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No. 409. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 26th February 1873, No. 113 A.—G. R.

I AM directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of a Report by Captain Filgate, R. E., Deputy Accountant General in this department, on the Account and Audit Offices of the Carnatic Railway, and to invite special attention to paragraphs 2, 5, and 6 thereof.

2. I am also to observe that the Government of India desire an early adjustment of the discrepancy of Rupees 6,000 referred to by Captain Filgate, and request further to be favoured with the views of the Madras Government on the questions alluded to in the 5th paragraph of the report. The last named paragraph deals with the subject brought forward in Government of Madras, No. 2,903, of the 9th December 1872, and on a reply being received to the present reference orders will be passed on the matter.

3. I am to add that the rule in regard to unpaid wages recommended in paragraph 6 of the report is approved by the Government of India, and the Government of Madras are accordingly invited to take the needful measures for having it adopted.

Report on the Account and Audit Offices of the Carnatic Railway.

SINCE the change in the constitution and objects of this Company was made, a regular Agency has been opened in Madras in whom the management of the undertaking is vested. Up to the present time the construction of the railway between Madras and Cuddalore has not been sanctioned by Government, although the plans and estimates were sent forward for orders some time back, the accounting work is consequently still very light.

2. The accounts of the old Indian Tramway Company have been finally closed and the requisite amounts carried forward into the books of the Carnatic Railway Company; there is, however, still a discrepancy of about Rupees 6,000 between the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the undertaking, an excess payment having apparently been made to Government on Revenue Account out of the Capital funds of the Company shortly after the first guarantee at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum was given by the Secretary of State to the Indian Tramway Company. This matter is still the subject of investigation, and efforts should be made to ensure its early adjustment. This discrepancy was noticed in my last report on the accounts of this Railway, and steps should have been taken to effect its adjustment ere this. In 1870, Major Hanksin, the then Officiating Examiner, promised to dispose of the matter at an early date. It is to be regretted that he did not do so.

3. The stock balance in the principal books of the Company is only about half a lakh of rupees, and this was checked by actual stock-taking at the close of 1871.

4. The Company have arranged to keep the accounts of the construction of the line from Madras to Cuddalore in accordance with the procedure which has been approved of by the Government of India, and is now in force on the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway; the orders that may be issued regarding the details to which the audit of the construction accounts of the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway should extend will apply to this Railway also; indeed, as the amalgamation of the Companies has been virtually decided upon, the orders issued regarding the one would necessarily apply to the other also.

The cash-book is up to date, and on the date of my examination of the books, the journal and ledger had been posted for the month of August. The rough journals for September and October had also been prepared, and I was informed that, as soon as these had been passed by the Examiner, the principal books would be posted.

5. Government of India letter, No. 1,484 A—R, of the 25th October 1872, regarding the apportionment of the general charges of this Railway between Capital and Revenue is now the subject of a reference between the Consulting Engineer and the Agency. At present, 10 per cent. of the general charges, both Indian and Home, are charged to Revenue and the remainder is debited to Capital. As the Agent considers that the proposals made in paragraph 2 of the letter quoted would, under the present circumstances of the Railway, throw an undue charge on Revenue, he would desire to see the system now in force continued until such time as the construction work of the new line is commenced. I think the Agent's wishes on this point may be agreed to, but from the date on which the construction of the new line is put in hand, the proposal of Government referred to, or some modification of the same approved of in the interim, should be brought into operation.

6. Unpaid wages have hitherto been refunded to Government to the credit of the account originally charged; the Agent would desire to see all accumulations of such items placed in a separate account for the benefit of work-people, etc. It has, however, been before ruled by the Government of India that all such amounts due for more than one year, should be refunded to the accounts concerned, as this ruling has been accepted by some of the Boards of Directors, I think it should be made applicable to all the Guaranteed Companies.

MADRAS, (Signed) A. J. FILGATE, Captain, R.E.,
15th December 1872. Deputy Accountant General, P.W.D.

No. 410. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1873, No. 833.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Examiner of Railway Accounts.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of Captain Filgate's Note the Examiner will report what steps were taken in connection with the item of charge referred to upon the receipt of the orders of the 7th June 1870, No. 1,414, and what difficulties still exist in the final adjustment of the amount.

3. The suggestion in paragraph 5 will be referred for the opinion of the Consulting Engineer, and the rule regarding unpaid wages approved by the Government of India will in future be carried into effect on all the Railways in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Govt. of 1873 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 17th March 1873, No. 833.

MARCH

Nos. 409-410

Carnatic Railway Company.—Letter from the Government of India forwarding, with remarks, copy of a report by Captain Filgate, R.E., on the Account and Audit Offices of the Carnatic Railway Company communicated to the Consulting Engineer and Examiner of Railway Accounts with instructions.

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A. J. FILGATE, Captain, R. E.,
Dy. Acctt. Genl., P. W. Dept.
MADRAS,
The 15th December, 1872. }

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Capt Filgate P. G.
on the account &
audit offices of
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Communicated
the Consulting Engineer
for Railways and to the
Examiner of Railway
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with the item of charge
referred to upon the
receipt of the orders of
the 7th June 1870, his use
and what difficulties
still exist in the final
adjustment of the
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Carnatic Railway Company.

Letter from the Govt. of India
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Copy of a Report by Capt
Fitzpatrick R.E. on the Account
of the Audit Office

of the Carnatic Railway

(to, Genl. Wm. J. D. J. J. J.)

and of the Office of the Secy. to the Govt.