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No. 369. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railway,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 4th April 1873, No. 182 A.—G. R:—

REFERRING to your letter No. 2,567 of the 1st November last, stating that as all Railway bills are paid on presentation, it seems unnecessary to introduce the credit note system of payment for the carriage of troops, etc., on the Railways in Madras, I am directed to observe that experience on most Indian Railways has established the fact that where open accounts of any kind are kept between Government Departments and the Railway Companies, the latter are generally put to no small amount of extra trouble and expense in collecting their dues. The object of the credit note system is to do away with the necessity for ledger accounts and ensure prompt settlement of claims, and if payments are now made to the Railway Companies in Madras on the presentation of their bills, little, if any, inconvenience can be caused by the adoption of the credit note system, which it is believed would be of decided advantage to the Railway Companies themselves. This being the view entertained by the Government of India, I am directed to request that the opinions of the Railway officials on the subject may be obtained and sent forward for information with any remarks the Government of Madras may desire to offer thereon.

2. It should not be overlooked in dealing with this case that Government, under the several contracts with the Guaranteed Railway Companies, is not entitled to any privilege not conceded to the public, and if the Companies so pleased, they might at any time demand prompt payment on the spot for all work done. Under these circumstances it behoves the Government to meet the Companies' wishes in respect to payment of charges for freight, etc., as far as possible.

No. 370. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1873, No. 1,161.

RAILWAY, No. 41.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for an expression of the views of the Railway officials on

the proposed arrangements, previous correspondence on which is recorded with the undermentioned orders:—

G. O., 2,262, dated 24th September 1872.

„ 2,566, „ 1st November „

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

„ Military Department.

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Carriage of troops, &c.

Letter from the Govt. of India
requesting further in-
formation relative to
the proposed introduction
of the credit note system
of payment for the car-
riage of troops, &c., on
the Madras Railways,
contd to the Eng. Insp. with instructions.