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Read the following:—

No. 518. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th January 1870, No. 28.

Read the following letter from Captain J. G. LINDSAY, R. E., Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Consulting Engineer, dated Madras, 18th January 1870, No. 5.

I HAVE the honour to report that during the past week I inspected the Great Southern of India Railway.

2. The line is in good order, but it is not fully ballasted at the 10th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 27th, 28th, and 31st miles. Since my last inspection, 18,256 cubic yards of ballast have been laid down. There are only three European Inspectors of Permanent Way for the whole 168 miles of this Railway. One superintends the length from Negapatam to near Trichinopoly, about eighty-two miles; his salary is Rupees 330-15 per mensem: the rest is under the charge of the other two Inspectors on salaries amounting to Rupees 236-6-0 and Rupees 200 per mensem. I consider that the cost of supervision might be better divided, and that the first opportunity should be taken of equally dividing the line into four districts.

3. The fencing is in good order throughout the line, but I observed many gates open. I did not see a single case of cattle-trespassing.

4. The station buildings are in good order; at some stations the steps at the end of the platform are out of repair. I asked the Resident Engineer to be good enough to make ramps instead of steps when the repairs are taken in hand.

5. The works now under construction or sanctioned on Capital Account are the following:—

At Negapatam.

Boiler-erecting Shop roofed in.
Furnace do. do.
Timber-shed, nearly finished.
Chimney, do.
Boundary-wall, do.
Wall round shops, not commenced.

At Caroor.

Permanent Way Inspector's Bungalow walls about three feet high.

6. The Rolling stock is in good order. I observe that third-class passengers are now conveyed in vehicles without seats, of the same description as those for the cooly class on the Madras Railway.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The attention of the Agent has been called to the remarks made by Captain Lindsay in paragraphs 3, 4, and 6.

3. I entirely agree with Captain Lindsay as to the advisability of increasing the number of Inspectors on the open line and re-distributing the salaries. I have to-day taken an opportunity to discuss this question with the Agent, and he agreed

with me that some such measure may be arranged when making the general review of establishments called for by Government in their Order of the 15th instant, No. 181, and which I hope may be effected during next month.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No. 519. From Captain J. G. LINDSAY, R. E., Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th February 1870, No. 50.

REFERRING to the Consulting Engineer's endorsement, No. 28, dated 20th ultimo, I have the honour to submit the following explanation, received from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, with reference to paragraph 6 of my Inspection report:—

"Ordinary third-class passengers are conveyed in vehicles with seats: the "passengers referred to in paragraph 6 of the Inspection report were booked at "cheap fares."

No. 520. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1870, No. 644.

RAILWAY, No. 65.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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With reference to Para 6 of Capt Lindsay's letter, the Cons Engineer will report whether Carriages without seats are used for ordinary traffic on the Great Southern of India Railway, or whether that description of accommodation is provided only during festivals and other special occasions.
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The Govt observe that the removal of seats from 3? class Carriages was temporarily sanctioned in the orders marginally noted, the question
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Of Receiving them having been kept for consideration on the completion of the Extension to Erode - The running of 3d Class Carriages was suspended in 1867, but resumed in 1868. Major Shaw Stewart will report the arrangements which have since been in force for the accommodation of 3d Class Passengers and state his views in regard to giving them

To the Inspector Gen Rys

Toronto 28/2/70