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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2282-83 Press / Mis.-

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Dated 21-9 1870.

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

No. 378. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th September 1870, No. 369 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward letter as per margin, from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, bringing to notice the labour and expense involved when returns are called for, in arrears, in a different form from those that have been previously required.

No. 516 of 10th September 1870, with enclosure.

2. I beg to be informed if the Government will accept the usual form of Traffic Return for the half-year ending 30th June 1870: or if they decide that the new form should be furnished, for the Government of India, as called for in G. O., No. 2,115, of the 2nd instant.

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From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th September 1870, No. 516.

UPON receipt of Order of Government, No. 2,115, dated the 2nd instant, with your endorsement thereon, No. 521, of the 5th instant, I placed myself in communication with the Chief Auditor, in view to effect being given to your request that an abstract of the Return of Traffic at Stations should be furnished soon after the close of each half-year, commencing with the half-year ended the 30th June last; and I have now the honour to solicit your attention to the remarks of the Chief Auditor, as conveyed in his letter of the 9th instant, No. 304, of which I enclose a copy.

2. As Mr. Church informs me that the statistics of traffic for the past half-year are now completed, and as he represents that the Traffic has not been compiled in the manner required by the Government of India, I trust that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to receive, for the half-year ended the 30th June 1870, the statements as now prepared.

3. I will take care that the wishes of Government in this respect are complied with for the current and subsequent half-years.

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From the Chief Auditor, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 9th September 1870, No. 304.

WITH reference to the Order of Government, No. 2,115, dated 2nd instant, requiring that our present Station to Station Returns of Traffic be discontinued, and the new form thereto attached be adopted, and also requiring that they be supplied for the half-year ending 30th June last, I beg to inform you that all our statistics for the past half-year are now complete, and as we have not compiled the Traffic in the form called for, I beg to request that we may be permitted to submit our statements as already prepared. Arrangements will be made to comply with the wishes of the Government in the current half-year.

2. I beg also to take this opportunity to point out that our office establishment is regulated according to current requirements, and is not, therefore, strong enough to undertake work in arrears.

3. If returns are called for prospectively we are able, as a rule, to re-adjust our statistics so as to meet the requirements of Government, without additional expense; but if the practice is continued of calling on us to make these changes after the half-year is completed, as in this instance, or in the middle of the half-year, as was the case in the great change recently made in our "Accounts," there must necessarily be delay, attended with extra labour and expense. I am sure the authorities will recognize, on representation, the fact that the practice here remonstrated against is in every way objectionable.

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

No. 379. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1870, No. 2,282.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

As the orders of the Government of India quoted by the Consulting Engineer were passed after the close of the first-half of the current calendar year, His Excellency in Council authorizes the submission of the Traffic Returns for that half-year in the form heretofore adopted.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 380. (DOCKET No. 2,283, dated 21st September 1870.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India for information, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 1,356 R., dated 2nd August 1870.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 516

**MADRAS RAILWAY.**

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 10th September 1870

*From* A. B. Elwin Esq
*Agent and Manager.* of the MRly

*To* Captain H. L. Prendergast RE
Acting *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

SIR,

Upon receipt of Order of Government ap 2115 dated the 2nd instant, with your endorsement thereon ap 521 of the 5th instant I placed myself in communication with the Chief Auditor in view to effect being given to your request that an Abstract of the Returns of traffic at stations should be furnished soon after the close of each half year commencing with the half year ended the 30th June last, and I have now the honour to solicit your attention to the remarks of the Chief Auditor as conveyed in his letter of the 9th instant ap 304 of which I enclose a Copy.

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compiled in the manner required by the Government of India, I trust that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to receive for the half-year ended the 30th June 1870, the Statements as now proposed.

3. I will take care that the wishes of Government in this respect are complied with for the current and subsequent half-years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

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No. 276.

Replying with reference to the subject mentioned in the margin, I beg to forward herewith, in duplicate, the Returns of Traffic on the Madras Railway for the half year ending 30th June last, required by the Government Order under reference.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Auditor's Office
Madras 9th September 1870.

No. 304.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the order of Government No. 2115 dated 2nd instant requiring that our present station to station Returns of Traffic be discontinued and the new Forms thereto attached be adopted, and also requiring that they be supplied for the half year ending 30th June last, I beg to inform you that all our statistics for the past half years are now complete, and as we have not compiled the Traffic in the form called for, I beg to request that we may be permitted to submit our Statements as already prepared. Arrangements will be made to comply with the wishes of the Government in the Current Half Year.

I beg also to take this opportunity to point out, that our Office Establishment is regulated according to current requirements, and is not, therefore, strong enough to undertake work in arrears.

If returns are called for prospectively we are able, as a rule, to readjust our statistics so as to meet the requirements of Government without additional expense; but if the practice is continued of calling on us to make these changes after the half year is completed, as in this instance, or in the middle of the half years, as was the case in the great change recently made in our "Accounts", there must necessarily be delay, attended with extra labor and expense. I am sure the authorities will recognize our representation the fact, that the practice here remonstrated against, is

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

**Railway Department.**

No. 369.

From Captain H. L. Prendergast R. E.
Madras Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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Yours faithfully
Hy Fitzgerald Brownrigg
Chief Auditor

R. D. Elwin Esqr
Agent & Manager

True Copy
W. H. Smith
Agent & Manager

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt

Madras
15th September
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Ag. Cons: Engineer for
Railways

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From No. 3658
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 15 } September 1870.
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Railway regarding
the returns called for
by the Govt. of India.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21st Sept. 70

Read the following

From,

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways } (M. E. No. 369 of 15th Sept. 70)

As the orders of
the Govt. of India quoted by
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after the close of the 1st half
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His Excellency in Council
authorizes the submission
of the Traffic returns for
that half year in the
form heretofore adopted.

To the Govt. Engr. for
Railways.
Rec'd. 22/9/70

Docket No. 2282 of 21st Sept. 70.

Copy of the above for-
warded to the Govt. of India
for

for information with
reference to their Pro-
ceedings No 1358 R dated
2d August/70.



Depot 22/9/70.

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Govt. of [1870] Madras.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of India

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Traffic Return. The Submission of the Traffic Return for the half year ending 30th June 70 in the Forms hereto fore adopted, Authorized.

Docket Forwarding Copy of Pro. authorizing the Submission by the Engineer for Railways of the Traffic Return for the half year ending 30th June 70 in the Forms hereto fore adopted.

Further Proc. No 910 of 27-371