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No. 421. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Fort William, 15th July 1874, No. 373 A-G-R:—

With reference to your letter, No. 1,161, of the 2nd ultimo, submitting a copy of certain correspondence showing what action has been taken in connection with Captain Filgate's Report on the Account and Audit Offices of the Madras Railway, I am directed to request that it may be stated distinctly whether the Deviation Hyderabad and Kurnool Surveys were undertaken at the instance of Government or by the Company in ordinary course with a view to discovering the best direction for the line, as upon this evidently depends the liability of the Government to pay the expenses of these surveys. The Government of Madras do not express any opinion on this question, and the information before the Government of India is not sufficient to enable them to decide it.

2. As regards the Store Accounts, I am to say that early steps should be taken to ascertain the exact state of the Locomotive stores. It would appear that these stores have now been under investigation for nearly four years, and that up to the present time no practical result has been arrived at.

3. I am at the same time to communicate the approval of the Government of India to the action taken in regard to the surplus discovered in the General Stores Account.

4. With regard to the stores of the Engineering Department, I am to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the sum of Rupees 5,778-6-8, standing in the Chief Engineer's books on account of unserviceable stores, being written off against the surplus discovered in this department; but with regard to the manner in which the balance of the surplus is proposed to be disposed of, I am to state that the information furnished is by no means clear. From the papers sent forward, it appears that the balance of the surplus has been brought on stock; it is presumed that this means, in other words, that the amount involved has been debited to stores. If this is the case, some account or accounts must have received credit, but no mention of such credit is made in any of the papers sent forward. It is gathered from Mr. Elwin's letter that construction should receive credit for the value of the surplus, but this is nowhere positively stated; I am accordingly to request that a full report of the actual adjustments made may be submitted to the Government of India.

5. In conclusion, I am to remark that the opinion of the Government Examiner, if recorded at all on the points noticed in the correspondence under acknowledgment, has not been sent forward, and to add that that officer's views on cases like the present one, involving matters of account, should invariably accompany references to the Government of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1874, No. 2,312.

RAILWAY, No. 62.

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To do, 22nd May 1862, No. 269.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Examiner of Railway Accounts.

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