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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th June 1863.*

No. 260. Read the following letter from Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 1st June 1863, No. 85 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a printed copy of the Proceedings of Government in the Financial Railway Department, resolving that the sum of Rupees 240, paid on account of Traffic takers from 1st July to 30th September 1862, be reimbursed to the Railway Company, and to request that you will be so good as to procure the needful authority of Government for the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Coimbatore Division, to disburse the amount in question.

Vide Order, Public Works Department,
No. 2,750, dated 15th November 1862.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1863, No. 1,507.

The charge referred to in this letter will be met from the savings under the Head Establishments in the Public Works Budget.

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

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Observations by Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th April 1863, No. 53, on letters from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, Nos. 147 and 258, dated 2nd March and 16th April 1863.

In Order, No. 602, dated 27th October 1862, the Public Works Department was required to authorize the payment of Rupees 263, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, on account of traffic-takers employed on the road between Coimbatore and the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut, and the payment was accordingly made.

2. On the 2nd ultimo, I received the letter, No. 147, above quoted, from the office of the Agent and Manager, requesting the payment of a further sum of Rupees 320.

3. I append a copy of my reply,* from which it will be seen, that I showed the Agent that Government were not liable for the payment of the amount.

4. Adverting to this, the Agent states, in letter No. 258—

"That the services of the traffic-takers employed between Coimbatore and the Coonoor Ghaut were dispensed with on the 15th ultimo."

"I much regret that by an oversight these men were not discharged in September last, but

Rupees 240, 1st July to 30th September 1862.
 ,, 320, 1st October to 31st January 1863.
 ,, 120, 1st February to 15th March "

I trust the result of their labors will prove useful as office records, and that the salaries paid to them as shown in the margin will be re-imbursed by Government."

Rupees 680

5. I see no reason whatever why Government should pay a sum of Rupees 680, for labor that "will prove useful as office records;" the said records never having been required by them.

6. The records are in the possession of the Railway Company, and as they may be useful to them in connection with their Traffic Department, I am of opinion that the money already paid by the Company should be debited to their Revenue Account.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

From Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways; to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 3rd March 1863, No. 110.

In reply to your letter, No. 147 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to observe that the traffic-taking sanctioned by Government in February 1862 was for a specific purpose, viz.,

"to ascertain the extent and nature of the existing traffic," between Coimbatore and the Neilgherries, in order that the Railway Board of

Directors may be "in a position to say whether it would be for the interest of the Railway or not to undertake," the construction of a Tramway from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut.

2. The report on the subject was submitted with your letter, No. 669, dated 29th September 1862, and you stated that the Directors had "no intention of constructing a Railway from Coimbatore to the foot of the Hills, unless Government would guarantee the undertaking 5 per cent., as in the case of the North West and South West Lines, and the Bangalore Branch," adding:—

"If I am not mistaken the construction of this Branch is one of the works contemplated by the Tramway Company."

3. With this report the necessity for the traffic-takers ceased; and it is necessary, therefore, that information should be afforded under what circumstances the traffic-takers were employed from the 1st October 1862 to the 31st January 1863, and what use has been made of the information collected by them.

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*The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.*

The ~~City~~ Secretary
to Government, 25 Feb 1955

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- Budget.

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12th June/63

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