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No. 150. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Deputy 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, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 11th July 1874, No. 1,585-R:—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Review of the Revenue Account of the Madras Railway for the half year ending 30th June 1873, submitted with your docket No. 1,177, dated the 4th May 1874, and to make the following remarks.

2. The entries of coaching vehicles under "Goods trains" and of goods vehicles under "Passenger trains" in the table of "Average composition of trains" are not understood. I am to request that they may be explained.

3. The cost per mile open should be £11,324, instead of £11,338.

4. In table B., the average rates for single journey, return journey, luggage, horses, carriages, etc., should be exhibited separately in future.

5. The unit mileages of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class passengers and of horses obtained from the numbers and average mileage given in table B., differ from those entered in table M.

6. The average mileage of 4th class passengers obtained from the numbers, receipts, and the fare per mile is 38.29 and not 37.80.

7. Similarly, the average mileages of 1st class goods and total general merchandize should be miles 153.89 and 195.96 instead of miles 153.94 and 160.03, respectively. The average rate for 4th class goods should also be Pies 28.04 instead of Pies 28.11.

8. The hours of assisting engines and of shunting, piloting, etc., shown in table D. I., differ considerably from those entered in Statement No. XIV. of the Revenue Account.

9. In table E. I., the weight of bridge rails per yard, and the average age of rails under total should be given in future, and in table E. II. the average age of rails and sleepers should be given by the nearest half year. Under wooden sleepers a column should be added for showing the total number laid, their age, etc.

10. The per-centage of renewal of Greaves' Patent Iron Bowls should be 0.078 instead of 0.007.

11. Table F. I.—Under heading 10, the average gross weight of the trains hauled by locomotives is entered at 138 tons; whereas under average composition of trains in table A. the total is shown at 135.8. An explanation should be furnished as to how the figures have been obtained.

12. Table L.—The amount of compensation paid from the Fire Insurance Fund should have been deducted from the total at foot and not from the contribution to the fund.

13. It appears from table M. I., that the vehicle mileage run for the Postal Department is 282,263 miles, but the statement of rolling stock attached to the Revenue Account does not show that any vehicles were constructed for the Postal service. I am to inquire whether there are any such vehicles, and if not, in what

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class of carriage accommodation is provided for the Postal service, and carriages have compartments fitted up for this purpose.

14. The unit mileage of luggage, parcels, etc., obtained from the in table B. does not correspond with that shown in table M. I. This should be explained.

15. M. II.—In dividing the expenditure between coaching and goods, the expenses incurred from Revenue on account of the Cheyair Bridge should not be excluded in future.

16. The suggestion as to division of mixed train mileage is being considered separately.

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COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will furnish the information called for in paragraphs 2, 11, 13, 14, and attend in future to the instructions in paragraphs 4, 9, and 15. Attention is drawn to the discrepancies noticed in paragraphs 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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