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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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22nd November 1878, No. 1,900.

Read the following paper :-

No. 318. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated 14th November 1878, No. 577.

Read the following letter from W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent, South Indian Railway Company, to Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 21st October 1878, No. 6,137.

Your letter No. 768 of the 26th of June last.

This subject was duly referred to the Acting Locomotive Superintendent, who informs me he fully concurs in the opinion given by Mr. Sheward in his letter of the 20th February last, which is as follows :-

"The question of wood-burning is as far as South Indian Railway is concerned quite a secondary consideration. Touching the coast as we do at four different sea-ports where coal can be landed, and in view of the fact that the wood-supply is very scarce indeed on our line, and that Government have stated that they cannot supply fuel at a lower rate than Rs. 6 or 7 as a minimum, it is preferable from every point of view to burn coal. The relative value of wood to coal is in reality $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 1, making wood fuel at Rs. 6 = Rs. 21 per ton of coal. We can always command Australian coal (which is a very good engine fuel) at Rs. 18, and have got it at Rs. 15."

2. With these views before me, I am not prepared to enter into an arrangement with the Forest Department for the purchase of wood fuel.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 893, of 12th June 1878, Revenue Department.

The Agent of the South Indian Railway Company declines to enter into any engagement with the Forest Department for the supply of fuel, and under present circumstances his action seems justifiable.

2. As regards the future, probabilities point rather to a decrease than an increase in the rate of East Indian coal, and no grounds appear to exist for recommending further outlay on the extension of the plantations in the Trichinopoly Forest Division in the interests of the Railway Department.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 319. ORDER THEREON 22nd November 1878, No. 1,900.

Forests, No. 27.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

"the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

enter into an arrangement with the Forest

No. 6137

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

MADRAS

21st October 1878

From

THE AGENT

South Indian Railway.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

Your letter of 768 of the 26th of June last.
 This subject was duly referred to the Acting Locomotive
 Superintendent, who informs me he fully concurs
 in the opinion given by Mr. Shewan in his letter
 of the 20th February last, which is as follows:
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 "that the wood supply is very ^{scarce} ~~scarce~~ ^{limited} ~~limited~~ on our
 "line and that Government have stated that they
 "cannot supply fuel at a lower rate than Rs 6/-
 "7/- as a minimum it is preferable from every point
 "of view to burn coal. The relative value of wood
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 "Rs 21 per ton of Coal. We can always command
 "Australian Coal (which is a very good engine fuel)
 "at Rs 18/- and have got it at Rs 15/-"
 With these data before me I am not prepared
 to enter into an arrangement with the Forest

REVENUE.

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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Dated November 22nd.

Printed 20th.

G.O. 22nd November 1878, No. 1900.

NOVEMBER.

No. 218-319.

Wood fuel for South Indian Railway.
 Communicated to the Conservator of Forests
 for his consideration from the Consulting Engineer for
 Railways inasmuch as the Agent of the South
 Indian Railway Company desires for wood
 fuel to enter into any arrangement with the
 Forest Department for the supply of wood fuel
 and also for the purpose of recommending
 further cutting on the extensive of plantations in
 the Madras Forest Division in the interests
 of the Railway Department.

Department for the purchase of wood fuel.
 Have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your obedient servant.
 William B. B. B.
 agent

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
 Railway Branch.

Consulting Engineer's Office,
 Madras, 14th Nov. 1878.

South Indian Railway Agents
 Letter No 613 dated 21st October 1878

Submitted No. 577 to Government

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 the Proceedings of Enquiry No 893
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The Agent of the South Indian
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2. As regards the future,
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From The Agent
 S. S. Railway
 Madras.

To The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways
 Madras.

Dated 21st
 Nov 23 1878
 W. B. B. B.

Chances upon local &
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Forest Division in the interests of
the Railway Department.

C. Smith Esq. M.P.
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The Consulting Engineer
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Mr W. Robinson

Subject.

Submitting letter
from Agent L. E. Ry.
regarding coal and
wood burning
No 1900

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