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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th January 1867.*

No. 201. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 20th December 1866, No. 4024.

Communicating letter from the Madras Railway authorities, reporting that the result of the measure adopted for the prevention of robberies have been satisfactory. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 20th December 1866, Nos. 427 and 428.)

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1867, No. 115.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th December 1866.*

No. 427. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th December 1866, No. 462:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th December 1866, No. 582.

In the 2nd paragraph of Order of Government No. 1,487, dated the 8th May 1866, it was directed that a report should be submitted, at the end of six months, showing the result of the measures adopted for the prevention of robberies on the Line; I have, therefore, the honor to

* No. 513, 7th instant. send you copy of a letter* received from the Traffic Manager, from which you will perceive that the result has been very satisfactory.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 7th December 1866, No. 513.

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government No. 1,487 of the 8th May, and to your letter No. 290, of the 20th ultimo, I am glad to say that the measures introduced on the 14th March have very considerably tended to the prevention of robbery on the Railway.

2. Since that date there have been only two robberies calling for any particular notice. The first of a bale of Twist, reported in my letter No. 196, dated 23rd April, for which the Company has paid Rupees 1,044-3-9, occurred on the 15th of that month. There is no doubt that the bale was thrown out of the train while in motion, between Gooriattum and Mailputty Stations, and that the perpetrators of this act must have got into or upon the wagon at the Gooriattum Station. Unfortunately particulars were not obtainable until the 23rd of that month, when the Superintendent of Police of Chittoor was communicated with, and informed that the villagers of "Woolley" were suspected. The Police were unable to trace the robbery, probably because too long a time had elapsed between the date of its commission and my representation. Immediately after the robbery the whole of the staff at Gooriattum Station was changed, and since the 25th August a Mofussil Police Night Guard has been employed at a monthly cost of Rupees 37-8-0 with apparently good results.

3. The second robbery of a bale of Twist, reported in my letter No. 395 of the 1st September, for which the Company has paid Rupees 474-2-8, occurred at the Beypoor Station, on the night of the 10th July. At this station the Company have, for some years, employed a Mofussil Police Guard at a monthly cost of Rupees 36-5-4, and although there is no reason to suspect that these men were implicated in the robbery, yet it must be apparent that if they had attended to their duty the robbery would have been prevented. At my request the Superintendent of Police changed the guard, and a European Night Watchman was appointed by the Company, and since that time we have been free from robbery.

4. The two robberies cost the Company Rupees 1,518-6-5; minor pilferings may be set down at about Rupees 1,000, making a total of say Rupees 2,500, equivalent to .002 per cent. on the Goods Traffic Receipts for the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September.

5. The cost of a remedy for comparatively so small a loss,* if such could be secured by the organization of an expensive Police force, would be worse than the disease; but as it is not to be supposed that losses would cease to occur under the best Police supervision, our object must be to reduce theft to a minimum.

6. Our present system of direct communication from one station to another, thus avoiding detention of goods at road-side stations, has not been altogether unsuccessful in this direction, and it will be well to give it a further trial before increasing the cost of the Police force.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th December 1866.*

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to G. O. dated the 8th May last, No. 1,487.

2. I concur with the Traffic Manager in considering that a further trial be given before the Police force employed upon the Railway is increased, seeing that the amount which has been paid for compensation for losses by theft bears a very small proportion to the traffic earnings.

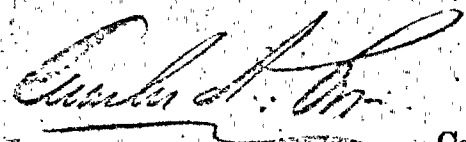
(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consg. Engr. for Railways.

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1866, No. 4,024.

RAILWAY, No. 24.

The Government are glad to observe that the result of the measures which have been adopted for the prevention of robberies on the Madras Railway has been satisfactory, and they will await the receipt of a further report, which should be submitted early in June 1867.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Inspector General of Police.

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