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## Government of Madras.

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No. 414. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd January 1871, No. 34.—

REFERRING to G. O. of the 19th ultimo, No. 3,081, I have the honour, after communicating with the Agent of the Madras Railway, to report as follows upon the causes which have led to the falling off in the traffic receipts during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the year 1870.

2 The gross receipts were for the six months ended— RS.

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But to arrive at the particular items of traffic in which there was a falling off, I beg to exhibit the details of receipts from each of the three classes of traffic, namely, "Passenger," "Miscellaneous," and "Goods," for the six months ended 30th September 1869 and 1870, respectively.

3. *Passenger Traffic.*

| | 1869. RS. | 1870. RS. |
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| First Class | 68,427 | 58,205 |
| Second ,, | 72,913 | 72,403 |
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4. *Miscellaneous Coaching.*

| | 1869. RS. | 1870. RS. |
|---|---|---|
| Passengers' luggage | 29,189 | 23,644 |
| Parcels | 45,656 | 43,217 |
| Horses, Carriages, and Dogs | 38,186 | 42,599 |
| Total | 1,13,031 | 1,09,460 |

The decrease here is due to passengers' luggage falling off, and is probably consequent on the diminution of first-class traffic.

5. *Goods Traffic.*

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| Merchandise .. ... . .. | 18,74,828 | 13,88,385 |
| Railway Material .. . | 2,15,933 | 1,11,031 |
| Locomotive Wood Fuel . | 10,848 | .. |
| Cattle and Demurrage ... . | 7,000 | 5,510 |
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6. The falling off in "Material" is due in part to the smaller quantity of material carried for construction, and to the operation of the rule which requires all stores and material on Revenue Account to be carried free. This latter remark applies also to locomotive wood fuel.

7. The Agent informs me that this falling off in the traffic receipts has, for some time past, been a source of much anxiety both to the Traffic Manager and himself. In cases where there was reason to imagine that goods were being carried by other means than the Railway, special reductions in the rates have been introduced, with a view to attract such traffic on to the line, and every effort has been and will continue to be made to improve the state of affairs. But it is feared that as long as the present extraordinary stagnation in trade exists, little real development of traffic can reasonably be looked for.

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No. 415. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1871, No. 501.

RAILWAY, No. 55.

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

(Here enter No. 502, dated 18th February 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 18*th February* 1871.

No. 416.

No 502.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 56.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 9th December 1870, No. 1,978-R, inquiring the causes of the falling off in the traffic receipts of the Madras Railway during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the year 1870, as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year, I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer, in which that Officer, after communication with the Agent and Manager of the Company, explains at length the reasons, so far as they can be ascertained, of the diminution under the main heads of Passengers, Miscellaneous Traffic, and Goods.

2. The decline of passenger traffic is attributed to the prevalence of cholera in several of the principal towns contiguous to the Railway, and to the circumstance that the depression in the cotton market, and in traffic generally, indisposed the public to make such use of the line as the people, it is believed, would be inclined to do in more prosperous times, while the decrease in luggage, which is the only item worthy of notice under the second head, has been the natural result of the falling off in passenger traffic.

3. Of the decrease of Rupees 6,03,683 under "Goods," Rupees 4,82,297 are owing to the article of cotton of which a smaller quantity than in previous years has of late found its way to the coast, owing to the depreciation of its value in Europe. It is thought that considerable quantities are held back by the growers in anticipation of a rise in price, and, till this takes place, it is feared that little improvement in the returns is to be expected.

4. I am to add that the state of the traffic receives close attention, and every circumstance is taken advantage of which is considered likely to conduce to its development.

I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE

**Railway Department**

No 134

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

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
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No. C. 83.34. Dated 23rd January 1871

To

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Ordered that the
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Government of India.

H. E. No. 502 dated 18th Feby

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The Secy: to the Govt.
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In reply to your letter
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Railway during the second
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Public Works 1871 Department

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No. 339

~~RAILWAY DEPARTMENT~~

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 23rd January 1871.

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Chas Lundy Capt. R.E.

Madras
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Secretary

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To Thirty Consulting Engrs for Railways and To The Secretary to the Govt of India

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