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No. 264.- Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, (Railway Branch,) dated Fort William, 16th May 1874, No. 333-T :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2,007 of 13th August 1873, in reply to this office No. 4,289-R. of 13th March last, on the subject of rules for the interchange of telegraph traffic between Railway lines and the Government Telegraph Department, and with reference to Messrs. Betts and Mellis' suggested alteration of Rule VIII., Clause (d), to observe that it is unnecessary, because in the instance quoted by Mr. Betts the message would naturally go *via* Erode as the shortest route, where no transfer would take place, there being no intermediate Government Office; but if from any cause the message went *via* Madras, it would have to be transferred at that or any previous intermediate connected Government office. In the instance given by Mr. Mellis there would be no transfer to a Government office because the Vellore office is unconnected with the Railway office, and the rules provide only for the transfer at the nearest *connected* office.

2. With reference to Mr. Mellis' remarks that the present method of division of receipts is more equitable than that proposed in Clauses (f) and (g) of Rule VIII., I am to observe that the length of the Government Telegraph lines is so very much in excess of that of any one Railway line that it is manifestly unfair to divide the receipts in equal proportion. The fairest way would, of course, be to divide in each case in proportion to the mileage traversed over each system, but as this would be troublesome in practice, an arbitrary division, such as that proposed, is preferable. The present mode of dividing the receipts is no doubt more favourable to the Railway Companies than the one proposed, but it should be remembered that the Government lines form an ever-extending net work, while the telegraph system of any particular Railway is practically non-extending, so that the existing disproportion in the length of the Government system and of any Railway line will increase, and therefore an arrangement which probably never was equitable becomes every day less so.

3. The proposal made by Mr. Church for the division of the receipts is simple, but it is open to the objection that an intermediate system would get nothing for the transmission of messages over its wires, and it is obvious that a system might be so placed as that it would have to carry a maximum of traffic with a minimum of receipts.

4. The Government of India has recently sanctioned rules for adoption on State Railway lines, a copy of these was furnished you with Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 144-150-T., of the 12th March last, and His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will be glad if Rule 9 thereof can be adopted by the Railway Companies in Madras, in lieu of the rules formerly proposed.

5. With the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council you are requested to report by an early date if the Guaranteed Railway Companies will accept them, and if not, what modification they wish to have made.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th June 1872.

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1874, No. 1,572.

RAILWAY, No. 45.

G. O. 13th August 1873, No. 2,006.
" 10th April 1874, " 932.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to the orders marginally noted, and with a request that he will, in communication with the Railway authorities, report by an early date if the Railway authorities are prepared to accept Rule 9 of the rules communicated with G. O., dated 10th April 1874, No. 932, and if not, what modifications they would propose.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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of Telegraphs with instructions