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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th September 1873.*

No. 231. Read the following endorsement of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) No. 1,389:—

Despatch from the Government of India, to His Grace the Right Honourable the DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T., Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 8th August 1873, No. 156.

WE have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Despatch, No. 166-R, dated the 31st December 1872, on the subject of the proposed construction of a railway from Pondicherry to the Carnatic main line by a Company designated the Pondicherry Railway Company, and, in reply, to forward copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, containing information on the several points required by the Directors of that Company.

2. While concurring generally in the opinion expressed by the Government of Madras, we are apprehensive that complications might arise if Her Majesty's Government were merely to agree to the arrangements, proposed between the Pondicherry Railway Company and the French Government, for the construction, maintenance, and working of a railway, two-thirds of the total length of which would be in British territory.

3. As an alternative, we would rather treat the fourteen miles of railway, within the British territory, as part of the amalgamated Carnatic and Great Southern of India Railway Companies' undertaking, leaving the seven miles in French territory to be dealt with by the separate Pondicherry Company.

4. We have considered Mr. Grant Duff's letter, dated 15th March 1872, to the address of the Secretary, Pondicherry Railway Company, in which Your Grace expresses disinclination to guarantee any portion of a railway from the Carnatic Company's main line to Pondicherry; but we venture to think that the course we recommend would be agreeable to the French Government, while the liabilities of the Government of India to the amalgamated Great Southern of India and Carnatic Companies would not materially be increased.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to the communication from that Government, No. 1,498, dated 5th June 1873.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Deputy Secretary.

No. 232. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1873, No. 2,283.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information, with reference to G. O., No. 1,497, dated 5th June 1873.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
E. E. C. Shunker.
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With Order

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GUARANTEED RAILWAYS.

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE
THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

No. 156 RAILWAY.

Dated SIMLA, August 8, 1873.

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In reply to Despatch No. 166 R, dated 31st December 1872, relative to the proposed construction of a railway from Pondicherry to the Carnatic main line by a Company designated the Pondicherry Railway Company, forwards, with remarks, a letter from the Madras Government, containing information on the several points required by the Directors of that Company.

No. 2283

Commented to the Consulting Engineer
for Railways for information with reference to
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