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No. 63. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th April 1872, No. 185:—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th April 1872, No. 232.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter No. 239 of the 10th instant, I have the honour to enclose you a copy of the letter* from the Traffic Manager, which was laid before the Committee on the 9th instant, when the question of the defalcation of Gay, formerly the Station Master at Coimbatore, was under consideration.

* No. A-64, dated 12th February 1872.

2. As this letter contains simply an application for authority to write off the amount of the deficit as a bad debt, I called upon the Traffic Manager to submit a report upon the whole circumstances of the case, a copy* of which I also forward, and I trust you will be able to gather from it all the information you require.

* From Traffic Manager, No. C. $\frac{214}{162}$, dated 15th April 1872.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 12th February 1872, No. A-64.

Gay vs. Madras Railway Company.

I shall feel obliged if you will sanction the sum of Rupees 312-1-11, now due to Coimbatore station, and which we failed to make Mr. Gay liable for, written off as a bad debt.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 15th April 1872, No. C/216-162.

Consulting Engineer's letter No. 239, dated 10th instant.

As Mr. Gay had deposited with the Company a sum of money as security in excess of his liability to the Company, there was really no loss to report up to the time of the issue of the trial, namely, on the 5th December last.

Mr. Gay left the service on the 17th December 1870, and in reply to his application for the security he had deposited, he was informed that the Company was prepared to return, either the full amount on payment of the balance due to the Coimbatore station, namely, Rupees 312-1-11, or the difference between this amount and the 500 Rupees deposited as security.

In July 1871 Mr. Gay entered an action against the Company in the Small Cause Court at Madras for repayment of his security and interest, and on the advice of the Solicitors the Company paid into Court the difference between the amount claimed by Mr. Gay and the amount due by Mr. Gay to the Company.

At the first hearing, on the 18th July, the case was postponed to enable Mr. Gay to look over the accounts submitted by the Railway Company.

At the second hearing in November, Mr. Gay, on the advice of his Attorney, repudiated his liability and objected to the application of the Railway Company that the accounts might be referred to an Accountant *unless* the Company could prove non-payment of any specific item, and although it was explained to the Judge that in an account current it was almost a matter of impossibility to prove non-payment of any specific item, the case was again postponed to afford the Company an opportunity of complying with the requirements of plaintiff.

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At the third and last hearing on the 5th December, I explained personally to the Court the impossibility of complying with plaintiff's request, and asked for a reference of the accounts to an Accountant. The Judge however ruled that as the Company had failed to satisfy him that plaintiff was indebted to the Company, judgment would be given against the Company.

Hence my application for permission to write off the amount of Rupees 312-1-11 as a bad debt.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 3 of my endorsement No. 176, dated 11th April 1872.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1872, No. 1,141.

RAILWAY, No. 8.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of No. 1,128, dated 3rd May 1872.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 65. (DOCKET No. 1,142, dated 4th May 1872.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 185

Submitted ~~for the~~ ——— to ——— of Government.
with reference to para 3 of my endorsement No. 176, dated 11th April 1872

Shaw Stewart Lt. Col R.E.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 18th April 1872.

Cons. Engr. for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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From 8th 1945

The Consulting Engineer
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