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8th May 1874.*

No. 182. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel E. C. S. WILLIAMS, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 18th April 1874, No. 821 G. R. :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 847, dated the 25th March 1874, submitting the information called for by the Government of India in regard to the conversion from broad to narrow gauge of the Great Southern of India Railway between Negapatam and Erode, the equipment of the converted line with narrow gauge stock, and the utilization of the broad gauge permanent-way materials.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Government of India are in favour of the conversion of the line throughout its length, and I am to refer you to Public Works Department letter, No. 575 G. R. of the 17th March 1874, sanctioning an estimate, amounting to Rupees 10,51,770, of the cost of obtaining from England the metre gauge rolling stock necessary for the equipment of the line from Negapatam to Erode. It is very important that when taken in hand the change should be carried out rapidly and with as little interruption to traffic as possible. A programme showing how the conversion is proposed to be carried out, calculating towards the time that it is expected the narrow gauge stock will be ready, should therefore be prepared and submitted for information.

3. It may perhaps be advantageous not to use the heavy rails and bowl sleepers on the narrow gauge line, and I am to request that this question may be considered in detail in consultation with the local Railway officers, and that the cost of substituting light 40 lbs. rails on wooden sleepers throughout the line may be compared with the value as derived from original cost, present state, and present prices of iron, of the heavy material now on the line. The quantity and weight of this material should be mentioned.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1874, No. 1,230.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information and guidance in continuation of No. 911 of 2nd April 1874, and with a request that the programme called for in paragraph 2 may be submitted, and that a full report may be furnished on the points adverted to in paragraph 3, in consultation with the local Railway officers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To The Comd. Engrs for Ry.

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Nos. 182-183.

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Comd. Engrs for Ry. with
instructions -

Great S^r of India Ry
Letter from the Secy of India
bearing orders on the subject
the conversion from broad
to narrow gauge of the Great S^r
of India Ry. from a large portion
of the line the equipment of the
line with a narrow
gauge stock and the utilization
of the broad gauge permanent way.

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The Govt of India

Dated 18th April 74.
Recd 25th

No. 821 G. R.

Passing orders on
the subject of the conversion
from broad to narrow gauge
of the C. & P. Ry from
Ragapatnam to Brade, the
equipment of the converted
line with narrow gauge
stock and the utilization
of the broad gauge per-
manent way materials
With an Order.

Mr.

Communicated to the

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Comd'g Officer

for Railways for information and guidance in
construction of No 211 of 23 April 1874 and with
a request that the programme called for in same
may be submitted, and that a full report may be
furnished on the points referred to in same. The
consultation with the local Railway Officers
for ensuring the date 18/5/74.

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