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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th November 1870.*

No. 285. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th November 1870, No. 436:—

With reference to G. O., No. 2,391, of the 4th October 1870, I have the honour to report that I learn from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway that he calls the cargoes of Australian coal, which he has purchased, "chance bargains," that is, ships have arrived at Galle seeking a market, and offers to them have been made and accepted by telegraph. For these cargoes delivered, Rupees 17½ to Rupees 18 have been paid. A local firm has offered to arrange for a regular supply of the Australian coal, sufficient to meet the demands at Negapatam, at an average rate of 20 Rupees per ton; but the offer was not accepted, as the Directors in England recently decided on sending out 2,000 tons of patent fuel to be landed at about the same price as the Australian coal.

2. There has thus been no direct communication with Australia regarding the coal, nor is there information from that country of its ordinary market value; but the difference in cost, before shown, between this coal and other fuel seems now likely to disappear, if, as Mr. Betts expects, patent fuel reaches him at Rupees 20 per ton. The patent fuel is preferred by the Locomotive Department to coal, and would be generally used if prices were the same.

3. Probably more information could be obtained in Calcutta than here about the Australian coal, from the larger shipping interests.

No. 286. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1870, No. 2,746.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

ORDERED that this letter be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 287. (DOCKET No. 2,747, dated 15th November 1870.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter No. 1,585-R., dated 17th September 1870.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 436.

From

Captain H. L. Pendergast R. E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. O. R. E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

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Madras
4th November
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. Sander at Captain R. E.
Acting Com. Eng. & J. R.

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For 27/6/70-15/10/70
 instructions on the
 subject of procuring
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Dated 4/11/70
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To
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
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From
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Australian Coal. Taking orders
on the letter from the Congress for
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Forwarding copy of a letter
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