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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st February 1870.

No. 414. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th February 1870, No. 60 :—

THE revised time-table for the North-West Line of the Madras Railway, which received the approval of Government in their Order, dated the 23rd October 1869, No. 3,420, provided for a night train between Madras and Ghooty, in each direction, on every day except Sundays.

2. With reference to those arrangements I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter from the Postmaster-General,* in which that officer brings to notice that, since the transfer of the mails between Madras and Bombay to the Raichore route, experience has shown that night trains on Sunday are "absolutely necessary to "prevent detention to the mail for almost twelve hours on that day at Madras as "well as at Ghooty." Colonel Pears suggests that orders be passed either for a night train on Sundays in addition to the day train, or for the conversion of the Sunday day-train into a night train.

* No. 6,812, dated 31st January 1870.

3. As a night staff is now employed on the North-West Line, the conversion of the Sunday day-train into a night train would entail no extra expense. The addition of a Sunday night-train to the existing train service would add 12,376 miles to the present train mileage, at a monthly cost of about Rupees 645.

4. There can be little doubt that both proposals would be strongly objected to by the Railway authorities; the one, on account of the interference with the regular passenger traffic which would certainly be the result of stopping the day train during one day in the week, and the other on account of the increased expense.

5. If the Government consider the circumstances to be such as to render a night train on Sundays essential for the convenience and accommodation of the public, I am decidedly of opinion that it would be advisable not to interfere with the existing day train. In that case I beg to suggest that it would be well to call upon the Agent, with reference to the views expressed by Government in their Orders,† dated the 10th July and the 28th September 1869, to complete the night service of trains on the North-West Line by running night trains on Sunday as well as on the other days of the week.

† Nos. 2,259 and 3,138.

No. 415. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1870, No. 530.

RAILWAY, No. 51.

AS IT does not appear that the public have as yet suffered any serious inconvenience from there being no night train on the North-West Line of the Madras Railway on Sunday, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed, in the face of the opposition to be expected from the Railway Company, to require them to complete at present the night service on that line by running a night train on Sunday as well as on the other days of the

week. It will, however, probably be necessary to establish a complete service of night trains when the line is opened somewhat further towards Raichore, and His Excellency in Council will be then prepared to take the matter into consideration.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st February 1870
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from the Consulting Engineer for Railways } R. E. No 60 dd 11th Feby 1870

As it does not appear that the Public have as yet suffered any serious inconvenience from there being no night trains on the Carnatic West Line of the Madras Railway on Sunday, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed, in the face of the opposition to be expected from the Railway Company, to require them to complete at present the night service on that line by

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running a night train on Sunday as well as on the other days of the week. It will however probably be necessary to establish a complete service of night trains when the line is opened somewhat further towards Rathcore, and His Excellency in Council will be then prepared to take the matter into Consideration

To the Consulting Engr. for Railways

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Night trains (By) the proposed Engineer to complete the night service of trains on the Navan line of the Meadows by by running night trains on Sundays as well as on the other days of the week, declined to do so.