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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th August 1873.*

No. 200. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 17th July 1873, No. 372A.—G. R:—

I AM directed to forward herewith for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of a despatch* from the Secretary of State on the subject

* No. 71 R. dated 22nd May 1873.
of the refusal of the Examiner of Railway Accounts to pass the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the second half of 1872 for want of the Capital portion of the half-yearly accounts of the same period, and to request that the action of the Examiner in this matter may be explained.

2. If it was due to the orders conveyed in Public Works Department, No. 879 R., of the 20th May 1871, I am to say that these orders should now be considered cancelled, and that although in future every endeavour should be made to get the Capital portion of the half-yearly accounts prepared as completely as the information sent out by the several Boards of Directors will allow, the passing of the Revenue portion of the accounts should not be delayed on this account. I am to add, when necessary, the Capital portion of the accounts may be sent forward separately, although it is desirable that the accounts should be submitted complete whenever this can be done.

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 71, dated 22nd May 1873.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 20th March last, No. 40, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Directors of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, dated the 7th instant, No. 592, pointing out the inconvenience to which the Company has been put through the Officiating Examiner of Railway Accounts having declined to pass the Revenue Accounts for the last half-year, in consequence of the absence of certain information regarding Capital. The Officiating Examiner appears to have acted under the authority of an order of the Government of Madras, No. 1,520, dated 5th June 1871, but I am not convinced of the equity of this order. I cannot but doubt whether Government are warranted in declining to pass the Revenue Accounts because they are not in possession of certain information regarding Capital, and I request that the matter may receive your consideration.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, No. 592, dated London, 7th May 1873.

THE Board have received a letter from their Agent, dated 4th April, in which he intimates that the Officiating Examiner of Railway Accounts had informed him that in the absence of Capital Forms Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 7, he is precluded by Government Order, No. 1,520, of 5th June 1871, from passing the accounts of the last half-year.

The Board are placed in a position of embarrassment by this proceeding, as they will be unable now to submit to the shareholders at the next Annual Meeting (which must be held in the course of the present month) the Revenue Accounts for the past six months in a complete shape, with the usual certificate of the Government Authorities.

They feel sure, by a perusal of the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 40, 20th March 1873, and of the previous correspondence on the subject therein referred to, that it was not the

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intention of His Grace that the Government should decline to pass the half-yearly Revenue Accounts, submitted by the Company in accordance with the terms of the contract, in consequence of the absence of certain statements relating to the Capital Account, and they cannot help coming to the conclusion that the order referred to, which has been kept in abeyance since it was issued, has been misapplied or misunderstood by the Government Examiner.

The Board have offered these observations to explain the necessary absence in the accounts for the last half-year of the sanction of Government, and they trust that before the next accounts have to be made up, the Secretary of State will have issued such instructions as will remove all cause of misapprehension on this point in the future.

No. 201.

ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1873, No. 2,011.

RAILWAY, No. 29.

COMMUNICATED to the Examiner of
Railway Accounts for information and
future guidance, and for submission of

the explanation called for in paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

Erd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Public Works Department

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From

The Government of India

Dated 17th July } 1873
Received 25th } 1873

Enclosure 1

Forwarding
with observations
copy of a despatch
from the Secy. of State
regarding the refusal
of the Examiner of
Railway Accounts to
pass the Revenue
Account of the
Great Southern of
India Railway for
2nd half of 1872.
With an Order

Communicated to the Examiner of

No 2011

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guidance, and for submission of the explanation called
for in paragraph 1.
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Examiner of Railway Accounts
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Revenue Account of the
Rs. of 1 Pny for the 2^d
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the Govt of India for-
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dations copy of a despatch
from the Secy of State
regarding the repeal

of the Examiners of Ryf.
acct. to pass the Rev. Acct.,
com. Wm. J. J. Officer
concerned with
instructions.