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15th March 1866.

No. 316. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 28th February 1866, No. 100 :—

1. I have the honor to report, with reference to the Orders* of Government noted in the margin, that a meeting was yesterday held at the Royapooram Railway Terminus, to discuss the advisability of placing the whole of the Police arrangements of the Madras Railway in the hands, and under the control, of the Inspector General of Police. The meeting was attended by Mr Robinson, Captains Hearn and Weldon, Mr Elwin, with the principal Railway Officers, and myself. The subject was very fully discussed, and the general result may be gathered from the enclosed letter † to my address from the Agent and Manager.

* 23rd November 1865, No. 3,543.
5th December „ „ 3,687.

† No 130, 27th February 1866.

2. That advantage was likely to result from the proposed measure was, I think, freely admitted, but it was questionable whether that advantage would be sufficient to outweigh the increased expense which it would involve. Upon a review of the establishment at present employed by the Railway Company to watch their line, and to guard their premises and property, Mr. Robinson stated that he would not be prepared to undertake the responsibility which the proposed change would throw upon his Department, without an establishment considerably stronger than that now entertained by the Railway, and that he regarded the appointment of a Superintendent of Police for the Railway as essential to the success of the scheme. As remarked by Mr. Elwin, the additional cost which the proposed measure would probably entail upon the Company, in superintendence alone, was shown to be about 50 per cent. of the cost of their present establishment.

3. Under these circumstances, before recommending any change in the Police arrangements, I think it advisable to await the result of the measures which have lately been sanctioned and adopted. The alteration in the time of running of the trains, the appointment of an additional Inspector for the second Division, and the doubling the number of night watchmen, as reported in my letter of to-day's date, No. 99, will, I have no doubt, have a considerable effect in the suppression of offences at the stations and along the line. Should these measures prove ineffectual, it will perhaps be well to defer the question of employing the Government Police upon the Railway until after the completion of the Erode Extension of the Great Southern line. The same Superintendent might then undertake the supervision of the Police arrangements upon both Railways, and the only objection which has yet been urged to the change, that of increased expense, would be in some measure removed.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th February 1866, No. 130.

Adverting to Colonel Anderson's letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 6, forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. Robinson, with reference to the employment of Government Police on the Railway, I have the honor to state, that having at our Meeting this morning, discussed the whole question,

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6. Gathered from the enclosed letter to my

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and learnt that the probable additional cost to the Company, in superintendence alone, would amount to 50 per cent. of the cost of our present establishment, I do not recommend any change, more especially, as it is hoped, that the alteration which will take place in the running of our trains on and after the 15th proximo, will do much towards preventing robberies from waggons at the Junction stations, and altogether lead to a better system of working.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1866, No. 850.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

Under the circumstances which are explained in the foregoing papers, the Government concur in opinion with the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways that the further consideration of the question of placing the whole of the Police duties on the Madras Lines of Railway under the charge of the Inspector General of Police may be deferred, until the measures which have been recently adopted by the Railway Officers for the prevention of robberies at stations has been tried, and the result reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Press No 5428, G. M.—20-1 66—50

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No 100.

FROM

Major J. M. Stewart R.E.

Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,

TO

Col. C. A. Orr R.E.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Department Public Works,

Fort Saint George

SIR,

23 Mar/65

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To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
From,
R. J. G. & Co. Railway Department
15/5/1860

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 Recd. Public Works Dept.
 No 830
 Proceedings of the Madrid Government
 Under date the 15th March 1866
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 From the Actg. Cons. Eng.
 for Railways.
 (Here enter 28th February 1866
 No 100)

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WON. J.P. we can wait awhile and see what comes of this new arrangement of Police may be deferred until the measures which have been recently adopted by the Railway Officers for the prevention of robberies at Stations has been tried, and the result reported -

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The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Walter Hughes Esq
13, Mark Lane, London

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protection
whenever it may
J.P. [Signature] WON.

P. P. 1066 Dept.
Secy. of Govt. for Madras

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2/15th March 1866

The Consideration
of the question of placing
the whole of Police duties
on the Madras Lines of
Railway, under the Charge
of the Inspector General of
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result of the measures re-
cently adopted for the
prevention of robberies at
stations, has been reported

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