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No. 229. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department (Railway), dated Fort William, 29th April 1872, No. 604-G. R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 738, dated 15th March 1872, covering a copy of letter No. 117, dated 6th idem, from the Consulting Engineer to the Government of Madras, regarding the exhibition of certain items in the reviews of revenue accounts.

2. The Consulting Engineer is perfectly correct in his quotation of the original orders regarding the division of expenses in Table A under "Coaching," "Goods," and "Miscellaneous;" but in the revised table circulated with Resolution No. 1,875-R., dated 29th September 1871, this was condensed so far as to include miscellaneous expenses in the total, but not to exhibit it separately. If the illustrative figures shown in the table are read by the side of the sketch revenue account from which they are taken this will be seen. The matter would be of no importance if it were not that the Government of India desire to see the results of working all Indian Railways compiled in one uniform shape for general use as is done throughout the Continent of Europe and to some extent in the United States, and that any deviation from the prescribed form, however trifling, will increase the clerical labour of compilation.

3. The average number of seats is noted as "per vehicle" in the revised table. It is considered that this is the most simple way of recording in the general statement of working the same fact that is given in Table M I. (c.) as to the use of seats.

4. With regard to the inclusion in the train mileage of the mileage of vehicles carrying revenue stores, I am directed to refer to the correspondence on the determination of train mileage ending with Public Works Department No. 1,405-R., dated 28th September 1869. It is not intended that the train mileage and ton mileage should bear the same relation to each other as is contemplated in the Consulting Engineer's letter. It was found that train mileage was differently calculated on different lines, a variable mileage allowance being made as the equivalent for shunting and standing in steam, and, in order to arrive at uniformity of practice, it was deemed best to make the train mileage as exhibited in the revenue account the mileage of trains run for traffic purposes only. The figures thus arrived at will not, it is true, furnish a corresponding test on all railways, unless the amount of shunting revenue-store carriage, etc., on each line bears the same proportion to the train mileage; but, considering the different methods of carrying these stores followed on different railways, it is considered that the traffic train mileage by itself is at least a variable record of the mileage of trains, and I am to request that it may be invariably used for purposes of calculation.

5. The ton mileage is also an arbitrary figure and not an exact statement of fact, as it does not include any movements of engines or vehicles on the line which are not included in the record of the mileage run by them. But the inclusion of all recorded weight mileage, for whatever purpose it may take place, evidently

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tends to make the figure more exactly what its name implies, and I am to request that it may therefore be calculated as shown in the form circulated with Resolution No. 1,875-R., above mentioned,

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1872, No. 1,223.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, in continuation of G. O., No. 737, dated 15th March 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 6014 R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department (Railway)
Fort William, 29th April 1872.

Sir,

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expenses in Table A, under "Coaching"
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was condensed so far as to include
Miscellaneous expenses in the total,
but not to exhibit it separately. If
the illustrative figures shown in the
Table are read by the side of the
Schedule Revenue Account from
which they were taken this will be
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importance if it were not that the
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the train mileage and ton-mileage
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each other as is contemplated in
the Consulting Engineer's letter. It
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was differently calculated on different lines, a variable mileage allowance being made as the equivalent for shunting and standing in steam, and in order to arrive at uniformity of practice, it was deemed best to make the train-mileage as exhibited in the Revenue Account, the mileage of trains run for traffic purposes only. The figures thus arrived at will not, it is true, furnish a corresponding test on all railways unless the amount of shunting, revenue store carriage &c on each line bears the same proportion to the train-mileage, but considering the different methods of carrying these stores followed on different railways, it is considered that the traffic train-mileage by itself is the least variable record of the mileage of trains, and I am to request that it

it may be invariably used for purposes of calculation.

5. The ton-mileage is also an arbitrary figure, and not an exact statement of fact, as it does not include any movements of engines or vehicles on the line which are not included in the record of the mileage run by them. But the inclusion of all recorded weight mileage, for whatever purpose it may take place, evidently ~~it is not~~ ^{it is} the figure most ^{correctly} implied by what its name implies, and I am to request that it may therefore be calculated as shown in the form circulated with Resolution 19875-R above mentioned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obed^t serv^t.

Wm. R. E.

Offg. Deputy Secretary

Mr. Geo. Abbott
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Dec 29/46

From

The Govt. of India

Attd. to India }
Dec. 1. May } 1872

To Mr. Abbott

Referring to the
on Dec. 18, 73 of 1872
regarding the authority
of certain claims in the
Missions of Revenue
accounts.

Dec 1223-13th May 72.
H. H. H. H.

Dec 1223.
Communicated to the Government
of India for Railway in Confirmation
of 1. & 2. of 15 March 72
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To Mr. Abbott
Dec 14/72

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

Dated

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By

18 May 1872 1223.

Nos 229 & 230

Revenue Accounts. Letter

from the Gov^t of India asking
holders in letter No 738 of
1872 regarding the submission
of certain items in the
Accounts of Revenue Ac-
counts, and the pay
for the same.