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No. 112. Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th January 1867, No. 22 :—

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, an extract from a letter* addressed by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway to the Board of Directors respecting the appropriation audit of Railway Accounts.

* No. 723, dated 25th January 1867.

Extract from a letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, No. 723, dated 25th January 1867, to the Secretary, Madras Railway Company, London.

From the Chief Auditor.

Appropriation Audit of Railway Accounts.

Para. 26. Nos. 13, 16, and 17, dated respectively the 18th, 21st, and 22nd instant, on the subject of the appropriation audit of Railway Accounts.

27. Mr. Church, in these communications, represents the inconvenience and confusion which have arisen, and are likely to arise from the continual issue of revised orders regarding the audit of Railway Accounts.

28. When the question of an appropriation audit was first mooted, I cordially supported the measure, believing, as I then did, that the appointment of a Government Examiner, who should be daily engaged at the Office of the Railway, and follow the course of the accounts of expenditure, through the books, and record the results day by day, would relieve us of an immense deal of labor in the preparation of accounts for submission to Government, and dispense with voluminous correspondence; but so far from this being the case, the new system of audit has entailed greater labor, and has occupied more of the time of Heads of Departments, owing doubtless to the fact, that one set of rules has scarcely been brought into operation before it has been superseded by another.

29. What I desire to see established is an audit, which shall be final, and this, it appears to me, might be undertaken by the present Government Examiner of Railway Accounts, whose audit would be satisfactory to this Company, as he is daily engaged at the Railway Offices, follows the course of expenditure, &c., &c., through the books, and is conversant with every transaction appertaining to Account.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Major, V. C., R. E.,
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1867, No. 375.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Deputy Cons Engineer for Railways

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 22

From

Major H. N. D. Prendergast V.C.R.E.
Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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x No 723 D 25 January 1867.

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Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Madras 29 January 1867

H.N.D. Prendergast Major V.C.R.E.
Deputy Cons: Engr for Railways

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