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Railway.

Read the following paper:—

No. 38. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th July 1877, No. 374.

From Major K. A. JOFF, R.E., in charge of Bellary-Hubli State Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Bellary, 20th July 1877, No. 522.

I have the honor to bring to your notice, for the information of Government, that the earthwork of this railway lying within Madras Presidency limits will be completed certainly by the end of August, if not before that date, with the exception of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in the Bellary cantonment, and 3 miles under cultivation on the bank of the Toongabudra river, on neither of which lengths will it, I imagine, be thought desirable to employ labor until the completion of the railway is sanctioned by the Government of India.

2. There are at present about 10,000 coolies employed; but, as earthwork nears completion, large numbers will daily be thrown out of work, and this unavoidable diminution will continue until earthwork is finished.

3. I have the honor also to forward a copy of letter No. 3,510, dated 16th June, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay, to my address, with reference to the 3rd paragraph of which and to the information above submitted I beg to receive your instructions.

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. HANCOCK, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay, to Major K. A. JOFF, R.E., in charge of Bellary-Hubli State Railway, dated Bombay, 16th June 1877, No. 3,510.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 310, dated 7th instant.

2. For the present it will be necessary for Mr. Buyers to remain in the Dharwar District in accordance with the general instructions of the Bombay Government, to the effect that Civil and Public Works Officers are to remain at their posts until all fear of further distress is relieved by a sufficiently copious rain-fall, or until the gangs of relief laborers have dispersed to their customary employment. I have informed Mr. Buyers semi-officially that he should make Dharwar or Hubli his monsoon head-quarters, and shall be obliged if you will instruct him accordingly.

3. As regards yourself and the party employed in the Madras Presidency, it is desirable that you should communicate with the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, as the Madras Government may wish you to remain in Bellary.

4. Mr. Buyers has suggested staking out the branch from Hubli to Dharwar. He may as well do this when he cannot be more usefully employed; but Government attach more importance to the staking out of the main line, and it is desirable that the portion between the Bombay and Madras frontiers should be linked in as soon as possible.

5. Intimation has just been received that His Highness the Nizam's Government have assented to the survey and construction of the section by Government; and application to the Minister for an escort, as soon as a Survey Party is ready, to commence work will, no doubt, be readily and promptly attended to.

6. I shall be glad of your opinion whether the survey of this section can, without serious difficulty, be continued during the monsoon. If so, you might arrange with Mr. Buyers about carrying it out.

7. The plotting of the plans and sections, copying land plans, and making the necessary corrections in Mr. Shaw's estimates and designs will no doubt keep your establishment employed when in monsoon quarters.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. Major Jopp reports that the earthwork of the line within this Presidency will be finished before the end of August, with the exception of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles within the town and cantonment of Bellary, and 3 miles under cultivation on the bank of the Toongabudra river.

3. I understand it to be the wish of His Grace the Governor in Council that the earthwork within the Bellary town and cantonment should be now undertaken. After communication with the Collector of Bellary, Major Jopp has been authorised to construct such of the earthwork as lies within the bed of the Bellary tank; and it is suggested that, with the permission of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the work should also be carried out within the limits of the cantonment.

4. It is also recommended that, with a view to give employment to the large numbers who will be thrown out of work, arrangements should be made for commencing the earthwork of the line to the north of the Toongabudra river as far as the town of Copal. This part of the line lies within the dominions of His Highness the Nizam, but from the Proceedings of Government, dated 14th July 1877, No. 228 R. accompanying papers which have been received from the Government of India,

it will be seen that His Highness' Government have agreed to the construction of the line under the usual conditions as to the transfer of the requisite land and jurisdiction over it by the Judicial Superintendent of Railways.

5. It is understood that the survey of the line between the Toongabudra and Copal is well advanced, and that the construction of the earthwork might now be commenced if desired by Government. The Collector of Bellary is of opinion that the work would be of great use in providing employment for the distressed population of his district. Major Jopp has been requested to prepare at once the necessary land plans and schedules.

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of Major Jopp's letter, I understand it to be the desire of His Grace the Governor in Council that he should continue for the present to make Bellary his head-quarters.

(Signed) J. R. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 39

ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1877, No. 290 R.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves of the continuation of the railway earthwork through the town and cantonment of Bellary, care being taken to complete each existing thoroughfare as the work proceeds and to make necessary provision for waterways. The permission of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to carry on the work within the limits of the cantonment will be applied for in the Military Department.

2. The Government of India will be addressed with regard to the proposed continuation of the earthwork to the north of the Toongabudra river through the territory of His Highness the Nizam. In the meantime the Consulting Engineer for Railways will be directed to report upon the extent of employment for relief labour which will be afforded by the continuation of the line to Copal.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, Major Jopp will be informed that the Government wish him to continue to make Bellary his head-quarters for the present.

(Here enter No. 291 R, dated 4th August 1877.)

(True Extract.)

Manthorpe
Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

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20 Aug 1877

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Revenue Department (Finance).
.. Military Department.
.. District Engineer, Bellary.

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The Chief Engineer
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has the honor to
acknowledge the
receipt of the
letter of the
17th inst. and
in reply to inform
you that the same
has been forwarded
to the
proper authorities
for their consideration.
Yours faithfully,
The Chief Engineer