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22nd March 1873.*

No. 534. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 27th February 1873, No. 323 G. R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, Nos. 245 and 303, dated respectively the 24th and 30th January 1873, relative to the new Junction Station at Trichinopoly, and urging, for the reasons given, that sanction should be accorded to the arrangements already proposed for that station in your letter No. 2,204, dated the 18th September 1872.

2. The Governor General in Council has no intention of opposing the introduction of the narrow gauge on the section between Negapatam and Trichinopoly ; but it appears to His Excellency in Council that the time for making the alteration has not yet arrived. The orders issued in Public Works Department, No. 1,809 G. R., dated the 26th November 1872, are believed to meet sufficiently the immediate requirements of the case, and His Excellency in Council is unwilling by sanctioning the proposed re-alignment of the existing Railway to influence the future decision as to new and costly works which are not yet sanctioned. If any immediate requirement has been neglected the Governor General in Council will be glad to be informed concerning it.

3. It is not understood by the Government of India that the existence of the Negapatam workshops, which were constructed for a small system of Railways, can have an important bearing on the general question ; but the Governor General in Council will be glad to be informed further on the subject, and to be furnished with a plan of these shops together with an estimate of the value of the machinery, and of the shops without the machinery.

4. I am to ask that the Government of India may be informed as to the probable date of arrival of the metre gauge engines and rolling stock for working the Southern Extension from Trichinopoly to Tuticorin and Tinnevely. The minimum time in which a third rail may be laid on the 82 miles of Railway, between Negapatam and Trichinopoly, and the cost of the change should also be named.

5. I am further to inquire what progress has been made on the surveys southwards from Cuddalore towards the Coleroon River and Tanjore, sanction to which was communicated in Public Works Department, No. 1,539 R., dated the 23rd August 1871.

No. 535. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1873, No. 893.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

FORWARDED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for such remarks as he, in communication with the Railway

Authorities, may have to offer, and for submission of the estimates and plan called for in paragraph 3.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart will also afford the information required in paragraphs 4 and 5.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

the introduction of the narrow gauge

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 323 *gr*
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To *Railway*
The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department (Railway)

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August 1871.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t serv^t
R. Brummund Col. R.E.
Offg. Deputy Secretary

Ch 534
P.W.D. No 1539

Referring to the
on the subject of the
new junction station
at Chickinipatti and
the introduction of a
narrow gauge system
from that place to
Mogachattam, the
Members ask the
Colonial Secretary to
be acquainted with
the subject.

Note 27th Feb. 1873
Received 2nd March 1873
28th 2239 R.E.

From
The Government of Madras
P.W.D. No 1539 R.E.
28th Feb.

No 898 P.W.D. No 1539 R.E.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 11th March 1873
Read the following

From the Government of India No 3236 R.E. 27 February 1873

Forwarded to the
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To The C.E. for Rys.
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To The Consulting
for Rail

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New Junction Station at S.

Letter from the Govt. of India,
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of the narrow gauge system,
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Calling for certain info
respecting the Workshop
forwarded to the Govt.
with instructions.

10/12/1873