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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1871.*

No. 133. Read the following letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd May 1871 :—

In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th May, the Chamber have been favoured with the reply of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways to the comments offered by the Chamber to the Government on the 11th and 18th ultimo, regarding the new time-table for the North-East Line, as well as with the observations of the Acting Agent and Manager upon which that reply is based.

2. It is observed that the Agent states that the time-table in question was revised with a view to the conveyance of passengers and mails between Madras and Bombay with as much despatch as possible, and that the Consulting Engineer points out that the exigencies of the Cheyaur and Kistna rivers and of the Bhore ghaut incline preclude a time-table that would arrange for the passage of those portions of the route during the night.

3. The Chamber are not in a position as yet to suggest a better plan for overcoming the three difficulties mentioned than has been adopted by the Railway executive, doubtless after due consideration; but they have been informed by one of the members who recently made the journey across to Bombay, that it might be easily accomplished in "5 hours and 20 minutes less than the 48 hours that are now devoted to it, not to mention the considerable delay in waiting or killing time that is rendered necessary under the present condition of crossing the Cheyaur by daylight, and on account of which there was a delay of 1½ hours at Cuddapah."

4. It is also worthy of remark that the Acting Agent states that he had no official information before him as to the means by which the Great Indian Peninsula Company propose to convey mails and passengers across the Kistna when in flood; and that the Consulting Engineer merely endorses this statement, and saw no necessity for any further remark. But the Chamber are unable to acquiesce in this indifference. It is gratifying, therefore, to find that the Government have requested the Consulting Engineer to ascertain what arrangements are proposed by the Great Indian Peninsula Company for the conveyance of mails and passengers across the Kistna river when in flood; and the Chamber will feel obliged for the early communication to them of the desiderated information, which they trust will be of a nature to satisfy them that the safety of mails and passengers has been sufficiently provided for.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1871, No. 1,552.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

ORDERED to be recorded with reference to G. O., No. 1,428, dated 25th May 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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From

The Chairman of the
 Chamber of Commerce
 Madras

Dated 28 May } 1871.
 Received 28 May }

Requesting
 further information
 regarding the ar-
 rangements to make
 for the conveyance
 by rail of Mails
 & Passengers between
 Madras & Bombay.

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 With an order

For S. J. George?
 9 June / 71

Forwarded to her accompanied with reference
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