Public Works (1896) Department.

SERIAL
No. 74

G.O., No. 817R

DATED 26th September

[Despatch Abstract.]

Peralam-Karikal Railway – Ordered that the letters be addressed in the Political Department to His Excellency the Governor of French Settlements explaining certain points in connection with the estimates for and in regard to the submission of monthly accounts of expenditure to be incurred in the

[W. W. 1000-10-11-96.]

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SERIAL
No. 52

Letter
Petition from H.H. ~~Governor~~
of French Settlements in
India.

DATED 12th March 1896.

TRANSFERRED to the ~~Chief~~ Joint Secretary to
P.W.D. Railway Branch
Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
15th March 1896.

P.W. CURRENT : 2670

(1896) DEPARTMENT.

From C. F. Mac Carke Esq. C.S.I.
THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,

To
THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Railway Branch.

Dated 15 } March 1896.
Received }

ENCLOSURE. 1

Subject.
letter
TRANSFERS a ~~petition~~ from M. Clément Thomas
of French Settlements in India.

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Recd 16-3-96

Encl: 1

GOUVERNEMENT
DES
ETABLISSEMENTS FRANÇAIS DANS L'INDE

CABINET
DU
GOUVERNEUR

N° 19

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
LIBERTÉ. — ÉGALITÉ. — FRATERNITÉ.

Pondichery, le 12 Mars 1896.

M. CLÉMENT-THOMAS,
Gouverneur des Établissements français dans l'Inde,
à Son Excellence le
Très-Honorable Lord Wenlock, gouverneur
de la Présidence de Madras.
Fort-Saint-Georges.

Votre Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre de Votre Excellence en date du 31 Janvier 1896, indiquant les conditions dans lesquelles la construction du chemin de fer de Péralam à Karikal sera effectuée par la Compagnie du South Indian Railway. Je prie Votre Excellence d'agréer mes remerciements et suis heureux d'accepter les stipulations contenues dans la lettre précitée.

Je signalerai seulement l'avantage qu'il y aurait, si cela est possible, à rectifier ou à compléter ces conditions de la façon suivante :

1° la Compagnie du South Indian
Railway

Railway ayant manifesté le désir
que les fonds nécessaires aux dépenses
seront versés à la caisse de M.
l'Accountant général à Madrid,
c'est à cette caisse et non au trésor
de Cuddalore ou de Mayavaram
que mon Administration fera
parvenir les fonds;

2° La Compagnie communiquera
aux fonctionnaires de mon adminis-
chargés du contrôle du chemin de
fer tous les documents et renseigne-
dont ils auront besoin pour me
renseigner lorsque ce sera nécessaire

3° Il serait également désirable
que la Compagnie du South Indian
Railway put fournir à mon Admi-
nistration, à la fin de chaque mois
un rapport indiquant l'état d'avancem
des travaux et l'état des dépenses
faites, ainsi que le font, en France,
les compagnies de chemin de fer;

4° Je serai en outre très reco
à Votre Excellence de me permettre
de le consulter sur les divers
points: projets, estimations etc...
au sujet desquels les fonctionnaires
de mon administration pourraient
se trouver embarrassés. L'avis que
pourront fournir sur ces questions
les Ingénieurs du Gouvernement
de Votre Excellence sera en effet
pour nous d'un grand secours.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance
de la haute considération avec
laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,
de Votre Excellence,
le très obéissant serviteur.

Ch. [illegible]

SERIAL
No. 553

Letter
Petition from M. le Gouverneur
of French Settlements in India.

Dated 13 March 1896.

Transferred to the ~~Chief~~ Secretary to
Govt. Rly Branch
Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

Private Secretary.

Government House,
Guindy
15 March 1896.

P.W.D.
2670/96.

(1896) Department.

2671

From C.J. Macartie Esq. C.I.E.
~~The~~ Private Secretary to the
Right Honorable the Governor,

To
Joint
~~The Chief~~ Secretary
to Government,
Public Works Department.
Railway Boards.

Rec'd 16-3-96
Encl: 1

Dated 15th March 1896.
Received

Enclosure.-

Subject.

Letter
Transfers a petition from H.E. the Governor of French Settlements in India.

E.R

The Govt. of French Settlements
may object to two items in
the Estt. (1) land which is under
Ref. to Govt in (see ours 194R in
this file and (2) to Gen. Charges
Direction f (f. 37 of abstract).-
I can't find any ruling in the
rules for preparation of Govt. projects
& think we had better tell H. E. G. R.
that Hy. Govt. take them and settle
how the amount at the Project.

HA 28/3/96

Gouvernement
des
Établissements Français dans l'Inde

Cabinet
du
Gouverneur

N° 20

République Française
Liberté. — Egalité. — Fraternité

Pondichéry, le 13 Mars 1896

M. Clément-Thomas,
Gouverneur des Établissements français dans l'Inde,
à Son Excellence le
Très Honorable Lord Wenlock,
Gouverneur de la Présidence de
Madras.
Fort Saint George

Votre Excellence,

En réponse à votre lettre du 7 Février 1896, j'ai l'honneur d'informer Votre Excellence que, selon votre désir, une somme de 218.312 roupies va être mise à la disposition de la Compagnie du South Indian Railway pour subvenir aux dépenses d'exécution du chemin de fer de Peralam à Karikal. Conformément aux indications fournies par la Compagnie, cette somme sera versée à la Caisse de Mr. l'accountant général à Madras.

J'espère que les travaux pourront commencer sans retard. La Compagnie du South Indian Railway a soumis à mon administration les plans et devis de la ligne. Ces pièces sont parfaitement

établies

établies ; j'ai approuvé les plans, et j'aurais également approuvé l'estimation, si je n'avais eu des observations à présenter sur deux points, que je serais désireux de soumettre à Votre Excellence. Je vous serais, en effet, très obligé de vouloir bien les faire examiner et de me faire savoir l'avis de notre Gouvernement à leur sujet. Je vous communique à cet effet l'estimation dressée par le South Indian Railway.

Le premier point est relatif aux terrains pour lesquels l'estimation prévoit une dépense de 71.267 roupies, ou 4932 roupies par mille.

Je pense que cette somme devrait être retranchée de l'estimation. Sur le territoire français, en effet, mon administration fournira les terrains à la Compagnie. Sur le territoire de votre Gouvernement, j'ai l'honneur de demander si votre Excellence ne pourrait pas nous accorder gratuitement l'usage des terrains nécessaires aux termes de la décision du Gouvernement de l'Inde en date du 15 Septembre 1893, publiée par la "Gazette of India" du 16 Septembre, le gouvernement fournit gratuitement les terrains aux Compagnies privées qui construisent des embranchements destinés à être exploités par les administrations des lignes principales. Je pense que Votre Excellence pourra faire à notre Colonie les mêmes faveurs qu'à une compagnie privée, ainsi que nous l'a fait espérer dès le début, la bienveillance de S. E. le Vice-Roi qui, par lettres des 27 Septembre 1889 et 4 Mai 1892, a bien voulu nous faire savoir que les chemins de fer construits par notre Colonie seraient traités comme les entreprises privées de notre territoire, et considérés ensuite comme faisant partie du réseau général exploité par le South Indian Railway.

La seconde question que je désirerais soumettre au Gouvernement de Votre Excellence est relative à un article compris dans les frais généraux (général charges) sur lequel l'estimation ne contient pas des renseignements assez précis pour me permettre de donner toutes les explications qui pourraient m'être demandées par le Ministère des Colonies. Je veux parler de l'article qui a pour titre : "Direction" dans lequel figure une somme de 62.183 roupies, pour frais d'administration calculés à 10 pour cent du montant des travaux. Cette somme ne comprend pas les frais de personnel et autres (engineering, stores, audit and account, medical and sanitation, Government Supervision) qui constituent des articles spéciaux. Elle ne comprend pas non plus la surveillance des achats de matériel faits en Angleterre ;

l'estimation

l'estimation prévoit des frais spéciaux à cet effet (2½ per cent on English Stores for Board supervision). Je pense dès lors que cette somme de 62.183 roupies doit être affectée aux honoraires des Directeurs ou des hauts fonctionnaires de la Compagnie en France; les règlements existants fixent les frais de cette nature à 5 pour cent des travaux au lieu de 10. Ne connaissant pas les règles en vigueur dans notre Gouvernement, je serais très obligé à Votre Excellence de me faire connaître l'avis de notre administration sur le chiffre indiqué dans l'estimation de la Compagnie. Je désirerais que ce chiffre put être réduit autant que possible, les ressources de notre Colonie étant malheureusement très limitées; mais je serai très heureux de me conformer entièrement à l'avis de Votre Excellence.

Veuillez agréer l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

de Votre Excellence,

le très obéissant serviteur.

Clement Hill

PW&I
2671/96

No 951
23.3.96.

Agent S.L.R.

SERIAL
No. 54

Sir,

I have the honour to forward × copy of extracts from a letter from the Hon. the S. of State & the Statements in which he makes certain suggestions about the conduct of the work. The provision of funds has already been arranged for at Madras. I shall be glad to hear that you have no objection to leave (2) and (3) in order that I may inform Hon.

× omit for 4

Recp. Extract of French Govmt's letter & refd to

I.O. 19/3/96 12-3-96

Reminder
No 951 of 8.7.96. Dec 8/7/96.

HSF
19/3

Cmte.
24/3

SERIAL
No. 55

No. 952
23.3.96

Agent S.I.R

Sir,

~~I have rec'd a letter~~
~~from~~ H.E. Sir Clement Thomas
in acknowledging the receipt
from you of the plans and
Estimates of the Kankral
Bundar Line takes
Exception ~~in taken & have~~
to the items ₹ 71.267 for land
and ₹ 62.183 for contingencies
General charges, Direction,
Administration charges.
The question of the land is
under ref. with the Govt.
of India.
As regards the latter items
~~I agree with H.E. the Govt of~~
~~Bombay~~ Settlement ~~in thinking~~
~~the items too high~~ I am not-
aware what charges the
provided against Survey Salaries
and Allowances (Contin)
are already fully
drawn at 5.16% and and Supervising
Store etc are provided for
separately. Accordingly the
Direction charges salaries & Contin
I concur with H.E. the Govt of

Reminder
No. 952/1 dy 10.5.96. Issd 10/6/96.

No. 952/2 dy 8.7.96. Issd 6/7/96

2.

French settlement — thinking the charge is too high and should be glad to know how we could reduce it

19/3

CWM.

21/3

No. 810

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 5th Sept. 1896.

SERIAL No. 67

From

THE AGENT.
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to our letters No. 951 and 952 both dated the 23rd of March last and regarding certain matters in connexion with the Peralam: Karikal Railway I have the honor to inform you that the amount of Rs. 62,183 entered in the Estimate under XII. General Charges (1) Direction and Administration Charges is a charge of 10 per cent on the estimated expenditure on-

Formation	Electric Telegraph
Bridgework	Ballast and Permanent way
Fencing	Stations and Buildings

to cover the cost of supervision, and administration of the work of construction by the South Indian Railway.

The sum of Rs. 5160 provided in the above mentioned Estimate and under the aforesaid Head is to meet the cost of the Clerical and other Subordinate Staff to be specially engaged at Head Quarters.

These items were explained to Mr. Fontanilles the Officer deputed by H. E. The Governor of the French Settlement in India to discuss the

the Peralam – Karikal Railway project, and I understood that they were accepted – I do not think the charges unreasonable considering the large amount of work on the part of the Engineering and Audit Departments necessitated by the construction of the new line.

From the Copy of Government of India letter No 1033 R. C. dated 14th July 1896 embodied in G. O. No 707 R dated the 18th ultimo, I understand that the land to be acquired in British Territory for the construction of the Peralam – Karikal Railway will be made over free and there will consequently be a saving under the item of Land in the Estimate.

As regards paragraphs 2 and 3 of the extract from the letter from His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, vide accompaniment to your letter No 957 I have to inform you that this Administration is now furnishing and will continue to furnish the Administration of the French Settlements in India with monthly accounts of the expenditure incurred and quarterly reports, accompanied by a progress section of the work vide enclosures to my letters Nos

No	1569	of	1st July 1896
"	2625	"	17th July 1896
"	779	"	29th Augt 1896
"	780	"	29th Augt 1896

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A.D.V. Stellys Capt R.E.
Agent

3859
11/10

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

Trichinopoly.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras.

Dated

Received

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No.

ENCLOSURE.

Form No. 21.

SERIAL
No. 68

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 11th September 1896.

No. 2866.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 810, dated 5th September 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts, for favored of remarks.

for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

Orders have since been received from the Govt of India to make over the land free; any debits already made on this account will therefore be written back and the provision in the estimate may be eliminated.

2. Accounts, progress reports etc are now said to be supplied to the French Authorities.

3. The charge of 10% for supervision, in addition to the cost of the establishment actually employed, is not high, and is what is charged by workshops on orders executed for other Railways, Government Departments and the Public — S.W. Code Volume IV, Chapter III, paragraph 86.

The sum of Rs 62.193 will not, as presumed by the Governor of the French Settlements in India, be paid as honoraria to Directors etc but will be Credited in the South Indian Railway accounts.

Edwallen
C.R.
14.9.96
Rs

E K.

As the Telegraph will be conducted by the Govt. Tel Dept. the supervision charges in this item should be disallowed

W.H. 15/9.

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(R.) Form No. 8.

Three drafts No. 817. Dated 26.9.96

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY BRANCH.
SERIAL
No. 74

B/.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Govt. S. I. Railway — No. 3 No: 8707 dt 5th Sept 96

E.K
23.9.96

The following letters were read— addressed, the Political Department, the Governor of the French Settlements in India.

W.H. 17/9
Rs 18/9/96 R

To The Political Dept
write 2 draft letters to French Govt, for favour of issue

26.9.96

K.E
22.9.96 / 24.9.96 W.H. 30/9

Polit R No. 358 dy 10 10.96

SERIAL No. 7972

H.E. the Governor
Settlements & Foreign
Pondicherry

His Excellency the Governor

Your Excellency,

In reply to Your Excellency's letter No. 20 d 18/3/96 I have the honour to say that as regards the first point therein raised Your Excellency has already been informed in my letter No. 296 d/21/3/96 that the five pranks of land has been conceded: the provision in the Bdt under this head may therefore be eliminated and any debit which may have been made on this account will be written back.

2. As regards the second matter which from the subject of Your Excellency's letter under ref I have the honour to explain that the amount of Rs 62.183 entered in the Est under XII Sec. charge (1) Direction is a charge of 10 Js on the estimated expenditure on

Formation
Bridgework
Electric Telegraph

A.S.H
23.9.96

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Fencing
Ballast & P. Way
Stations & Buildings

This charge is entered in order to cover the cost of the supervision and administration of the work of your branches of the S.I.R.

3. The charge is a usual one on Indian railways and is not considered by the Government. The sum will however proceed if Your Excellency thinks fit and the Directors of the S.I.R Co. will be credited in the accounts of that railway.

4. If having now been decided that the Tel. line is to be erected by the Govt. Tel Dept the charge of 10% on the estimated cost of this work will be deducted from the sum of Rs. 183 for supervision and the Agent S.I.R will be advised accordingly.

5th. I trust that with this explanation Your Excellency will be in a position to accept the Estimates of the Pondicherry Karaikal Rly. forwarded by you & the Agent S.I.R Co.

H.E. 17/9 20 19/9/96.

Tour P. No. 387

SERIAL No. 78

To

His Excellency the Governor of French Settlements
Pondicherry

H.E. the Governor

Yr. Your Excellency's letter No. 19 d. 12/3/96 I have the honour to state that the matter of provision of funds has already been settled.

2. As regards the matters touched in paras 2 and 3 of your letter, the S.I.R is now furnishing, and will continue to furnish, your Excellency with monthly accounts of the expenditure incurred, & with quarterly returns, accompanied by progress sketches, of the progress of the work.

3. Your Excellency's Army assistance which the Executive Engineers attached to the Administration are able to offer will always be at your Excellency's service.

H.E. 17/9 20 19/8/96

Employed under the Govt. P.K.R.

Employed under the Govt. of H.E. Secretariat.