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No. 385A. 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, 10th October 1873, No. 537 :—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 18th September 1873,

* No. 5,217, 30th September 1873.

No. 2,317A, I have the honour to submit a letter* from the Agent of the Great

Southern of India Railway Company forwarding for sanction a revised time table for the line between Negapatam and Erode.

2. It will be seen that no change is proposed in the arrangements for the mail trains.

3. It is proposed that the local train eastward from Erode shall start at 1-45 P.M. instead of 4 P.M., and that it shall run through to Trichinopoly instead of stopping for the night at Caroor.

4. The local train westward from Trichinopoly will start at 6 A.M. instead of 7 A.M., reaching Erode at 11-45 A.M. in time to catch the cooly class train to Jollarpett, which will also be slightly altered with this object.

5. The local train eastward from Trichinopoly will start at 12-35 P.M. instead of 1-15 P.M., reaching Negapatam at 7 P.M. In a second letter* the

* No. 5,226, 7th October 1873, herewith forwarded. Agent explains that the decreased speed at which it is proposed to run this train has been rendered necessary by the additional work which the recent acceleration of the mail trains has thrown upon it; and that it has been found impossible to maintain the rate of speed entered in the time table now in force.

6. The proposed changes are slight, but will conduce greatly to the convenience of the public, and I recommend them for early sanction.

7. The question of sleeping accommodation at Erode, alluded to in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government under reference, is under consideration; and I hope to be soon able to address Government upon the subject.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 30th September 1873, No. 5,217.

When I saw you last in Madras I informed you that the present train service, excluding the mail trains, was not well suited for the local passenger traffic. The Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway proposes to start his cooly train from Erode at 11-50 A.M., instead of at 11-14 A.M., which will enable us, by leaving Trichinopoly an hour earlier, to place that station in communication at the two pies rate with Jollarpett.

2. By leaving the road-side goods at Erode for a subsequent train to bring on and starting from thence at 1-45 instead of at 4 P.M., the afternoon train will be able to get through to Trichinopoly instead of stopping short for the night at Caroor as at present, and going on the next morning.

3. The eastern section local trains require to be slightly altered, and more time allowed for the performance of the goods work. I enclose a sketch bill of the proposed times, and shall be glad if you will obtain the sanction of Government to its adoption.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

NEGAPATAM,
30th September 1873.

(Signed) **W. S. BETTS,**
Agent and Manager.

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5. Since the 1st ultimo, these local trains have been late in their arrivals every day, and the proposed time table is based upon the result of the actual working since the date referred to.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1873, No. 2,592A.

THE effect of the alteration in the time table of the Great Southern of India Railway, now proposed by the

Agent, and recommended for sanction by the Consulting Engineer, as affecting the inconvenience alluded to in the 2nd paragraph of G. O., No. 2,317A., of 18th September, will apparently be the substitution of Coimbatore for Erode as an obligatory halting place for the night for passengers between Trichinopoly and the Neilgherries and West Coast going either way. And in so much it is an improvement on existing arrangements, which His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes to be carried out.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Postmaster General.

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Time Table for the G.S.
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