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12th June 1873.*

No. 158. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India:—

Railway.

No. 2.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
30th April 1873.

My LORD,—Herewith are transmitted copies of a Report* prepared in the

* Dated 22nd April 1873.

Accounts Branch of this Office, and
enclosures, pointing out certain discre-

pancies in the figures given in the Appropriation Statements of the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December 1871, received with your Excellency's letters, No. 2 of 30th November 1871 and No. 5 of 18th October last, and those published by the Directors in their 13th and 14th Reports to the shareholders. I request that I may be furnished with an explanation of these discrepancies at an early date.

I have, &c.,

—ARGYLL.

His Excellency the Right Honourable

The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

THE Appropriation Statements on account of the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the two half years of 1871, forwarded from Madras with Railway letters, dated the 30th November 1871, No. 2, and the 18th October 1872, No. 5, respectively, have been examined in this department and compared with the books of the Railway Company, and the attention of the Government of Madras should be drawn to the following points connected therewith.

On the 31st December 1870, the following amounts had been withdrawn by the Company in England and India respectively:—

								RS.	A.	P.
In England	...	...	...	...	...	£895,821-8-6 =		97,72,630	1	6
In India	...	...	...	...	...	...		85,05,212	0	11
								1,82,77,842	2	5

The balance on *Construction Account*, according to the Railway Company's Report, page 11, was £ 1,389,163-10-5 = Rs. 1,51,54,511 2 2

That on the *Stores Suspense Account* as per Appropriation Statement received from Madras was Rs. 32,01,447 6 6

1,83,55,958 8 8

Consequently, provided the two preceding balances were correct, that on the

Capital advance Account must have been Cr. 78,116 6 3

Adopting for subsequent transactions to the 31st December 1871 the figures shown in the Appropriation Statements received from India, the balances on those accounts on the 31st December 1871, would be, as shown in the accompanying statements:—

								RS.	A.	P.
On Construction Account	...	...	...	...	...	...		1,53,44,759	3	0
On Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	...	...	...		32,24,244	14	9
On Capital advance Account	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cr.	37,021	6	5

But the Company in their Report to the 31st December 1871 have stated the amount expended on Construction as £1,410,793-1-6, or Rupees 1,53,90,469-14-7 showing a difference of Rupees 45,710-11-7 or £ 4,190-3-0; and the *Stores Account* received by the Company from their

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Agent shows a balance at that date of Rupees 30,92,423-8-3, being Rupees 1,31,821-6-6 less than that shown above.

These discrepancies require explanation.

INDIA OFFICE,
22nd April 1873.

(Signed) E. R. CAVE BROWNE.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY COMPANY.

	£	s.	d.
Net amount withdrawn in <i>England</i> for expenditure out of Capital from the commencement to the 31st December 1870...	895,824	8	6
Net amount withdrawn in <i>India</i> for expenditure out of Capital from the commencement to the 31st December 1870, as derived from the Abstracts to that date received from Madras, Rupees 85,29,906*	781,913	11	0
Total Net withdrawals out of Capital to 31st December 1870, which should equal the combined balances at same date on the "Construction," "Stores Suspense," and "Capital Advance" Accounts	1,677,737	19	6
Balance on 31st December 1870 on <i>Construction Account</i> as per Railway Company's Report, page 11	£1,389,163	10	5
Balance on 31st December 1870 on <i>Stores Suspense Account</i> as per Railway Company's Report, page 26...	294,040	19	2
	1,683,204	9	7
Consequently, provided the preceding amounts had been correct, the Balance on 31st December 1870 on <i>Capital Advance Account</i> of whatever items it might consist must have been	5,466	10	1
(as shown in Appropriation Statement forwarded to Madras in July 1871) or Rs.	59,634	9	5

CAPITAL ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 31st December 1870, as shown in Appropriation Statement forwarded to Madras in July 1871 ... Credit £5,466 10 1 = Cr.	59,634	9	5
Add in accordance with Note on Abstract of Receipts and Payments received from India for March 1871 ... Rs. 24,753 15 0			
Do. for January 1871 ... " 0 0 1			
	24,753	15	1
Deduct, in order to adopt on the "Stores Suspense Account" the balance stated by the Consulting Engineer, the difference between the following balances, viz :—	84,388	8	6
Balance per Railway Company's Report, page 26 Rs. 32,07,719 8 9			
" per Statement of Consulting Engineer .. 32,01,447 6 6			
	6,272	2	3
Amended Balance on 31st December 1870 ... Cr.	78,116	6	3
Appropriation Statement received from India for half-year to 30th June 1871 :—			
Payments ... Rs. 2,88,694 7 9			
Receipts 4,289 11 6			
	2,84,404	12	3
Transfers.			
Deduct Debits—			
Construction Account ... Rs. 91,904 4 7			
Stores Suspense Account 1,84,609 3 3			
	2,76,513	7	10

* Subsequently altered to Rupees 85,95,212-0-11 by entries in Abstracts for January and March 1871.

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	RS.	A.	P.
Less Credits—			
Construction Account ... Rs. 353 0 8			
Stores Suspense Account 2,418 15 2			
	2,771	15	10
Balance on 30th June 1871 ... Cr.	2,73,741	8	0
Appropriation Statement received from India for half-year to 31st December 1871 :—			
Add—To adjust error in conversion of Sterling into Rupees ...			0 0 5
	67,453	2	5
Payments ... Rs. 3,07,017 5 9			
Receipts 1,67,464 14 2			
	1,39,552	7	7
Dr.	72,099	5	2

Transfers.

	RS.	A.	P.
Deduct Debits—			
Construction Account ... Rs. 79,322 7 3			
Revenue Account 19,041 14 3			
Stores Suspense Account 1,78,538 15 11			
	2,76,903	5	5
Less Credits—			
Construction Account 345 3 3			
Revenue Account 1,003 10 3			
Stores Suspense Account 1,66,433 12 4			
	1,67,782	9	10
Balance on 31st December 1871 ... Cr.	1,09,120	11	7
	37,021	6	5

STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 31st December 1870 as per Statement of Consulting Engineer in Appropriation Statement for half-year to 30th June 1871, and adopted by India Office...	32,01,447	6	6
Transfers—(as per Appropriation Statement half-year to 30th June 1871.)	1,82,190	4	1
From Capital Advance Account	33,83,637	10	7
To Construction Account ... Rs. 16,017 15 11			
" Revenue Account 60,820 10 7			
	76,838	10	6
Balance on 30th June 1871...	33,06,799	0	1
Transfers—(as per Appropriation Statement half-year to 31st December 1871.)	12,105	3	7
From Capital Advance Account	33,18,904	3	8
To Construction Account ... Rs. 3,701 9 0			
" Revenue Account 90,957 11 11			
	94,659	4	11
Balance on 31st December 1871...	32,24,244	14	9
Balance on 31st December 1871, as above	32,24,244	14	9
Balance on same date as per Stores Account received by the Company from their Agent	30,92,423	8	3
Difference...	1,31,821	6	6

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CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.				RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 31st December 1870, as per Railway Com- pany's Report	...	...	...	£1,389,163	10	5
Transfers—(as per Appropriation Statement half-year to 30th June 1871.)	...	...	...	1,51,54,511	2	2
Dr. to Capital Advance Account	...	...	...	Rs. 91,904	4	7
Cr. by do.	...	...	...	353	0	8
				91,551	3	11
				1,52,46,062	6	1
Dr. to Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	16,017	15	11
				1,52,62,080	6	0
Balance on 30th June 1871...	...	...	...	1,52,62,080	6	0
Transfers—(as per Appropriation Statement half-year to 31st Dec. 1871.)	...	...	...	Rs. 79,322	7	3
Dr. to Capital Advance Account	...	...	...	345	3	3
Cr. by do.	...	...	...	78,977	4	0
				1,53,41,057	10	0
Dr. to Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	3,701	9	0
				1,53,44,759	3	0
Balance on 31st December 1871...	...	...	...	1,53,44,759	3	0
Balance on 31st December 1871, as per Railway Company's Report...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
Balance on same date as above Rs. 1,53,44,759 3 0	...	...	...	1,410,793	1	6
				1,406,602	18	6
Difference... £	...	...	...	4,190	3	0
or Rs.	...	...	...	45,710	11	7

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY COMPANY.

				RS.	A.	P.
Net amount withdrawn in <i>England</i> for expenditure out of Capital, to the 31st December 1871	...	...	...	£907,871	10	8
Net amount withdrawn in <i>India</i> for expenditure out of Capital to 31st December 1871, as derived from the abstracts to that date received from Madras	...	...	...	99,04,053	1	6
				87,46,777	13	5
Total net withdrawals out of Capital to 31st December 1871...	...	...	...	1,86,50,830	14	11
Transfers to Revenue as per Appropriation Statements for half-years to 30th June and 31st December 1871 :—	...	...	...	60,820	10	7
Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	18,038	4	0
Capital Advance Account :—	...	...	...	90,957	11	11
Dr. Rs. 19,041 14 3}	...	...	...	1,69,816	10	6
Cr. „ 1,003 10 3}	...	...	...	50,968	6	11
Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	1,18,848	3	7
Less portions of above transfers already shown in the Abstracts received from Madras :—	...	...	...	1,85,31,982	11	4
Month of January 1871	...	...	...	12,272	13	9
„ February „	...	...	...	29,770	1	5
„ March „	...	...	...	8,925	7	9

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	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 31st December 1871 :—	...	...	...	1,53,44,759	3	0
On Construction Account	...	...	...	32,24,244	14	9
Balance on 31st December 1871 :—	...	...	...	1,85,69,004	1	9
On Stores Suspense Account	...	...	...	37,021	6	5
Balance on Capital Advance Account	...	...	...	Cr.		

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1873, No. 1,544.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

COMMUNICATED to the Accountant General with reference to his letters recorded in G. Os. Nos. 3,020 and 2,402 of 29th November 1871 and 12th October 1872, respectively, and with a request that the necessary explanation of the discrepancies referred to may be furnished at an early date.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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The Appropriation Statements on account of the Great Southern of India Railway Company for the two half years of 1871 forwarded from Madras with Railway Letters dated the 30th Nov: 1871 No 2 and the 18th October 1872 No 5 respectively, have been examined in this Department and compared with the Books of the Railway Company and the attention of the Government of Madras should be drawn to the following points connected therewith.

On the 31st Dec^r 1870, the following amounts had been withdrawn by the company in England and India respectively:-

In England	£ 895,824.8.6	10,04,72,650.1.6
In India	---	85,05,2120.0

Total 10,1,82,77,842.2.5

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But Forward R. 1,82,77,842. 2. 6

The Balance in Construction Account
according to the Railway Coy's Report,
page 11 was £1,389,163. 10. 5. R. 1,51,59,511. 2. 2

That on the Stores Suspense Account
as per appropriation statement
received from Madras was - 32,01,407. 6. 6

1,83,55,958. 8. 8

Consequently, provided the two
preceding Balances were correct,
that on the Capital Advance Account
must have been C. R. 78,116. 6. 3

Adopting for subsequent transactions to
the 31st Dec^r 1871 the figures shown in
the Appropriation Statements received
from India, the Balances on these
accounts on the 31st Dec^r 1871, would
be, as shown in the accompanying statements:

On Construction Account - R. 1,53,44,759. 3. -

on Stores Suspense Account - 32,24,244. 14. 9

on Capital Advance Account C. 37,021. 6. 5

But the Company, in their Report to the
31st December 1871 have stated the amount
expended on Construction as £1,410,793. 1. 6
or R. 1,53,90,469. 14. 7 showing a difference
of R. 45,710. 11. 7 or £4,190. 3. 0; and
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the Stores Account received by the
Company from their Agent shows a
Balance at that date of R. 30,92,423. 8. 3
being R. 1,31,821. 6. 6 less than that
shown above.

These discrepancies require explanation

(Signed) R. R. Cave Browne.

India Office }
22nd April 1873 }

J. J. C.

No. 12.

Copies of a Report, dated 22nd April 1873
and Enclosures, prepared in the
Accounts Branch of the India Office.

Referred to in Railway Letter
Madras, No. 2, dated 30th April

Great Southern of India Railway Company.

Net amount withdrawn in England for expenditure
out of Capital from the commencement to the
31 December 1870. - -

Net amount withdrawn in India for expenditure out of
Capital from the commencement to the 31 December 1870,
as derived from the Abstracts to that date received
from Madras. - - - - - Rs: 85,29,966. - - - *

Total Net withdrawals out of Capital to 31 December
1870, which should equal the combined Balances at
same date on the "Construction", "Stores Suspense",
and "Capital Advance" Accounts. }

Balance on 31 December 1870 on Construction Account
as per Railway Company's Report, page 11 - - £ 1,389,163-10-5

Balance on 31 Dec^r 1870 on Stores Suspense Account
as per Railway Company's Report, page 26 - - 29,040-19-2

Consequently, provided the preceding amounts had been
correct, the Balance on 31 December 1870 on Capital
Advance Account of whatever items it might consist
must have been - - Credit.

(as shown in Appropriation Statement forwarded to
Madras in July 1871.)

Subsequently altered to Rs: 85,05,212. - - 11 by entries in Abstracts
for January and March 1871.

£.	s.	d.
895,824	8	6
781,913	11	-
1,677,737	19	6
1,683,204	9	7
5,466	10	1
Rs: 59,634	9	5

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Great Southern of India Railway Company - Capital Advance Account.

Balance on 31 December 1870, as shown in Appropriation Statement forwarded to Madras in July 1871.

Credit £ 5,466-10-1 = 6s

Add in accordance with Note on Abstract of Receipts and Payments received from India for March 1871 - Rs: 24,753-15- -
— ditto — for January 1871. - - - - - 1

Deduct, in order to adopt on the "Stores Suspense Account" the Balance stated by the Consulting Engineer, the difference between the following Balances, viz:

Balance per Railway Company's Report p. 26. Rs: 32,07,719-8-9
" per Statement of Consulting Engineer 32,01,447-6-6

Amended Balance on 31 December 1870. 6s

Appropriation Statement received from India for ½ Year to 30 June 1871 -

Payments - Rs: 2,88,694-7-9
Receipts - 4,289-11-6

Transfers:-

Deduct - Debits -
Construction Account Rs: 91,904-4-7
Stores Suspense Account 1,84,609-3-3 2,76,513-7-10
Less - Credits -

Construction Account Rs: 353- - - 8
Stores Suspense Account 2,418-15-2 2,771-15-10

Balance on 30 June 1871. 6s

Appropriation Statement received from India for ½ year to 31 Dec 1871 -

Add - To adjust error in conversion of Sterling into Rupees -

Payments - Rs: 3,07,017-5-9
Receipts - 1,67,464-14-2

Transfers:-

Deduct - Debits -
Construction Account Rs: 79,322-7-3
Revenue Account 19,041-14-3
Stores Suspense Account 1,78,538-15-11 2,76,903-5-5
Less - Credits -

Construction Account Rs: 345-3-3
Revenue Account 1,003-10-3
Stores Suspense Account 1,66,433-12-4 1,67,782-9-10

Balance on 31 December 1871. 6s Rs:

Rs:	a.	p.
59,634	9	5
24,753	15	1
84,388	8	6
6,272	2	3
78,116	6	3
2,84,404	12	3
2,06,288	6	-
2,73,741	8	-
67,453	2	-
-	-	5
67,453	2	5
1,39,552	7	7
72,099	5	2
1,09,120	11	7
37,021	6	5

Great Southern of India Railway Company - Stores Suspense Account.

Balance on 31 December 1870, as per Statement of Consulting Engineer in appropriation statement for ½ year to 30 June 1871, and adopted by India Office - - -

Transfers:- (as per appropriation Statement ½ year to 30 June 1871.)
From Capital Advance Account - - - - -

To Construction Account - Rs: 16,017-15-11
" Revenue Account - 60,820-10-7

Balance on 30 June 1871 - - - Rs:

Transfers:- (as per appropriation Statement ½ year to 31 December 1871.)
From Capital Advance Account - - - - -

To Construction Account - Rs: 3,701-9- -
" Revenue Account - 90,957-11-11

Balance on 31 December 1871 - - - Rs:

Rs:	a.	p.
32,01,447	6	6
1,82,190	4	1
33,83,637	10	7
76,838	10	6
33,06,799	-	1
12,105	3	7
33,18,904	3	8
94,659	4	11
32,24,244	14	9

Balance on 31 December 1871, as above - - - Rs:
Balance on same date, as per Stores Account
received by the Company from their Agent. - - -

Difference Rs:

Rs:	a.	p.
32,24,244	14	9
30,92,423	8	3
1,31,821	6	6

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Great Southern of India Railway Company - Construction Account.

Balance on 31 December 1870, as per Railway Company's Report:- £ 1,389,163 - 10 - 5 =	Rs. 1,51,54,511	a. 2	p. 2
Transfers: (as per appropriation statement ½ year to 30 June 1871) Dr to Capital Advance Account Rs: 91,904 - 4 - 7 Cr by do. 353 - - - 8	91,551	3	11
	1,52,46,062	6	1
Dr to Stores Suspense Account - - - - -	16,017	15	11
Balance on 30 June 1871. - - - Rs:	1,52,62,080	6	-
Transfers: (as per appropriation statement ½ year to 31 December 1871) Dr to Capital Advance Account Rs: 79,322 - 7 - 3 Cr by do. 345 - 3 - 3	78,977	4	-
	1,53,41,057	10	-
Dr to Stores Suspense Account - - - - -	3,701	9	-
Balance on 31 December 1871. Rs:	1,53,44,759	3	-

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Difference	4,190	3	-
or Rs: 45,710 : 11 : 7			

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Great Southern of India Railway Company.

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Total net withdrawals out of Capital to 31 December 1871 Rs:	1,86,50,830	14	11
Transfers to <u>Revenue</u> as per appropriation statements for half years to 30 June and 31 December 1871 :- Stores Suspense Account Rs: 60,820 : 10 : 7 Capital Advance Account:- Dr Rs: 19,041 : 14 : 3 Cr 1,003 : 10 : 3 } 18,038 : 4 : - Stores Suspense Account. 90,957 : 11 : 11	Rs: 1,69,816 : 10 : 6		
Less portions of above transfers already shown in the Abstracts received from Madras :- Month of January 1871 Rs: 12,272 : 13 : 9 February .. 29,770 : 1 : 5 March .. 8,925 : 7 : 9	50,968 : 6 : 11		
	1,18,848	3	7
Balance on 31 December 1871 on <u>Construction Account</u> - - - - - Rs: 1,53,44,759 : 3 : -	Rs: 1,85,31,982	11	4
Balance on 31 December 1871 on <u>Stores Suspense Account</u> - - - - - 32,24,244 : 14 : 9	1,85,69,004	1	9
Balance on <u>Capital Advance Account</u> - - - - - Rs:	37,021	6	5

Railway.

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dated 22nd April, 1873.

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His Excellency.
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George

India Office

London. 30 April 1873.

My Lord,

Herewith are transmitted
copies of a report prepared in the
Accounts Branch of this Office,
and Enclosures, pointing out certain
discrepancies in the figures given in
the Appropriation Statements of the
Great Southern of India Railway
Company for the half years ending
30th June and 31st December, 1871.

received with your Excellency's
letters

Letters, N^o 2 of 30th November, 1871,
and N^o 5 of 18th October last,
and those published by the Directors
in their 13th and 14th Reports to
the shareholders. I request that
I may be furnished with an
explanation of these discrepancies
at an early date.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

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No. 11.

Railway

30th April 1873

Recd 2nd June 73.

The
Letter to Fort St. George.

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En: 1.

Requesting an
explanation of certain
discrepancies in the
Appropriation Statements
of the Great Southern
of India Railway Co.
for the half years
ending 30 June and
31st December 1871.

With an Order

Received at Calcutta
on the 26 May 1873

To the Acct. Genl. -
Comd. Engr. for Railway
Genl. of Ry Accounts -

Under 28/6/73

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No. 1544
Comd. to the Accountant General with reference to his letter
received in Q. 01 Nos 3020 and 2402 of 29th Nov/71 and 12th Oct/72 respectively,
and with a request that the necessary explanation of the discrepancies referred to
may be furnished at an early date -

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Accountant General

Dated

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Encl.

G. O 12th June 1878. No. 1544.

No. 1584/59

Letter from the Secretary
of State requesting an ex-
planation of certain discre-
pancies in the appropriation
statements of the G. S. & P.
Co. for the half years
ending 30th June & 31st Decr
1871. Communicate to
the Accountant General.