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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1870.*

No. 366. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th March 1870, No. 96 :—

When submitting, on the 16th ultimo, with No. 65, the Minutes of Meeting held at Royapooram on the 14th idem, I had the honour to report the result of my communication with the Agent of the Madras Railway, regarding the most effective means of keeping the line clear of cattle. I stated that I was satisfied that the Railway officers were doing their utmost to check the evil, and I expressed confidence that the measures which had been adopted would have the desired effect of reducing the number of cases of cattle trespass.

2. I regret to say that my expectations have not yet been fulfilled. Since I addressed you on the subject no less than seven cases of cattle run over have been reported. Three of these reports are this day submitted for the information of Government.

3. I had again yesterday an opportunity to discuss the subject with the Railway authorities, and the Agent agreed to my proposal that a trial should be made of cow-catchers. They are objected to by the Locomotive Superintendent, partly on account of their weight which tends to make the front wheels of the engine run hot, and partly on account of their removal being often necessary when the engine has to perform shunting at a station. The safety of the public is, however, the first consideration; and the large number of recent cases of cattle trespass makes it essential, in my opinion, to give cow-catchers a trial. I am glad to say that the Agent at once agreed. They are to be tried on the western section of the South-West Line between Beypore and Coimbatore. Out of ten cases of cattle run over on the South-West Line between the 1st of January and the 5th March, seven have occurred on the western section.

No. 367. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1870, No. 824.

RAILWAY, No. 37.

Under the circumstances explained in this letter, the Government approve of "cow-catchers" being tried on the portion of the South-West Line of the Madras Railway between Beypore and Coimbatore. Major Shaw Stewart will report the result of the experiment in due course.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

Railway Department.

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From

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart M.C.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr M.C.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

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To The Consulting Engrs
for Railways

Dated

Recd.

G. O. 19th March 1870. No. 826

Nos. 366-367

"Can Cateters": Permission granted
for "Can Cateters" being tried on the
particularity the S. W. line of the Madras
By Stationary Bore and Bombardment,
and the Engrs requested to
put the result by the Engineer in
our course.

