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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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Dated 30-11- 1871.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 30th November 1871.

No. 536. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 9th November 1871, No. 2,274-R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2,599, dated the 12th October 1871, submitting the accounts of the Madras Railway for the half-year ending 30th June 1871, with a note by the Consulting Engineer on the revenue portion of the accounts.

2. The capital portion of the accounts is not precisely in the form prescribed, which should be strictly followed in future.

3. The falling off in the goods traffic appears to call for attention. It is not clear whether the decline was due to temporary and exceptional causes, or to any thing likely to be of a permanent character, and the Government of India accordingly trust that, should the decline continue, the Government of Madras will closely watch the effect of the opening to Raichore, and cause an investigation to be made in order that it may be ascertained whether any steps can be taken to improve the financial position of the Railway. It is, however, observed that the weekly traffic returns show that the gross receipts on the Madras Railway up to the 30th September 1871, have increased beyond those of 1870 in about the proportion of the increase in the open mileage.

4. In conclusion, I am directed to inquire when the general balance sheet (Form No. XVIII.) will be submitted, and to state that if the Company is unable to prepare it on the data available in India, a reference should be made to the Secretary of State or by the Agent to the Board of Directors for the supply of whatever information is wanted.

No. 537. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1871, No. 3,025.

RAILWAY, No. 73.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to G. O., No. 2,598, dated 12th October 1871. Major Prendergast's special attention is drawn to the instructions and suggestions in paragraphs 2 and 3, and he will furnish the information called for in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ex. E. C. Shunker.

No 2274 R

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Government of India
Public Works Department
Railway.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department,
(Railway)

Simla, 9th November 1871.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2599 dated the 12th October 1871 submitting the accounts of the Madras Railway for the half year ending 30th June 1871, with a note by the Consulting Engineer on the Revenue portion of the Accounts.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
C. R. Wilkinson Major R.E.
Deputy Secretary

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No 5496.

From.

The Government of India.

Dated 9th } Nov/71
Rec'd 17th }

No 2274 R.

Passing orders on the Accounts of the Madras Railway for the half year ending 30th June 1871.

No 3025 dated 30th Nov/71 with an order to

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Communicate to the Comptroller Public Works

No 3025

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Public Works Department

Railways

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Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India, a copy of the undersigned's letter No 2598 dated 12th instant, with its enclosures, regarding the special allowance drawn by the Engineers employed in Para 2 & 3 of the said letter and to request that instructions may be issued for the

Oct/71

C/s. 549 b

Govt of India 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Advg Consulting Engr for Railways

Dated.

Read.

No. 3025 dated 30th Novr

Nos. 536 & 537

Accounts. Letter from the Govt of India passing orders on the Accounts of the Madras Ry for the half year ending 30th June '71, Comd & the Consulting Engr for Rys with instructions.