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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th February 1866.*

No. 624. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Fort William, 6th February 1866, No. 143 R:—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3,813, dated the 20th December 1865, submitting the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year ending 30th June 1865.

2. The results on the train mileage are satisfactory both relatively as respects the corresponding period of 1864, and absolutely as respects the low working expenses. The difference between the engine and train mileage, less than one per cent. on the latter, suggests error or omission, and attention to it is therefore drawn.

3. It is observed that the merchandize traffic is less in weight than it was a year ago. However much the results may have been affected by fluctuations in the salt trade, the falling off suggests something wrong in the Railway, or something abnormal in the state of the country which demands attention. Recent experience on the Eastern Bengal Railway has proved that, by a wise adaptation of the tariff to the circumstances of the country, a highly remunerative traffic can be attracted.

4. I am to enquire on what principle the general charges have been divided in the proportion of two-thirds to coaching and one-third to goods, and to draw attention to the absence of the returns as to the pecuniary benefit derived by the State from the Troop and Mail service on this Railway during the half-year under review, (*vide* Public Works Department Resolution No. 370 R, dated 17th May 1865). The information for the half-year embraced by this account should now be supplied, and be submitted with future accounts for the period embraced by them.

No. 625. [ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1866, No. 685.]

RAILWAY, No. 47.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, whose attention is drawn to the remarks in paragraphs

2 and 3. Major Shaw Stewart will furnish the information called for in paragraph 4, together with the return showing the pecuniary benefit derived by the State from the Troop and Mail Service on the Great Southern of India Railway during the half-year ending 30th June 1865, and he will take care that similar returns invariably accompany future accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 143 R.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Railway.

To

THE SECY. TO GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE P. W. DEPT., RAILWAY BRANCH.

FORT WILLIAM, FEBRUARY 6, 1866.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3813, dated the 20th December 1865, submitting the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half year ending 30th June 1865.

2. The results on the train mileage are satisfactory both relatively as respects the corresponding period of 1864, and absolutely as respects the low working expenses. The difference between the engine and train mileage, less than one per cent. on the latter, suggests error or omission, and attention to it is therefore drawn.

3. It is observed that the merchandize traffic is less in weight than it was a year ago. However much the results may have been affected by fluctuations in the salt trade, the falling off suggests something wrong in the Railway, or something abnormal in the state of the country which demands attention. Recent experience on the Eastern Bengal Railway has proved that, by a wise adaptation of the tariff to the circumstances of the country, a highly remunerative traffic can be attracted.

4. I am to enquire on what principle the general charges have been divided in the proportion of two-thirds to coaching and one-third to goods, and to draw attention to the absence of the returns as to the pecuniary benefit derived by the State from the Troop and Mail service on this Railway during the half-year under review, (*vide* Public Works Department Resolution No. 370 R, dated 17th May 1865). The information for the half-year embraced by this account should now be supplied, and be submitted with future accounts for the period embraced by them.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. Dickson Lieut.-Col., R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Public Works Dept
No 685

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th February 1866
Recd the following

From the Secretary to the Govt of India

Communicates observations on the Revenue account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half year ending June 1865, and requests submission of the information called for in Public Works Dept Resolution No 370 P of 17 May 1865.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways whose attention is drawn to the remarks in Paras 27 & 28. Major John Stewart will furnish the information called for in P, together with the Return showing the pecuniary benefits derived by the State from the Troop & Mail Service on the Great Southern of India Railway during the half-year ending 30 June 1865, & he will take care that similar Returns invariably accompany

W. R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
 RAILWAY

TO
 SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS,
 IN THE P. W. DEPT. RA. BRANCH.

No. 113 B.
 Dated 28th Feb 1866.
 Forwarded 28th Feb 1866.

Communicated to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, for the half-year ending June 1865, and requests submission of the information called for in P, together with the Return showing the pecuniary benefits derived by the State from the Troop & Mail Service on the Great Southern of India Railway during the half-year ending 30 June 1865, & he will take care that similar Returns invariably accompany

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The Engineer for
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Pro: of the Marine Govt
Of 20th February 1866

C.R. 1126 of 1866.

Revenue Account
of the Great Southern of India
Railway for the half-year
ended 30th June 1865 — Com
municated with certain
instructions to the Consulting
Eng^r.