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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th December 1864.*

No. 292. Read the following Endorsement of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Railway Department, dated Fort William, 15th November 1864, No. 684R-5,358.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, (Railways), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 6th September 1864, No. 50 :—

SIR,

1. I have received your Excellency's despatch of the 8th of June last, No. 45, relating to proposals by the Indian Tramway Company for the construction of lines of light railways in different parts of India.

2. In the first place, I would refer you to my despatch of the 30th July last, No. 44, on the subject of the concessions which the Madras Government had expressed its willingness to grant to the Company for several light railways in that Presidency. It appears that, in anticipation of a favorable decision by your Government, the Company have been permitted to commence operations on the line from Arcunum to Conjeveram. In that despatch I expressed my belief that the terms proposed by the Madras Government, which are in excess of what I have authorized, had not received your confirmation, and such now appears to be the case. It is, however, to be regretted that your decision was not more promptly communicated to the Local Government. The letter from the Madras Government is dated the 13th January 1864, but your reply was not despatched till the 16th May following. If an earlier communication of your views had been made, it would have been impossible that the Company could have been permitted to begin any of the work.

3. I will now notice a few points in the correspondence received with your despatch, which appear to call for remark.

4. In paragraph 5 of the letter from Colonel Strachey, above referred to, it is stated that, for the lines in Oudh and Rohilkund, I have sanctioned, in addition to the subsidy agreed upon, "a further annual lump payment in consideration of any exceptional works on the lines which may appear to justify such an addition." I have only sanctioned an additional payment in the case of bridges, the original estimated cost of which shall exceed £10,000, and I request that this may be explained to Madras Government, in order to remove any misapprehension on the point which the words quoted above are calculated to convey.

5. I quite concur in your direction that "sidings" are not to be brought into the calculation of mileage for subsidy; such a course was never intended by me, and the formal agreements to be entered into with Companies should be so carefully worded as to guard against the possibility of mistake in the matter.

6. It is stated, in the 10th paragraph of Colonel Strachey's letter that, from experience gained on the Nulhatee line, it would appear doubtful whether railway traffic and ordinary cart traffic can go on side by side on the same road. I am very much inclined to think that in every case it will be far better that all the works necessary for the railway should be constructed by the Companies, and I wish you to consider the terms which I have sanctioned for the Indian Branch Railway Company's lines in Oudh and Rohilkund as the maximum of what is to be given for any line.

* To Madras, P. W. Dept. No. 146R, dated 16th May 1864.
" Bombay, " No. 147R, dated 16th May 1864.
" Bengal, " No. 148R, dated 16th May 1864.
" N. W. P., " No. 149R, dated 16th May 1864.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and North Western Provinces, for information, with reference to previous correspondence.*

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Railway Department.

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

No. 293.

ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1864, No. 3,578.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
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C. WOOD.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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Railway.

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* To Madras, P. W. Dept. No. $\frac{146 R}{2028}$, dated 16th May 1864.

" Bombay, " No. $\frac{147 R}{2029}$, dated 16th May 1864.

" Bengal, " No. $\frac{148 R}{2030}$, dated 16th May 1864.

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W. Sampson
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*The Secy to the Govt. of Madras
Railway Department*

RAILWAY.

No. 50 of 1864.

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H. C. Smith
Chief Secretary
to Govt

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Under Secy to Govt of India
Railway Dept
No 68412
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