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No. 41. Read the following.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 17th April, No. 15, of 1857.

33. Forward explanation by the Railway Agent, of the cause of the delay in furnishing a Report on the subject of a branch Railway, in connection with the Salt Traffic of Madras.

24. It seems very desirable not only that accommodation should be provided at the Madras Terminus, for the Salt Trade, but that a Depot of some kind should be established at the other Terminal Stations.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Railway Department, dated 18th June 1857, No. 317.

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3. Para. 24 on the subject of a branch Railway in connection with the Salt Traffic of Madras will be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to the correspondence which has already passed upon this question.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 1535; dated 6th August 1857.

Para. 1. In their letter of the 1st February 1856, No. 320, the Board of Revenue advocated the establishment of Salt Depôts along the line of the Railway, as a measure well calculated to improve the trade of the country, and to augment the revenues; but the Government declined to entertain the question, on the ground that the time was unsuitable, for two reasons; 1st, because the future of the salt revenue was uncertain, and 2nd, because the rates proposed for the carriage of goods on the Railway were very high. Subsequently, the Government had under their consideration a correspondence submitted by the Board of Revenue, relating to a proposal from a trading firm, Messrs. Cammiade and Co., to enter on the business of transporting salt to the interior by Railway for sale. The Government in passing orders upon this communication, observed in reference to the Board's previous proposal of establishing Salt Depôts on account of Government, that the correspondence then before them furnished strong reason against any interference with the inland trade, except on the ground of necessity; and they proceeded to shew that no such necessity existed. The Government viewed the enterprize so promptly developed by the opening of the Railway as a highly encouraging and gratifying fact, not only as respects the salt trade but trade generally; and rather than check such a spirit by meeting it with a Government competition, they resolved to give it every facility of progress.

Extract Minutes Consultation 13th March 1856, No. 295.

Extract Minutes Consultation 26th June 1856, No. 655.

2. One assistance which Messrs. Cammiade and Co., solicited was that a branch Railway should be laid from the Cotaurs to the main line. On this point the attention of the Board of Revenue was called to a former order of January 1855, in which such a proposition, emanating from Government, was referred to them for report, and the Consulting Engineer for Railways was also required to state how a branch Railway might be conveniently laid down to the platform, to secure the purposes of the trade, both to the interior and for exportation; what would be the probable cost; and whether, the Railway Company would undertake the construction of it.

Extract Minutes Consultation 26th June 1856, No. 655 para. 5.

3. No reply having been received for some time to the last reference, the attention of the Consulting Engineer was called to it in an order of Government dated 11th August 1856, No. 849. Colonel Pears in a letter dated 8th September 1856, No. 172, gave cover to one from the Agent and Manager, in which he explained the reason of the report not having been submitted. This letter having been re-

Extract Minutes Consultation 11th August 1856, No. 849 para. 6.

Financial Extract Minutes Consultation 15th Septr. 1856. No. 290.

ported to the Honorable Court in the Financial (Railway) Department, has elicited in reply the present intimation, "that it is desirable to provide accommodation for the salt trade, not only at the Madras terminus, but to establish a Depôt of some kind at the other stations."

4. The correspondence that had taken place up to this period is recorded in the Consultations noted in the margin, and that portion of it relating to the proposal of the Board of Revenue to establish Depôts along the line of Railway, and to the intentions of Government to afford facilities to private trade, was specially brought to the notice of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors in paras. 24 to 36 of a letter dated 5th November 1856 No. 21. The Honorable Court in noticing Colonel Pear's letter of the 8th September 1855 in their Despatch in the Financial (Railway) Department, make no allusion to this correspondence, and it seems to the Government that in writing that dispatch, they have altogether overlooked the expressed desire of this Government, not to interfere with the private trade in salt by the establishment of Depôts on their own account.

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5. Under these circumstances, it now only remains for the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to solicit the attention of the Honorable Court to the correspondence adverted to, as well as to the further papers and Minutes of the Right Honorable the President and Members of Government recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation 18th May 1857, No. 953, to shew that the Government have no present intention of establishing Inland Depôts for the sale of salt on the public account.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No: 317.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 17th April, No. 15 of 1857.

33. Forward explanation by the Railway Agent, of the cause of the delay in furnishing a Report on the subject of a branch Railway, in connection with the Salt Traffic of Madras.

24. It seems very desirable not only that accommodation should be provided at the Madras Terminus, for the Salt Trade, but that a Depot of some kind should be established at the other Terminal Stations.

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(True Extracts.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No 1535

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 6th July 1857.

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every facility of progress.

2 The assistance which the Commissioners solicited was that a branch railway should be laid from the Entrance to the main line. On this point the attention of the Board of Revenue was called to a former Order of January 1855, in which such a proposition emanating from Government was referred to them for report and the Consulting Engineer for Railways was also required to state how a branch railway might be conveniently laid down to the Platform, to secure the purposes of the trade, both to the interior and for exportation;

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Ep: Ll: 6: 11th August 1856 № 849 p: 6.

Fin: Ep: Ll: 6: 12th Sept. 1856 № 290.

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3 No reply having been received for some time to the last reference, the attention of the Consulting Engineer was called to it in an Order of Government dated 11th August 1856, № 849. Colonel Pears in a letter dated 8th September 1856, № 172, gave cover to one from the agent and Manager, in which he explained the reason of the report not having been submitted. This letter having been reported to the Honorable Court in the Financial Railway Department, has elicited in reply the present

present intimation," that it is desirable to provide accommodation for the Salt trade, not only at the Madras Terminus, but to establish a Depot of some kind at the other Stations."

4 The Correspondence that took taken place up to this period is recorded in the Communications noted in the margin, and that portion of it relating to the proposal of the Board of Revenue to establish Depots along the line of Railway, and to the intentions of our Government to afford such facilities to private trade, was directly brought to the notice of the Honorable

Court—

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