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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
13th March 1866.

No. 267. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 16th February 1866, No. 189R:—

Passenger fares on Indian Railways and Rules for classification of charges.
Read again letter from Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) No. 202, dated 25th March 1865.
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 44, dated 25th May 1865.

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Letter from Board of Trade, dated 18th October 1865.

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of passenger fares, so far as English Railways are concerned. It has not been considered necessary to apply to the Governments of France and Belgium for returns, relating to Railways in those countries."

From the Under Secretary of State for India, to the Secretary to Board of Trade, dated 28th September 1865.

The Government of India having lately had their attention drawn to the subject of railway fares, considers that it would conduce to a proper apprehension of the real working of the present scales of fares for the various classes of passengers, to call for returns from all the Railways, agreeably to the form herewith enclosed.

In order to admit of the calculations upon which the returns are based being satisfactorily made in future, they consider that it is quite necessary that uniformity of system should be adopted, both in the classification of the charges and in the actual form of calculation.

It has, however, been suggested to the Government of India, that information of the kind sought for, so far as regards the Railways of Great Britain, France, and Belgium, might probably be useful to that Government, and I am to state that Sir Charles Wood will be glad to receive any information on the subject, in reference to those Railways, with which the Board of Trade can furnish him.

From the Secretary to Board of Trade, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 13th October 1865, No. 1,960R.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, asking the Board of Trade to furnish to Secretary Sir Charles Wood, for the use of the Government of India, information with reference to the Railways of Great Britain, France, and Belgium, on the subject of charges, of the kind proposed to be called for with respect to Railways in India in the form enclosed with your letter.

In that form the charges are classified primarily as—

1. Maintenance of way and works.
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In the parliamentary papers reference may be made to the part consisting of "Returns by the several Railway Companies in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, of the *working expenditure, &c*," and in the blue book to the "Statistics of British Railways," in pages 67-118.

It is believed that the parliamentary paper of the year 1865, in continuation of those now sent, will be issued in about a month from this time.

With respect to information relating to the Railways of France and Belgium, I am to request that Sir Charles Wood may be informed that my Lords believe that Reports containing information of the kind in question are annually issued in those countries, but there is no copy of any such Report in this Department to be furnished to the India Office

ORDER.—Ordered, that copy of the paragraph of the Despatch, and papers referred to therein now read, be communicated for information to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department (Railway).

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 268. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1866, No. 825.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to Colonel O'Connell's letter No. 158, dated 13th March 1865.

(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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To The Consulting Engineer
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Recd 14th March

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*The Secretary to Govt.
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Dated February 16, 1866

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