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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1871.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th April 1871, No. 162.—

In reply to G. O., No. 989, dated 4th April 1871, I have the honour to inform you that practically the system obtaining in Bombay, in the audit of the accounts of Guaranteed Railways, is followed in this Presidency. All bills, as a matter of convenience, come before the Government Accountant before payment, and irregularities are discussed by the Examiner and the Chief Auditor of the Railway Company, but the Chief Auditor can pass a bill for payment on his own responsibility, any difference of opinion between himself and the Government Examiner being dealt with by the latter on the expenditure coming before him for audit.

2. The "Register of sanctions," referred to in paragraph 3, is strictly kept up and checked daily by the Government Accountant; the list of capital sanctions is revised once a quarter, and when a work is reported complete a period of two months is allowed, during which expenditure incurred prior to the date of such report is passed

3. Revenue sanctions are given so as to cover the probable outlay during each half-year.

4. As the system pursued in this Presidency has been found to work well and differs from that in Bombay only in that pre-audit of the bills is customary in the former while it is compulsory in the latter, I agree with the Acting Examiner of Railway Accounts in deprecating any change of the kind proposed, which he is of opinion might relieve the Railway Chief Auditor of responsibility, and in his case (as he audits the accounts of three Companies) be productive of delay.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1871, No. 1,205.

RAILWAY, No 1.

ORDERED that this letter be forwarded
to the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 1,206, dated 1st May 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 1st May 1871.

No 11.

No 1,206

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 2.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th March 1871, No. 185-A R, requesting the opinion of the Madras Government as to the expediency of adopting in this Presidency the system pursued in Bombay in auditing the accounts of Guaranteed Railways on behalf of Government, as explained in an extract of a report by Captain Filgate which accompanied your communication under notice.

2. In reply, I am to forward, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer, from which it will be seen that, excepting a slight difference in the method of auditing bills, the system of check exercised by the Government Controlling Officers over Railway expenditure in this Presidency is identical with that obtaining in Bombay, and, having in view the good results which have hitherto attended its working, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not of opinion that any change seems called for.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Railway Dept

Cons. Engineer's office

No 162.

From ...

Captain C. J. Smith R.E.

Dy Cons. Eng. & for Railways

To ...

Colonel C. A. O'Y R.E.

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

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Madras
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Captain R.E.

Dy Commr. Engrs for Railways

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st April 1871

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From the Dy. Engr. for Railways / A.E. No 162 of 15 April 1871.

Ordered that this
letter be forwarded to the
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The Acting Engr. for Railways /

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No 1206.

The Secy. to the Govt
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Dated 15th April 1871

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To Mr. Holtz Consulting Engineer
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To the Secretary to the
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