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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1862.*

No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 22nd October 1862, No. 583 :—

Referring letter from M. W. Carr, Esq., proposing on behalf of some of the Directors and Shareholders connected with the Great Southern of India Railway, to lay a line of light rails to the Indian gauge along the existing road from Needamungalum Station to Combacoum on certain conditions, and calling for a report on the subject containing certain particulars of information. } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings, 22nd October 1862, Nos. 86-87.)

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1862, No. 2,604. *

Referred to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for early and full report.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

**FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Read the following letter from M. W. CARR, Esq.; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Negapatam, 7th October 1862.

The Directors and others connected with the Great Southern of India Railway have had under their consideration the great advantage of adopting some means for drawing on to that line the traffic of the adjoining country, and consider that this result might be most effectually secured by the construction of light branch lines of Railway.

2. The success of such lines would materially depend on their being worked in harmony with the main line, but as the capital for these branches, is proposed to be raised without a guarantee, they cannot be undertaken by the Great Southern Company. An identity of interest, however, and uniformity in working might be secured by some of the Directors and Shareholders of the main line undertaking the branches; though in a distinct corporate capacity.

3. With this object, and on the probability of such an arrangement being made, I have the honor to lay before Government, at the request of the Chairman of the Great Southern of India Railway, the views of himself and others interested in that undertaking with the desire to ascertain whether Government would grant permission to a Company (to be formed in England) to lay down a line of Railway from Needamungalum Station to the Town of Combaconum on the following conditions:—

4. The Company to undertake to lay a line of light rails to the Indian gauge along the existing road from Needamungalum Station to Combaconum at their own expense, and to work the same with light Locomotives at a speed not exceeding eight miles per hour.

5. The working of the line to be subject to such regulations as the Government may from time to time consider necessary for accommodation of the ordinary Traffic on the road.

6. In consideration of the advantage the country will derive from such a line of Railway, the Government to undertake on their part to straighten and metal the existing road making the approaches to their bridges easy; to give so much of the road as may be necessary for the laying down of the rails, or when from a necessity wider the road or for any other purpose more land may be required it shall be given by the Government free of cost.

7. Materials and Machinery to be admitted duty free.

8. Any trees which it may be necessary to cut down in constructing the line to be the property of the Railway Company.

9. In consequence of the low speed at which the trains are to run, the Government to agree to consider this Railway in the light of a common road, and not require it to be otherwise dealt with, as regards fences, surface crossings, and other appurtenances.

10. The money market is at present in a very favorable state for the launching of such enterprises as this, and I am therefore urged by Mr. Chapman, to lose no time in submitting this matter for the consideration of Government, and of acquainting him with the result. Should a favorable reply be received, Mr. Chapman anticipates the Capital would be raised without difficulty amongst the present Shareholders of the Great Southern of India Railway Company.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1862, No. 538.

Resolved, that the foregoing letter be referred to the Public Works Department, for consideration, as to whether the present road from the Needamungalum Station to the town of Combaconum could be made available for the proposed Railway, and what approximately would be the expense involved in a compliance with the conditions averted to in para. 6, as also for opinion on the proposal contained in para. 9.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary

To the Public Works Department.
Exd. F. Cartledge.

John H. Appleton Esq
New Bedford

11th Decr

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Appleton

Referring to the letter from the
Hon. Secy. of the Navy, dated
the 1st inst. in relation to the
proposed purchase of the
USS "Albatross" for the
U. S. Fish Commission, I have
the honor to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to
the proper authorities for their
consideration.

11th Decr

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Received of the
Hon. Secy. of the Navy

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