M.R.O. 14—10,000—21-4-22.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2254 Press
Mis.

264-265

Dated 22 — 10 — 1862.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd October 1862.

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 17th October 1862, No. 579 :—

Sanction the payment of Rupees 5,000 to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway on account of Store shed at Beypore. (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings, 17th October 1862, Nos. 67—69.)

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1862, No. 2,254.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from ROBERT B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 24th September 1862, No. 555.

From Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer, No. 526, 27th August.
From Acting Consulting Engineer, No. 537, 1st September.
From do. „ 567, 10th „

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of the communications noted in the margin, having reference to the proposed Salt Depôt at Beypoor.

2. On Saturday morning last, I had the pleasure in company with the Chief Engineer, to meet Mr. Bates, the Deputy Collector of Calicut, at Beypoor, and discuss on the ground the merits of the several sites mentioned for the erection of a Salt Gollah.

3. Mr. Bates, I think, was thoroughly convinced that our Stores Shed was the most eligible position for a Salt Godown, not only on account of the easy access to the river, but also on account of the small outlay which would have to be incurred in providing Sidings, &c. &c., for the efficient conduct of the traffic.

4. This being the case, I intimated to Mr. Bates our willingness to transfer to Government our present Stores building at Beypoor, together with the ground between the building and the water for a second store, also the strip of ground north of the building for a bandy stand, and undertook to provide a clear passage for bandies from the stand to the old road, upon being paid the sum which this Company has already expended in the erection of the Stores Shed, viz., Rupees 10,217-9-4, as shown below:

Form D. to 31st August ...	...	...	...	Rupees	4,774	11 10
Workshops. December 1861 ...	2,282	8	7	„	5,442	13 6
Workshops. August 1862	3,160	4	11			
				Total...	10,217	9 4

5. If a Salt Store were built upon the site of the temporary Carpenters' Shed, (which it is not our intention at present to remove,) or upon the Sea-beach, a large outlay for Sidings, Turn-tables, &c. &c., would have to be incurred; and as there is no doubt in my mind of the desirableness of conducting the Salt traffic from our present Store building, I trust that Government will be pleased to approve my recommendation and issue the necessary instructions, so that no time may be lost in dealing with the important matter.

6. I have the honor to return the sketches which accompanied your favor No. 567.

In my letter, No. 170, of the 25th ultimo to the address of the Chief Secretary, I reported that I had made a reference to the Collector of Malabar regarding the price asked by the Agent of the Madras Railway for the Stores Shed at Beypoor.

2. The Collector has replied* forwarding a copy of a letter which he addressed Government on the 25th ultimo, and observing that he thinks "the price asked by the Agent for the laterite shed is more than it is worth to Government, as equally suitable accommodation for Salt could be raised for less than Rupees 5,000."

* Letter, No. 3,993, dated 29th September 1862.

3. "If the Government Stores," writes the Collector, "is erected at another place, the Railway Company, not Government, will be the losers, as it would still be the Company's interest to lay down rails."

"If Government establish their Stores on the site now alluded to; this expense will be saved the Company. I think therefore they should give Government the building for Rupees 5,000."

"I am clearly of this opinion, and I think Government should arrange accordingly. If the Company are obdurate there is a site on the beach though it is not as convenient for any party."

4. In para. 3 of his letter to Government, dated 25th ultimo, the Collector states that "at the same time as the site is undoubtedly a very desirable one, I should be inclined to give the whole sum demanded," &c.

5. I would recommend therefore, and with reference to para. 4 of the Agent's letter, that the Stores Shed be purchased for the sum (Rupees 10,217-9-4) which it has cost the Railway Company to build it; it being as much to the interest of Government, as to that of the Railway to locate the Salt Depôt in a convenient position.

6. The letter and the Memo. received with Order No. 485, of the 10th ultimo, were returned to the Government Office, on the 17th idem, but the two tracings received are herewith sent.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Captain,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, *3rd October* 1862.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 16th October 1862, No. 708.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 647 of the 10th instant, and in reply beg to state, that by disposing of our Stores Shed to Government for a sum of Rupees 5,000, this Company will incur a direct loss of Rupees 5,217-9-4.

2. Under ordinary circumstances, I should have considered it unwise, to have accepted such an offer, when a positive loss is shewn, but inasmuch as it has been found better to have but one General Store for the South West Line, viz., that at Madras, and bearing in mind how very desirable it is to remove the Salt Depôt from Ponany to Beypore, as also that our Store Shed is the most eligible position for a Salt Godown, and the one which will involve the Company in the least expenditure for sidings, &c., I believe the course I am taking to be the correct one, in which Mr. Smart entirely concurs.

3. I shall therefore be prepared to hand over to Government our unfinished Store Shed at Beypore, and comply with the several conditions specified in para. 1 of your letter, No. 567, upon receiving an Order for the sum of Rupees 5,000.

4. As this is the season for moving the Salt, I trust that no time will be lost in disposing of the matter.

Forwarded to Government with reference to Order No. 560, dated the 9th instant.

2. The conditions specified in para. 1 of my letter, No. 567, and to which the Agent refers in para. 3, are those stated in para. 3 of Mr. Ballard's Memorandum.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Captain,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, *17th October*, 1862.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1862, No. 579.

The Government sanction the payment of the sum of Rupees (5,000) five thousand to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway on account of the Store Shed at Beypore which he has agreed to make over, on the conditions adverted to in the Order of the 9th instant, for a Salt Depôt at that Station.

2. A copy of this Resolution will be furnished to the Revenue Department, and also to the Public Works Department, whence instructions will be issued for providing for the immediate payment of the sum now sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
(with an enclosure returned.)

Revenue Department,
Public Works do.
Deputy Auditor and Accountant General,
Civil Paymaster,
Collector of Malabar,

With a copy of the Government Proceedings, 9th October 1862, No. 560.

Cartledge.

Revenue 1862 Oct.
Pro: of Govt. for October
No. 2910.

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt. in
the Madras Rail:
way Dept.

Dated 17th Oct. 62.
Received 18th Oct. 62.

E-1 No. 579.

Sanctioning the
Payment of Rs. 5000 to
the Agent & Manager
of the Madras Rail:
way on account of
store shed at Bey:
poor.

No. 2254 - 22 Oct. 62.

Withdrawn or dest

No. 2254.

Ordered to be communi-
cated to the Board of Revenue.

Govt. Dept.
22 Oct. 62.
20/10/62

11 Copies Taken By Peve with P. T. R. D. No. 560 & 579 Dep. 22
with 1 Enclosure

No. 264 & 265.