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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1874.*

No. 139A. 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, 22nd May 1874, No. 315 :—

IN continuation of my letter No. 302, dated the 18th instant, and with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 15th and 18th instant, Nos. (blank), I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a letter* from

• No. 493, 21st May 1874.

the Agent of the Carnatic Railway

Company, in which Mr. Betts reports that he has ordered the construction of the line of permanent telegraph to be stopped, and urges the delay and inconvenience and loss of money which the stoppage will cause.

2. The permission granted by the Government of India to hang an additional wire upon the posts of the existing Government line between Madras and Tindevanum, and to erect a wire upon temporary posts from Tindevanum to Tanjore, will not meet the Company's requirements. The map which accompanied my letter, dated the 27th November 1873, No. 637, shows that the Railway does not follow the line taken by the Government Telegraph. In many parts they are separated by a considerable distance: for example, the site of the largest bridge on the Railway, that over the Palar river, where the command of telegraphic communication would be of great importance, is four miles distant from the nearest point on the Government Telegraph. As regards the proposed temporary line between Tindevanum and Tanjore, I can add nothing to what has been already proved as to the unsatisfactory nature of these temporary bamboo posts, and the inconvenience and loss which must result from their use.

3. The Railway Authorities, both in England and India, have expressed their willingness to abide by the Secretary of State's decision as to the possession of the permanent line of telegraph if allowed to be constructed between Madras and Tanjore; and, considering the circumstances of the case, I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to allow the work to be proceeded with subject to the above-mentioned condition.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Carnatic Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 21st May 1874, No. 493.

Your letter No. 107 of the 18th instant, reached me yesterday afternoon, and in reply to your request I answer it by return post.

2. I have issued instructions for the construction of the line of telegraph to be stopped, but I trust your representations to Government of the inconvenience and delay which are sure to result from the stoppage will have the effect of removing the restriction which has been placed upon us. The sudden stoppage of work not only causes loss of time and inconvenience, but brings with it also financial loss. My Directors have already intimated that our pressing object is to see telegraphic communication established, and that the system under which it shall be worked and maintained could be settled afterwards. I am quite prepared to add to this that the ultimate possession of the line of telegraph in question must be determined by the Secretary of State.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1874.

No. 139B. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1874, No. 1,508-A.

RAILWAY, No. 21A.

His Excellency the Governor in Council must again decline to assume further responsibility in the matter.

The correspondence will be forwarded for the orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

No. 139C. (DOCKET No. 1,508-B, dated 9th June 1874.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India, in continuation of No. 1,328-B, dated 18th May 1874.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

No. 493

Carnatic
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAN,

21st May 1884

From

THE AGENT,

Carnatic
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To

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I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant

William B. Smith
Agent

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 315

From.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To

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The Agent

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 21st May 1874

W. B. Smith

Regarding the
construction of the line
of telegraph

G. W. Walker

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No 1394

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Your most obedient servant

Madras 2
22 May
1874

Mentioned L. H. R.
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Comm. Engineer for Railways

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

**The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.**

Dated 22^y Aug 1874.

Recd. *1st*

No necessary the receiver in general
 must acquiesce to assume further responsibility in the matter. The correspondence will
 be forwarded for the order of the Govt of India
 H. E. 1568 dated 9 June 1874
 Copy of the above forwarded to the Govt of India
 in continuation of No 132859, 18 May 1874. *True*
 H. S. Dept to the G. S. Dept 9/4/74.
 H. S. Dept 15/6/74.
 H. S. Dept 25/8/74.

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 GOBL. OF 1874
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Mr. J. W. Smith*
Date *10/1/1911*
Recd. *10/1/1911*
Encl. *1*

9 June 1874, No 158
 15083
 Nos. 135A-139B.
Telegraph - Railways
~~Intercity~~ Declining
 to resume further action;
 inability in connection with
 the erection of a permanent
 permanent line of telegraph
 for the Canadian Railways
 Company - forwarding the
 same to the Board on the subject of the