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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th April 1868.*

No. 238. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th March 1868, No. 93 :—

1. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in G. O., dated the 30th January last, No. 325, I called upon the Agent of the Madras Railway to furnish me with the report required by the Government of India upon the revised rules which were forwarded for sanction upon the 23rd May 1866.

2. From the Agent's reply, which is enclosed, it will be seen that the subject has been discussed at a Meeting of the heads of the various Departments of the Railway; and that, as the preparation of the required report would necessarily occupy so much time, it seemed preferable to defer further action, pending the promulgation of the new general Code for Indian Railways.

3. I have had several conversations upon the subject with Mr. Elwin, and can testify that it is from no under-estimation of their importance that he begs to be excused from submitting the report upon the revised rules which has been called for.

4. I was present when the revised rules were drawn up, and am well aware of the great amount of care and trouble which were bestowed upon their preparation. To report fully upon the various alterations and emendations would entail almost infinite trouble, and must necessarily occupy a very long time, which could not be devoted to the subject without seriously interfering with the current business of the Railway.

5. Under the circumstances, and considering that the required report could not probably be furnished before the new Code comes into operation, I am obliged to recommend that the existing unsatisfactory state of things may be allowed to continue for the present.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th March 1868, No. 89.

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that at a Committee Meeting held in this Office yesterday, your communication of the 1st February, No. 30, enclosing copy of Order of Government, No. 325, dated the 30th January, passed upon a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 1,135 R., having reference to the introduction of a revised set of rules for the conduct of the traffic on this Railway was read and discussed.

2. After due consideration, the Committee was of opinion that as much valuable time would be sacrificed in the preparation of a report such as that called for by the Government of India, it would be better to run the risk of prosecutions, and defer further action until the receipt of the proposed new Code of Rules for Indian Railways in general.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,150.

RAILWAY, No. 17.

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 1,151, dated 17th April 1868.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th April 1868.

No. 1,151.

No. 240.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 18.

With reference to your letter of the 31st December 1867, No. 1,135 R, I am directed to forward herewith a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, from which you will observe that, as the preparation of the report required by the Government of India regarding the alterations which it is proposed to introduce in the rules now in operation upon the Madras Railway will occupy much valuable time and entail a vast amount of labor, besides seriously interfering with the current business of the Railway, the Railway authorities prefer to allow the present rules, unsatisfactory as they are, to continue in force pending the receipt of the general Code for Indian Railways. As, however, some delay will probably be unavoidable in the promulgation of that Code, it seems to His Excellency the Governor in Council inexpedient that the existing very defective regulations should, in the meanwhile, continue in operation, and I am therefore again to suggest the advisability of the Railway Company being authorized to adopt their revised rules, which appear to have been prepared after the fullest consideration and discussion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd T. O'Connor.

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MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 18th March 1868.

From

P. D. Edwin Esqre.

Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Major J. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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2. After due consideration, the Committee was of opinion, that as much valuable time would be sacrificed in the preparation of a report, such as that called

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it would be better to run the risk
of prosecutions, and defer further
action until the receipt of the
proposed new Code of Rules for
Indian Railways in general.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. J. Wm.
Agent and Managers.

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Public Works Department.

No 1150

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th April 1868

Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer for Railway

(Here enter No. 93 dated 20th March 1868.

Ordered that these papers

be forwarded to the Govern-

ment of India

A. B. N. d

No 1151

The Secretary to the Government of India

With reference to your

letter of the 31st December 67.

I am directed

to forward herewith a letter from the Consulting Engineer

The Cons. Engr for Railway

Dec 12 1867

I herewith forward this draft with the explanation I think it might be better to leave the introduction of the new general regulations.

Sw. leave
delivered
attest
W. H. N.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated March 18th 1868
Recd. 14.

No 89
M. 10527/68

Dep. Secy to Govt. Engrs
Letter No 30 enclosing copy
of an order of Govt. No. 63
bearing reference to the
order of the Secy to Govt.
of Railways for the sanction of
the works on the Madras
Railway.

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Recd 2/18/18 with copy
of Govt 1150 of 18/18

W.D.

P. W. 1868. Department.

Pro: of Good for April
No. 1150 v 1151

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *of India*

Dated 17th April 1868

Passing orders on a letter from the Cons Engineer intimating that the report required by the Govt of India upon the Railway revised rules submitted for sanction in March cannot be furnished.

Forwarding the Govt. of India with the above letter, and again requesting their sanction to the adoption of the Rules therein referred to.

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c. 25th March/68 - A-2nd April