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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1874.*

No. 351. * Read the following letter from Major C. H. LUARD, R.E., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 19th May 1874, No. 1,083 R:—

In compliance with the request contained in your letter, No. 5-A, dated the 4th May 1874, I am directed to forward a copy of despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 36, of 16th June 1864, on the subject of building an hotel at Coimbatore.

Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon. the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th June 1864, No. 36.

I HAVE learnt from the Directors of the Madras Railway Company that a proposal of their Agents to build an hotel at Coimbatore, although supported by the Madras Government, has not met with your approval. The grounds of your objection were probably similar to those on which, in my despatch to Bombay, No. 94, of 30th December 1859, I declined to permit the Sindh Railway Company to build an hotel at Kurrachee; but, as I then remarked, there may be cases in which hotels, "although absolutely required, are not likely to be established by private enterprise." From the correspondence before me, I am inclined to think that such a case may be presented at Coimbatore. It is most undesirable that the Railway Company should be in any manner concerned with the management of hotels, but, at the same time, should you, under the particular circumstances of this case, consider the accommodation of an hotel at Coimbatore necessary for the efficient working of the passenger traffic, and that there is no reasonable expectation that the want will be immediately supplied by private enterprise, I shall not object to the application, by the Railway Company, of a moderate sum (say Rupees 10 or 12,000) to the construction of such a building as may temporarily answer the purpose of an hotel. It is, however, so desirable that Railway Companies should not permanently undertake the management of hotels or other business not necessarily connected with the railway itself, that I should wish the building to be so constructed as to be available for other purposes if no longer wanted for an hotel.

2. I observe the Directors expect that they will be able to obtain an immediate tenant. I hope this may be the case, and that the necessity may thus be avoided of their undertaking, even temporarily, the charge of the establishment. But, under any circumstances, it must be clearly understood, that it is my desire that they should divest themselves of the management at the earliest possible opportunity.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1874, No. 1,621.

RAILWAY, No. 63.

ORDERED that copy of the despatch be forwarded to the Consulting Engineer with reference to his letter of the 22nd April 1874, No. 243.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Hotel at Coimbatore.—Copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of building a hotel at Coimbatore, forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

RAILWAY.

No. 36 of 1864.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

INDIA OFFICE;

London, 16th June, 1864.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

C. WOOD.

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All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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TO
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF *Madras*
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FORT WILLIAM, 19th May 1874.

SIR,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No. 5 dated the 4th May 1874, I am directed to forward a copy of Despatch from the Secretary of State No. 36 of 16th June 1864 on the subject of building an hotel at Coimbatore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t serv^t.

C. Howard Major R. E.
offg. Under Secretary

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From

The Govt. of India

Dated 19th May 1874.

Received 27th May 1874.

No. 1083 R.

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Accompanying
a copy of the Report
from the Secretary
of State on the subject
of building an hotel
at Portmarnock.

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To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works

Dated
Recd.
1st June 1874

Nos. 351-352.

Hotel at Portmarnock
The Secretary of State in
a Report from the
Secretary of State on
the subject of building
an hotel at Portmarnock
forwarded to the
Engineer for his
consideration.

Ordered that a copy of the Report be
forwarded to the Engineer with reference to
his letter of the 22nd April 1874 No. 2431

Yours
J. J. J.

For the Secretary of State
1874

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For the Secretary of State
1874