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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st January 1873.*

No. 648. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th January 1873, No. 2:—

Note on an inspection of the South-West Line of the Madras Railway.

I HAVE the honour to report having inspected the South-West Line of the Madras Railway on the 16th, 17th, 19th, and 20th of this month.

E. K. 2. At the break in the line at the 60th mile, caused by the washing away of the embankment during the late floods, the engine, wagons, brake-vans, etc., have all been lifted out of the breach, and removed from the line. The main line at this point is now almost restored.

3. Where re-packing and ballasting the permanent-way at various places along the line had become necessary, work is now being carried on. The permanent-way generally appears to be in excellent order.

4. The fencing seems to be everywhere efficient excepting at some points between Coimbatore and Beypore, where the aloe does not appear to grow as vigorously as elsewhere along the line. At such points however inner fences of aloe have been planted and are thriving well.

5. The stations and compounds appear neat and clean, but the same old difficulty of being unable to recognize Ticket Collectors and Station Masters, as such, still exists.

6. I only saw one Ticket Collector all along the line in the distinguishing blue waistcoat of his office; others may possibly have had them on, but under their other clothing; be this as it may, I failed to see them.

7. When running into the Tripatore Station from Jollarett on the 16th instant, the Engine Driver was compelled to pull up and send the fireman on in front to waken the pointsman who was asleep.

8. The Driver directed the Station Master to have the man taken into custody, so I presume he has by this time been duly punished for his negligence. He did not appear to be a weakly man or suffering from any sickness.

9. The foundations for the retaining wall of the additional platform at the Pothanore Station have been put in and the work is progressing.

BANGALORE, (Signed) R. THOMPSON, Captain, R.E.,
23rd December 1872. *Offg. Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The attention of the Agent of the Madras Railway has been called to paragraphs 5, 6, 7, and 8.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 649. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1873, No. 319.

RAILWAY, No. 79.

ORDERED to be recorded. It is presumed that the measures referred to in G. O., No. 2,594 of 5th November 1872,

will obviate the inconvenience noted by the Deputy Consulting Engineer in paragraphs 5 and 6.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

No 48.

From The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

To The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department.
Fort St. George.

Dated *4th January* 1873.
Received

Enc: 1. No. 2

*Submitting Inspection
Report by Mr Dykhouse
Crops on the South
West Line*

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No 319
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Nov 72 will obviate the inconvenience noted by the Department

Cons Engineer in para 6.

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6th Jan 73

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To the Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

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G. O. 31st Aug. 1873, No. 19

Nos. 6189 & 6190

Inspection Report, &c.

Submitted by the Engineer,
of the S. R. line of
the Madras Rail-
way, recorded.