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16th November 1868.*

No. 280. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th October 1868, No. 385 :—

As directed by Government in their Order, dated the 6th September 1866, No. 2,850, I have the honor to submit the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year ended the 30th June 1868, accompanied by a brief explanatory note :—

NOTE.

Great Southern of India Railway.

1. The gross receipts, during the half-year ended the 30th June 1868, amounted to 3,73,879
The working expenses to 1,75,216
The balance or profit to 1,98,663

2. The half-yearly receipts, working expenses, and balances have been as follow, since the 1st January 1866 :—

	Half-year ended the				
	30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
Miles open	79	5 months 29 & 2 days 127	127	144	168
Do. charged to revenue	79	79	79	79	79
Gross receipts	rs. 2,09,950	rs. 2,87,306	rs. 3,16,555	rs. 3,18,255	rs. 3,73,879
Working expenses	95,169	1,32,696	1,41,260	1,60,730	1,75,216
Balance	1,14,781	1,54,610	1,75,295	1,57,525	1,98,663

3. This Statement gives the following results for the first-half of 1868, as compared with the four preceding half-years :—

The receipts show an increase over the first-half of 1866, of	rs. 1,63,929
Do. do. second do.	86,573
Do. do. first-half of 1867, of	57,324
Do. do. second do.	55,624
The expenditure shows an increase over the first-half of 1866, of	80,047
Do. do. second do.	42,520
Do. do. first-half of 1867, of	33,956
Do. do. second do.	14,486
The net profits show an increase over the first-half of 1866, of	83,882
Do. do. second do.	44,053
Do. do. first-half of 1867, of	23,368
Do. do. second do.	41,138

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4. The following Statement gives the number of passengers of each class, and the receipts realised from them, during the five half-years specified above:—

	Half-year ended the				
	30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
<i>Single Fares.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers, 1st Class ...	582	528	1,334	1,539	853
Do. 2nd do. ...	2,037	2,480	1,25,263	1,95,744	3,549
Do. 3rd do. ...	1,82,034	1,97,757	78,281		3,09,790
<i>Receipts.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Passengers, 1st Class ...	1,534	1,458	3,361	3,960	4,538
Do. 2nd do. ...	2,740	3,394	93,759	1,49,888	5,413
Do. 3rd do. ...	92,864	1,04,377	43,288		1,82,899
<i>Return Fares.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers, 2nd and 3rd Class ...	10,997	12,225	13,499	9,326	33,884
<i>Receipts, do. do. ...</i>	RS. 3,784	RS. 11,634	RS. 6,596	RS. 8,594	RS. 20,755

5. Combining the single and return fares, the receipts are—

	Half-year ended the				
	30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
<i>Receipts, 1st Class ...</i>	RS. 1,534	RS. 1,458	RS. 3,361	RS. 3,960	RS. 4,569
Do. 2nd do. ...	2,740	3,394	93,759	1,58,482	5,413
Do. 3rd do. ...	96,618	1,16,011	49,881		2,03,623
Total...	1,00,922	1,20,863	1,47,004	1,62,442	2,13,605

6. The 3rd class carriages which were laid aside in March 1867 were again brought into use on this line on 1st January last, and the passenger-fares on the 1st March 1868 were assimilated to those in force on the Madras Railway, viz.:—

First Class	18 Pies per mile
Second do.	5 do.
Third do.	3 do.

that these changes have wrought a decided improvement in the passenger-traffic cannot be doubted, for while the additional length of line open during the period under notice is only twenty-four miles, or 16·66 per cent., the total number of passengers has increased by 141,467, or 68·05 per cent., and the aggregate amount realised from passengers by Rupees 51,163, or 31·49 per cent. above that realised during the previous half-year.

7. The number of 1st class passengers in the first-half of 1868 was less than that in either half of 1867, but the receipts from them were considerably

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greater. The number of 2nd class passengers and the receipts from them were small, but the number of 3rd class passengers was nearly four times the number during the first two months of 1867, and the receipts were four times as much as those during the months of January and February 1867.

8. The goods' traffic, exclusive of Railway materials, has been as follows:—

	Half-year ended the				
	30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
<i>Maunds</i> ...	No. 620,476	No. 7,36,334	No. 636,727	No. 679,250	No. 662,810
<i>Receipts</i> ...	RS. 65,428	RS. 88,267	RS. 76,096	RS. 89,119	RS. 1,20,919

9. The classification and rates for the goods' traffic, according to the scale in force on the Madras Railway, was introduced on the Great Southern Line on the 1st January 1868.

10. The foregoing Statement exhibits a decrease of 16,440 Maunds in the weight of goods conveyed, and an increase of Rupees 31,800 on the receipts from this kind of traffic during the half-year ended the 30th June 1868, compared with the half-year preceding it.

11. The gross receipts from all sources, the working expenses, and the net profits, per mile of open line, have been as follow during the last five half-years:—

	Half-year ended the				
	30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
Gross receipts per mile open ...	2,657·59	3,302·36	2,491·56	2,210·10	2,225·47
Working expenses do. ...	1,204·67	1,525·24	1,112·31	1,116·18	1,042·96
Net profits do. ...	1,452·92	1,777·12	1,389·25	1,093·92	1,182·51

12. The per-centage borne by the working expenses to the gross earnings has been as follows:—

Half-year ended the				
30th June 1866.	31st Dec. 1866.	30th June 1867.	31st Dec. 1867.	30th June 1868.
RS. 45·33	RS. 46·19	RS. 44·62	RS. 50·50	RS. 46·86

13. The low rate of the working expenses is, in a measure, attributable to the fact, that of the 168 miles of Railway only 79 are charged to revenue.

14. It is disappointing to find that so little increase of traffic has resulted from the completion of the line to Erode, but a comparison between the returns

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of the last two half-years shows that in the latter the gross receipts and profits were greater and the working expenses less than in the former. There is a satisfactory increase in the number of passengers.

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Lieut.-Colonel, V. C., R. E.,
MADRAS, *Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.*
20th October 1868.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1868, No. 3,569.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

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

(Here enter No. 3,570, dated 16th November 1868.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th November 1868.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY

Statement of Revenue Account for the half-year ending 30th June 1868.

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Expenditure.	Amount.	Total.	Train-miles 153,108, cost per Train- mile.	PER-CENTAGE OF		Receipts	Class	No.	Amount.		Total.	Earnings per Train- mile.
				Working expenses.	Revenue.				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
To Locomotive Department—						By Coaching						
Salaries of Locomotive Superintendent,		1,05,125 14 9	10 99	60 00	28 12	Passengers	1	853	4,557 14 0		2,33,513 9 10	24 40
Clerks, and contingent expenses	10,970 3 3					Do.	2	3,549	5,413 1 0			
Wages of Foremen, Drivers, and Firemen	20,122 13 3					Do.	3	3,09,799	1,62,899 13 0			
Do. of Cleaners, Watermen, &c.	3,842 13 5					Excess Fares	1	87	196 1 0			
Coal	32,437 6 8					Do.	2	352	186 7 0			
Wood	18,025 14 1					Do.	3	2,054	947 0 0			
Oil, Tallow, waste, &c.	1,843 0 7					Return fares	1	3	31 4 0			
Stationery	195 0 0					Do.	3	33,981	20,723 5 0			
Repairs of engines and tenders	7,501 0 6					Soldiers	1	3	19 10 0			
Do. of Carriages and waggons	10,187 11 6					Do.	2	35	99 0 0			
		31,238 8 0	3 36	17 83	8 35	Do.	3	3,690	4,736 1 0			
To Maintenance Department—						Special trains			300 0 0			
Salaries of Resident Engineer, Inspectors,									2,20,089 8 0			
Clerks, &c.	6,075 15 1					Parcels			9,017 12 2			
Wages of Plate-layers, Line-watchmen, &c.	18,698 10 6					Passengers' Luggage			1,589 8 6			
General Stores	6,463 14 5	24,562 6 0	2 57	14 02	6 57	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs			2,821 13 2		1,35,250 7 8	14 14
To Traffic Department—						By Goods—						
Salaries of Assistant Traffic Manager, Clerks,						Merchandise	24,351 tons.		1,20,018 15 4			
&c.	7,932 6 6					Railway material	2,020		8,781 0 0			
Wages of Guards and Inspectors	1,428 5 7					Ballasting			4,752 15 8			
Do. of Porters, Pointsmen, &c.	6,562 0 3					Rent and Demurrage			240 12 8			
Greasing of Rolling Stock	1,375 0 8					Live Stock			556 4 0		6,110 6 11	0 33
Tickets	442 10 3					By Sundries—						
Printing and Stationery	1,828 10 7					Bungalow rents			1,302 4 0			
General Stores	2,325 0 7					Telegraph Receipts			2,778 6 6			
Miscellaneous charges	41 8 8					Interest on Revenue Balances			1,029 12 5			
TELEGRAPH.												
To Salaries of Signallers	1,887 4 7											
General Stores	739 0 5	14,989 5 8	1 49	8 15	3 52							
To General charges—												
Proportion of cost of Home Direction and												
of general management	6,499 13 3											
Fire Insurance Fund	2,500 0 0											
Rates and Taxes	1,305 4 1											
Claims, Refunds, &c.	199 13 8											
Rent for use of Broad station	3,570 1 9											
Miscellaneous charges	315 4 11											
		1,75,216 2 5	18 31	100 00	46 86							
To Balance		1,98,063 6 0	20 76		58 14							
Total		3,73,879 8 5	39 07		100 00						3,73,879 8 5	39 07

Note.—On the 30th June, the amount outstanding on Revenue Account was Rupees 25,057-11-0. This sum includes Rupees 4,935-14-0, debit against the Engineering Department for the carriage of the Company's materials, and Rupees 2,610-8-10 receipts of the 30th June, which were not remitted to head-quarters by the Stations until the 1st of July 1868.

NEGAPATAM,
3rd October 1868.

(Signed) J. SMITH,
Chief Auditor.

(Signed) C. M. MOBERLY, Captain,
Government Examiner, Railway Accounts.

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent and Traffic Manager.

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Lieut.-Colonel, v. c., E. I. C.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th November 1868.

No. 3,570.

No. 282.

To

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

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 21.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward a copy of the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year which ended 30th June 1868, together with a Note by the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways on the more important and prominent features of the accounts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

IN INDIA.

By the Hon. the Secy.

to the Govt. of India.

London: Printed by the Govt. Printer, 1868.

GOVERNMENT.

No. 243.

Revenue / Account /—Copy of the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half year ended 30th June 1868. In answer to a Resolution of the Committee of Enquiry appointed by the Government of India.

Great Southern of India Railway
 Dr. Statement of Revenue Account for the Half year ending 30 June 1868. 64

Expenditure	Amount	Total	Train Miles			Receipts	Class	Amount	Total	Earnings per Train Mile
			153,108	Percent	Per cent					
			Cost per Working Train Miles							
To Locomotive Department		100,125 14 9	10. 99	60. 00	28. 12	By Coaching			22,057 9 10	24. 40
Salaries of Locomotive Dept. Clerks and Contingent expenses	10,970 3 3					Passengers	1 553	15,07 14		
Wages of Foremen Drivers & Firemen	20,122 13 3					"	2 2049	6,12 1		
of Cleaners, Watermen &c	3,862 13 5					"	3 207790	12,299 12		
Coal	32,437 6 8					Carriage Fares	1 57	196 1		
Wood	18,025 14 1					"	2 302	186 7		
Oil, Tallow, waste &c	1,863 7					Return Fares	3 2054	947		
Stationery	195					"	1 2	21 4		
Repairs of Engines and Tenders	7,501 6					Soldiers	3 22281	20725 5		
of Carriages & Wagons	10,187 11 6					"	1 2	19 10		
To Maintenance Department	31,238 8	3. 36	17. 83	8. 55		"	2 28	49		
Salaries of Resident Engineer, Inspectors, Clerks &c	6,075 15 1					Special trains	3 2892	2726 1		
Wages of Platelayers, Line watchmen &c	18,598 10 6					"		200		
General Stores	6,463 14 5					Parcels		927 12 2		
To Traffic Department	24,562 6	2. 57	14. 22	6. 57		Passenger's Luggage		1889 8 6		
Salaries of Assistant Traffic Manager &c	7,932 6 6					Goods, Carriages and Dogs		2221 10 2		
Wages of Guards and Inspectors	14,228 5 7					By Goods			10,222 7 5	14. 14
of Porters, Cartmen &c	6,562 6 2					Merchandise	2,200 tons	12,091 15 2		
Increasing of Rolling stock	1,375 8					Railway Material	2010	2781 6		
Locomotive	442 10 3					Ballasting		2702 15 8		
Painting and Stationery	1828 11 7					Rent and Damurrage		220 14 8		
General Stores	2,325 7					Line stock		286 4		
Miscellaneous charges	41 8 5					By Sundries			5710 6 11	0. 83
Telegraph						Amalgamated Agents		1842 14		
Salaries of Clerks	1,807 4 7					Telegraph Receipts		2778 6 6		
General Stores	739 5					Subsidy on Revenue balances		1029 12 5		
To General Charges	14,289 5 5	1. 49	8. 15	3. 22						
Proportion of cost of Home direction	6,299 13 3									
of general management	2,500									
Fire Insurance Fund	1,305 4 1									
Rates and Taxes	190 13 8									
Charges, Repairs &c	3870 1 9									
Rent for use of Goods stations	210 4 11									
Miscellaneous charges										
To Balance		17,621 6 2 5	18. 31	100. 00	28. 54					
		19,866 3 6	20. 76		28. 14					
		37,387 9 5 5	39. 07		100. 00					
Paid										

Note - On the 30 June, the amount outstanding on Revenue Account was Rs 28,007. 11. 0. This sum includes Rs 4,928. 10. 0, debit against the Engineering department for the carrying of the Company's materials by G. 2614. 25. 14. Receipts by the 30 June, which were not remitted to the Head Quarters by the Stations until the 1st of July 1868.

Negapatam
 31 Oct 1868

(Signed) James Smith
 Chief Auditor

(Signed) C. M. Moberly Capt
 Genl Sec Railway Accounts

(Signed) J. B. B. B.
 Agent & Traffic Manager

Note

Great Southern of India Railway

The gross receipts during the half-year ended the 30th June 1868 amounted to _____ Rupees—373,879
The working expenses to ————175,216
The balance or profit to ————198,663

2. The half-yearly receipts working expenses, and balances have been as follows since the 1st January 1866:—

	Half year ended the				
	30 th June 1866	31 st Decem ^r 1866	30 th June 1867	31 st Decem ^r 1867	30 th June 1868
• Miles open —	79	79 127	127	144	168
• Miles charged to Revenue	79	79	79	79	79
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Gross receipts —	209,930	287,306	316,555	318,255	373,879
Working expenses —	95,169	132,696	141,260	160,730	175,216
Balance —	114,781	154,610	175,295	157,525	198,663

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3. This statement gives the following results for the first half of 1868 compared with the four preceding half-years:—

The receipts show an increase over the first half of 1866 of	Rs 163,979
Do Do second Do	21,573
Do Do first half of 1867 of	57,274
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The net profits show an increase over the first half of 1866 of	Rs 83,882
Do Do second Do	44,053
Do Do first half of 1867 of	23,368
Do Do second Do	41,138

4. The following statement gives the number of passengers of each class, and the receipts realized from them during the five half-years specified above:—

Half-year

		Half year ended the				
		30 th June 1866	31 st December 1866	30 th June 1867	31 st December 1867	30 th June 1868
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>Single fares</u>						
Passengers 1 st Class		582	528	1324	1539	853
Do 2 nd Do		2037	2480	125263	195744	3549
Do 3 rd Do		182038	197757	78281	.	309790
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Receipts 1 st Class		1534	1458	3261	3960	4538
Do 2 nd Do		2740	3394	93759	149888	5413
Do 3 rd Do		92864	104377	43288	.	182899
<u>Return fares</u>		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers 2 nd and 3 rd Class		10997	12225	13499	9326	33884
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Receipts Do Do		3784	11634	6596	8594	20755

5. Combining the single and return fares the receipts are—

		Half year ended the				
		30 th June 1866	31 st December 1866	30 th June 1867	31 st December 1867	30 th June 1868
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Receipts 1 st Class		1534	1458	3261	3960	4538
Do 2 nd Do		2740	3394	93759	138482	5413
Do 3 rd Do		96648	116011	49884	.	203623
Total		100922	120863	147004	162442	213605

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3. 6. The third class carriages which were laid aside in March 1867 were again brought into use on this line on 1st January last, and the passenger fares on the 1st March 1868 were assimilated to those in force on the Madras Railway viz:

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Second — do — 5 — do

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of third class passengers was nearly four times the number during the first two months of 1867 and the receipts were four times as much as those during the months of January and February 1867.

8. The Goods traffic, exclusive of Railway materials has been as follows:—

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Net profits — Do —	1,452.92	1,277.12	1,380.25	1,093.92	1,182.51

12. The percentage borne by the working expenses to the gross earnings has been as follows:—

Half-year ended the				
30 th June 1866	31 st December 1866	30 th June 1867	31 st December 1867	30 th June 1868
Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
45.33	46.19	44.62	50.50	46.86

13. The low rate of the working expenses is in a measure attributable to the fact that of the 168 miles of Railway only 79 are charged to Revenue.

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so little increase of traffic has resulted from the completion of the line to Erode but a comparison between the returns of the last two half-years shows that in the latter the gross receipts and profits were greater and the working expenses less than in the former. There is a satisfactory increase in the number of passengers.

Madras W D Pringle Esq Lieut Colonel V.C.R.E.
20th October 1868
Acting Commr. Engineer for Railways.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 385-

From

Lieut. Colonel W. N. D. Pendergast V.C. R. E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

As directed by Government in
their order dated the 6th September 1866
No. 2850, I have the honour to submit
the Revenue Account of the Great
Southern of India Railway for the half year
ended the 30th June 1868, accompanied by
a brief explanatory note.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Madras
20th October
1868

Your most obedient servant

W. N. D. Pendergast Lieut. Col. V.C. R. E.

Acting Cons. Eng. for Railways

Public Works Department.
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The Secy. to Govt. for Railways
 Recd 17/10/68

No 385
 The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
 P. N. D.

W. A.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward a copy of the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half year which ended 30th June 1868, together

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 The Secy. to Govt. for Railways
 M.S. No. 385

To
 The Consulting Engineer for Railways
 From
 The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George.

Recd 25/10/68
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 No. 385

Submitting the Revenue Account of the G. S. I. R. for the half year ending 30th June 1868

26/10/68

with a note by the
Acting Consulting En-
gineer for Railways
on the more important
and prominent features
of the Accounts.

[Signature]

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Govt. of Madras.

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Account (Railway) Papering enclosure
the letter from the Army Corps submitting
the Revenue Account of the Great
Southern of India Railway for
the half year ended 30th June 1868.

Revenue Account. Copy of the
Revenue Account of the Great
S. Railway for the half year ended 30th
June 1868, together with a note by the
Army Corps, forwarded to the Secy of the