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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1873.*

No. 126. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) dated Simla, 8th July 1873, No. 1,160-G—R:—

Rate of speed for the amalgamated Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railways.

Read again—

From Government of Madras, No. 733, dated 7th March 1873.

To Government of Madras, No. 589-G—R, dated 9th April 1873.

To Secretary of State, Despatch No. 88-R, dated 9th April 1873.

Read also—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated India Office, London, the 29th May 1873, No. 78-R.

In reply to Your Excellency's Despatch of the 9th April last, No. 88, I may observe that in none of the Contracts with the Great Southern of India, or the Carnatic Railway Company, is any limit placed on the rate of speed at which traffic may be carried; and that no intention exists of making any stipulation on the subject in the "Amalgamation" Contract. This is plainly a matter which may preferably be left for arrangement between Government and the Agents.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Despatch, together with copy of the Despatch to which it is a reply, be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) A. H. VAUX,
for Offg. Deputy Secretary.

From the Government of India, to the Secretary of State for India, dated 9th April 1873, No. 88-R.

WE have the honor to forward, for consideration, a selection of papers bearing on the subject of the maximum speed to be adopted on the metre gauge extensions of the Great Southern of India Railway.

2. The authorities of this Railway Company and the Madras Government have been under the impression that we had restricted the maximum speed on metre gauge lines to 15 miles per hour; but this is not the case. We have certainly contemplated that trains would move generally at a lower speed on the metre gauge light railways than on the heavier lines which have been constructed on the 5 feet 6 inches gauge. We have also ruled that fences suitable for the exclusion of cattle should be provided throughout all lines irrespective of gauge, on which trains or engines move at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour, and we have sanctioned the provision of fencing sufficient for only one-fourth of the length of the Southern Extension of the Great Southern of India Railway. We expected that, at first, the trains on these new extensions would not move at a greater speed than 15 miles per hour, but it is not intended absolutely to restrict the speed.

3. On the Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway the contract restricts the maximum speed to a rate not exceeding 15 miles per hour, and it is open to doubt whether Your Grace, in drawing up a new contract with the amalgamated Carnatic and Great Southern of India Railway Companies, will desire to fix a maximum speed, or will prefer to leave this matter to be settled by the Government of India in communication with the Agent in this country, as is the custom on other Guaranteed Railways. We incline to the opinion that no restriction as to speed should be entered in the new contract with the amalgamated Company, but we shall be glad to receive Your Grace's decision on the subject.

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Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No limit is assigned in the contract to the rate of speed for the amalgamated Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railways.

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India forwarding copy of
despatch from the Secy of
State intimating that it
is not intended to place
a limit ~~in the case~~ ^{at} as to
the rate of speed, which
traffic may be carried on
in the contract to be drawn
up with the amalgamated
S. M. & P. R. & C. Railway.

Comd Wm J. M. Esq.