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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th July 1872.*

No. 140. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th June 1872, No. 327 :—

	RS.	
8 Third-class carriages ...	17,600	In September 1867 the Government
1 Horse-box ...	2,100	of India sanctioned, on account of the
2 Passenger brake vans ...	4,200	Great Southern of India Railway, an
1 Powder van ...	2,000	expenditure of Rupees 1,98,400 for the
50 High-sided trucks ...	75,000	construction of the rolling stock margin-
25 Covered goods trucks ...	60,000	ally noted, and the Agent now reports
25 Salt trucks ...	37,500	that the actual expenditure has exceeded
	1,98,400	the total sanction by Rupees 10,500.

2. The principal item in which the excess occurs is in the 25 salt trucks which, besides being erroneously estimated for in the first instance, have also been altered in design.

3. The Agent in writing on the subject states that "Trucks were designed for and the iron work sent out for eight-ton vehicles. Government expressed a wish, before the work was begun, that the carrying capacity should be increased. This necessitated increased strength of axles and alteration of iron work (here) to the new design of ten-ton vehicles submitted to Government.

"In this consists the difference between original and present estimate."

4. The Government of India have frequently written about the expediency of modifying waggons so as to improve their effective carrying capacity, and the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, in giving effect to the wishes of that Government, has incurred the excess expenditure in question.

5. The Deputy Consulting Engineer has discussed the matter with the Agent, and he reports that no comparison can be instituted between the cost of the stock as constructed and that estimated for, the original estimates not being prepared in detail in 1867, but lump sums only being given at so much per truck.

6. The Agent reports that, with the narrow gauge system in view, the powder van, for which Rupees 2,000 was sanctioned, will not be proceeded with.

7. For the same reason the sanction shown in G. O., No. 1,043, dated 23rd April 1872, for the items marginally noted, amounting to Rupees 83,657, have been closed; and I have the honour to request that, under paragraph 15 of the Resolution No. 437 A.R., dated 17th July 1871, the Government will

be pleased to sanction the additional expenditure of Rupees 10,500, incurred on the salt trucks, being met by the transfer of that amount from the savings of the estimate of the carriage and waggon stock now closed.

No. 141.

ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1872, No. 1,639.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

UNDER the explanations furnished the Government sanction the excess of Rupees 10,500, or 5 per cent. over the

estimate of Rupees 1,98,400, approved in Proceedings of the 15th October 1867, No. 3,191, for the construction of rolling stock on the Great Southern of India Railway, and, as it appears that owing to lump sums having been sanctioned for the vehicles in the first instance no comparison can be instituted between the estimated and actual cost, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to dispense with the submission of a comparative statement. The Consulting Engineer will impress upon the Railway authorities the necessity of giving in future timely intimation of probable excesses over sanctioned amounts, applications for the passing of which should invariably be accompanied by comparative statements showing the precise incidence of the increase.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart will indicate the specific items in the current year's budget from which he proposes to transfer funds to cover the additional outlay now authorized, as well as the numbers of the items whose allotments will be increased.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Kzd. S. T. Austin.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 327.

From

Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In September 1867, the Government of India sanctioned on account of the Great Southern of India Railway an expenditure of Rupees 1,98,400 for the construction of the rolling stock marginally noted, and the Agent now reports that the actual expenditure has exceeded the total sanction by Rupees 10,500.

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To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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G. O. of 1879. No. 1637.

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Rolling Stock. Excess

of Rs. 10,500 incurred
over the Estimate for
the construction of
Rolling Stock on the
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with remarks.