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No. 104. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 2nd September 1873, No. 457 :—

ADVERTING to the Order of Government, dated the 18th October 1872, No. 2,457, I have the honour to state that the submission of any remarks upon Mr. Strange's memorandum regarding the proposed extension of the Madras Railway from Bellary to Gudduck has been postponed until now, from the expectation that the information gained by the Carwar Railway staff, together with the estimates and surveys of the alternative routes, would have been available by this time.

2. In the absence of this information, I can only state that my opinion is, and always has been, in favour of an extension of the Madras Railway system from Bellary westward to Hooblee and Carwar, passing through Gudduck. I beg to draw the attention of His Excellency in Council to the report submitted by me on the 15th July 1868, and embodied in the Proceedings of Government under date the 19th September 1868, No. 2,967.

* Paragraphs 41 to 50.

In that report* the various modes in which the Dharwar cotton fields could be connected with the general Indian Railway system were discussed, and it was clearly shown that, upon every ground, the extension from Bellary would be the best. An opinion was also given† in

† Paragraph 106.

favour of the concession of the line to the Madras Railway Company, and this opinion was endorsed by the Government.

3. With the information at present available, I see no reason for modifying the opinions contained in that report, excepting as regards the gauge of the proposed extension. If, as has been suggested by the Bombay Government, the Carwar Railway is intended to be the outlet to the sea of a system of lines converging on Hooblee, or some neighbouring point, from Sholapore, Bellary, and Bangalore, there can be no doubt that the metre gauge should be adopted. But if, on the other hand, there is no immediate or early prospect of the construction of a railway towards Dharwar, either from Sholapore or from Bangalore, I am of opinion that the extension from Bellary, as far at least as Gudduck and Hooblee, should be made upon the 5½ feet gauge. This was the view taken in the report to which I have drawn His Excellency's attention.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1873, No. 2,458.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

RECORDED, and communicated to the Government of India and Madras Chamber of Commerce, with reference

to G. O., No. 2,456, of October 1873.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 457

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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Your most Obedt Servant,

Madras
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One Pns. for Railway

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

1873.

From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department,

Fort Saint George.

Dated 27th September 1873.
Recd. 30th September 1873.

No. 1457

Respecting the

sewers upon the

alluvial ground upon which

the proposed extension

from Valley to Quindale

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to the Engineer

Member of Government

D. C. and 11/1/73

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