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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th August 1873.*

No. 227. Read the following letter from A. H. VAUX, Esq., for Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 23rd July 1873, No. 1,281 G. R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,582, dated the 17th June 1873, furnishing a report from the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the several points noticed by the Government of India in connection with the proposal of the Madras Railway Company for renewing with iron sleepers the line between Muddikerry and Beypore.

2. In reply I am to state that the Government of India are unwilling to sanction a large outlay in renewing this line with iron sleepers at current rates, and a perusal of Colonel Shaw-Stewart's report tends to confirm this opinion. It appears that the Chief Engineer of the Company has no evidence to adduce as to the rate of decay of creosoted pine sleepers, because it is many years since creosoted pine was used on any part of the Madras Railway. It is well known that imported sleepers have been used on all other parts of India with advantage, and I am to express the regret of the Government of India that creosoted pine sleepers have not long since been introduced instead of the perishable indigenous wood which has caused a large expenditure on the maintenance of the Madras Railway.

3. The proposed renewal with creosoted pine sleepers, of a portion of the line on the West Coast, may await the result of the reference made by the Agent of the Company to his Directors.

4. The sum of Rupees 26,782, reported as chargeable to Capital out of the estimate for renewing with iron sleepers the line between Muddikerry and Palghaut, has been registered in this office as No. 17-M. R. of 1873-74.

No. 228. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1873, No. 2,026.

RAILWAY, No. 36.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O., No. 1,581, dated 17th June 1873.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 1285.

From
The Govt. of India.

Dated 23rd July 1893
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Passing
orders on the sub-
ject of the proposed
renewal of a portion
of the Madras
Railway with iron
sleepers.

With order

Engineers for Railways with reference to the
No 1381 dated 17th June 1893.

Communicated to the Consulting
No 2026

Comr. Engrs for Ry.
C. P. J. Decoate.
J. C. B. 2/8/93

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Madras Railways

Letter from the Govt. of
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