Agent, Madras Railway Company, in accordance with the intimations given in his monthly notices of his probable requirements.

4. The cost of any Police required for the purposes of the railway prior to its opening for traffic, whether supplied by the Madras Government or by the Cochin or the Travancore Durbars, will be debited wholly to Capital. After the line shall have been opened for traffic seven-tenths of the cost of Police will be debited to railway working expenses and the remaining three-tenths will be borne, in proportion to mileage, by the three Administrations.

5. The Resident should arrange for the cession of jurisdiction to the British Government over the lands to be occupied by the Railway, in accordance with the orders communicated in G.O., No. 339, Political, dated the 29th May 1899.

6. The further communication promised by the Resident on the subject of land in Travancore territory required by the Cochin Railway, is awaited.
The Government of India will be addressed.

[Here enter No. 740 Ry., dated 6th July 1899.]

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
" Political Department.
" Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" Financial Department.

Ext. T. K. Narayana Aiyengar.

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Letter, No. 740 Ry., 6th July 1899.

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Shoranur-Cochin Metre Gauge Branch of the Madras Railway

Forwarding, with remarks, copy of Proceedings passing orders on the selection by the Cochin Durbar of the Madras Railway Company as the agency for constructing and working the — and on certain other matters connected therewith.

Public Works (1899) Department.

P. W. Ry.
CURRENT No. 781.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

LETTER—from

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING, Esq., C.I.E.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Railway Branch,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1074 R.C., dated the 7th June 1899, I am directed to forward a copy of this Government's Proceedings, No. 739 Ry., dated the 6th July 1899, passing orders on the subject of the Cochin Branch.

2. In your letter under reply attention is invited to three points in which the terms usual for Branch lines are said to have been departed from in the memoranda of matters preliminarily settled at the Balgatti Conference. I am consequently instructed to explain as follows:—

- (1) The matter is cleared up in clause 3 of the order contained in the Proceedings.
- (2) The point was not lost sight of at the Balgatti Conference, where it was conceded by the Durbar that the profits likely to be secured from the working of the branch between its opening and the termination of the Madras Railway Company's contract are unlikely to be excessive even at so low a rate as 3 per cent.
- (3) The matter has been rectified in clause 4 of this Government's Order.

3. With reference to the suggestion contained in paragraph 14 of the Balgatti Conference Proceedings and accepted in the latter part of paragraph 7 of the Cochin Durbar's letter, dated 23rd June 1899, I am directed to say that in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council full control of all designs, estimates and expenditure, and in fact the unfettered administration of the Cochin Branch Railway, may well be delegated by the Government of India to this Government as desired by the Durbar. The circumstances are special, the Durbar providing all capital without any sort of aid or guarantee from the Supreme Government, and the Madras Railway Company who are guaranteed by the Imperial Government not being to any appreciable extent interested in the capital cost of the line.

4. On learning of the Madras Railway Company's acceptance of the proposed terms, the necessary agreements will be prepared for submission to the Government of India for approval before being finally signed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

Order

From The Secy of India

No. 1074 R.C.

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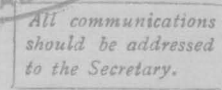
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SUBJECT.

Shorannur - Cochin Ry.

Drawing attention to
certain points in the
"Memorandum of matters
preliminarily agreed to"
relative to the



RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Sir,

Political (1899) Department.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

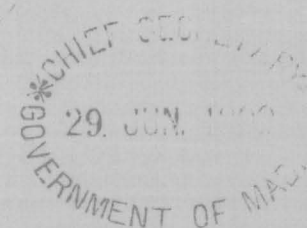
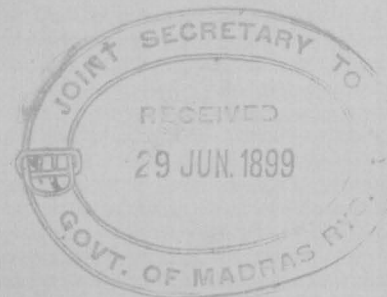
Your most obedient servant,

F. Russell

Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.



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From

Mr. J. Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

Defm C No. 1897.

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SUBJECT.

About the Shortland
Cochin Railway in relation
to the minutes of the
Conference held at
Kobayashi.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Huzur Cutcherry, Ernakulam.

23rd June, 1899.

Ref on C No.A.

From,

P. Rajagopalachari, Esq.,
Diwan of Cochin.

To,

F. A. Nicholson, Esq., C.S., C.I.E.,
Ag. British Resident in
Travancore and Cochin,
T r i v a n d r u m.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th June, 1899, Ref on C No.1583, and the copy of the order of the Madras Government, dated 13th May, 1899, No.578 Railway, forwarded to me with your endorsement dated 29th May, 1899, Ref on C No. 1564.

2. I am directed by His Highness the Raja to say that he accepts the arrangements stated in para§1 to 6 of the minutes of conference held at Bolghatty, and His Highness desires me to request that the Madras Government may be moved to settle with the Madras Railway Company accordingly.

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I have &c.,

(Sd.) P. Rajagopalachari,

Diwan.

(True copy.)

F. A. Vaidyan

Resident's Office,

Trivandrum, 26th June 1899.

Ag. Resident.

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Resident's Office,
Trivandrum, 26th June 1899

Ref on C No.1897.

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F. A. Nicholson Esq., I.C.S.,

To,

Ag. Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

The Chief Secretary to Government,

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

1 Encl

G. O. No. 573 Ry., dated the 13th May 1899.

Quote
Print

Letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 1074 R.C.
dated the 7th June 1899.

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Letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, No. 1897, dated the
26th June 1899.

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ORDER. No 739 Ry dated 6/7/99

His Excellency the Governor.
The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel C.S.I.
" " Mr. H.M. Winterbotham, I.C.S.

Chief Secretary Pol. Dept.
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No. 740 Ry

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
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*To the Agents & Managers
Madras Ry. Co.
" Comr. Engrs. for Ry.
" Exam. & Acc. Ry. Accts.
" Political Dept.
" Res. in Travancore & Cochin
" Financial Dept.*

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Railway Company's contract are unlikely to be excessive even at so low a rate as 3%.

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Document accompanying
Copy of Nos referred to.

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