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No. 151. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Fort William, 6th December 1869, No 345 A—R :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your docket No. 3,308, dated 13th October, forwarding copy of a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, having reference to Government of India letters Nos 181 A—R and 3,083, dated 13th July and 22nd September, respectively—this latter number and date is probably a misquotation for No. 1,357-R, dated 8th September.

2. With reference thereto, I am to observe that the specific questions put to the Madras Government by the Government of India, as to the exact nature of the review made of the stores in stock, and the agency by which it has been carried out, appear not to have been thoroughly disposed of. In the Consulting Engineer's letter it is stated that the value of stores in stock on the Madras Railway amounted to about Rupees 95 lakhs, and the annual consumption to Rupees 36 lakhs; taking into account the country purchases of stores, the stock may probably be set down at the value of three years' consumption. Yet the Consulting Engineer, and apparently the Madras Government, are of opinion that no considerable quantity of any article of stock has accumulated in excess of the requirements of the Railway. This view of the case would, therefore, I am to remark, appear to admit of reconsideration. There Governor-General in Council is very desirous that no unnecessary amount of money should be locked up in stores which are not likely to be required within a reasonable period, and would suggest that the Government of Madras should take steps towards having the actual stock of stores of each Railway thoroughly reviewed, and preventing any further additions being made to the stock that are not absolutely necessary. His Excellency in Council will be glad to be informed of the measures that may be taken towards arriving at this end.

3. With reference to the 5th paragraph of the Consulting Engineer's letter, I am to observe that the loss on all unsaleable stores should properly be debited to Revenue so soon as the amount of such loss is known.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1870, No. 79.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to the orders marginally noted.

No 3,307, dated 13th October 1869

2. Major Shaw Stewart will reconsider the subject of paragraph 2 and submit his views on the observations of the Government of India, reporting the measures which in his opinion should be adopted to carry into effect the suggestions of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council.

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(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
Ed T O'Connor.

No. 1 Public Works Department

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