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No. 239. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) dated Fort William, 17th December 1873, No. 2,167 G. R. :—

Proposed Railway from Pondicherry to the Carnatic Railway Main Line.

Read again—

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 156 R., dated the 8th August 1873, and enclosures.
To Government of Madras, No. 1,389 G. R., „ 8th „ „
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 172 R., „ 23rd „ „

Read also—

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 6th November 1873, No. 164 R.

On the receipt of your Excellency's letter, dated the 8th of August, No. 156, respecting the proposed construction of a railway from Pondicherry to the Carnatic main line, I communicated to the several Companies interested in the project your view that it was desirable that the portion within British territory should be treated as part of the undertaking of the Companies about to be amalgamated, as the South Indian Railway Company.

2. Having received from both the Great Southern and the Carnatic Railway Companies an assurance of their acquiescence in this view, I am now able to convey to your Excellency the approval of Her Majesty's Government to your proposition, conditionally on its being ascertained beyond doubt that the line will be extended to Pondicherry.

3. A copy of the recent correspondence on the subject is forwarded for your information.

To Great Southern Railway Company,	3rd October 1873.
„ Carnatic „	3rd „ „
„ Pondicherry „	3rd „ „
From Carnatic „	15th „ „
„ Great Southern „	23rd „ „
To Great Southern „	31st „ „
„ Carnatic „	31st „ „
„ Pondicherry „	31st „ „

From M. E. GRANT DUFF, Esq., Under Secretary of State for India, to the Secretaries, Great Southern of India Railway Company, and M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary, Carnatic Railway Company, dated 3rd October 1873.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit, for the consideration of the G. S. of I. Railway Board, a copy of a letter of this date which has been addressed by his Grace's instructions to the Pondicherry Railway Company, relative to the assistance to be afforded by the Government of India in aid of the establishment of railway communication between Pondicherry and the Carnatic main line.

2. His Grace requests to be informed at an early date whether the G. S. of I. Railway Company are ready to agree to the proposal that the portion of the communication in question which will be within British territory shall be treated as part and parcel of the undertaking of the amalgamated Company.

From M. E. GRANT DUFF, Esq., Under Secretary of State for India, to M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary to the Pondicherry Railway Company, dated 3rd October 1873.

WITH reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to acquaint you that the Secretary of State for India has received

Letter from Mr. Scott, dated 21st June 1873.
„ to „ „ 3rd July „

from the Government of India a reply to his enquiry as to the nature and extent of the

support which might properly be afforded to a Company formed for the construction of a railway

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from Pondicherry to the Carnatic main line. Government proposes that the fourteen miles of the line in question within British territory shall be treated as part and parcel of the Carnatic and Great Southern of India Companies amalgamated undertaking, leaving the Pondicherry Railway Company to make terms with the French Government for the portion of the line within French territory.

After carefully considering this proposal in Council, the Secretary of State has resolved to sanction it, provided the Great Southern of India and the Carnatic Railway Companies are ready to agree thereto.

Copies of the despatch and enclosures from the Government of India on the subject are forwarded herewith. From these it will be seen that, in the opinion of the Government of

No. 150, dated 8th August 1873.

Madras, it is undesirable that the Pondicherry line should be commenced until the Carnatic main line has been well advanced.

From M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary, London Board, Carnatic Railway Company, Limited, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 15th October 1873, No. 49—73.

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Board of Directors of this Company, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd instant, enclosing copy of a letter addressed by His Grace the Secretary of State for India to the Pondicherry Railway Company, relative to the assistance to be afforded by the Government of India in aid of the establishment of Railway communication between Pondicherry and the Carnatic main line, and further requesting to be informed whether the Carnatic Railway Company will agree to the proposal that the portion of line in question within British territory should be treated as part and parcel of the undertaking of the amalgamated Company. In reply, I am desired to state that the Board readily acquiesce in His Grace's proposition, which they believe will be highly beneficial to the amalgamated Company.

The Board are of opinion that, in the event of a railway being constructed in Pondicherry in connection with this branch, it would be most desirable that both lines should be worked under equitable arrangements by the South Indian (Amalgamated) Company, to avoid the risks and inconvenience of giving running powers to a short local Railway Company, a view in which His Grace the Secretary of State will probably concur.

From H. W. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, London Board, Great Southern of India Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23rd October 1873, No. 638.

In reply to your letter dated 3rd October, I am instructed to state that the Board of this Company are ready to agree to the proposal made by His Grace the Secretary of State that the portion of the contemplated line of railway between Pondicherry and the Carnatic main line which will lie within British territory (a length of about 4 miles) shall be treated as part and parcel of the undertaking of the amalgamated Company.

They are of opinion, however, that, in order to avoid complications, it is essential that the working of the entire branch into the town of Pondicherry should be undertaken by the united Company on terms to be arranged with the Pondicherry Railway Company in concert with the French Government, and they trust, concurring in this view, the Secretary of State will be pleased to make a stipulation to that effect in the further negotiations with the Pondicherry Railway Company.

The papers enclosed with the letter under reply are returned herewith.

From H. MERIVALE, Esq., Under Secretary of State for India, to H. W. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, Great Southern of India Railway Company, and M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Carnatic Railway Company, dated 3rd October 1873.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that the Government of India will be informed that he has provisionally consented to the construction of the portion of railway contemplated from the

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Carnatic main line to the French territory, as part and parcel of the joint undertaking of the Companies about to be amalgamated as the South Indian Railway Company, conditionally on its being ascertained beyond doubt that the line will be extended to Pondicherry.

2. I am to add, with reference to the second paragraph of your letter, that, while concurring in the view that it is desirable that

Paragraph 2 to Great Southern only.

the working of the entire branch into the town

of Pondicherry should be undertaken by the amalgamated Company, the Duke of Argyll considers that any stipulation to that effect should be a matter of arrangement between the two Companies.

From H. MERIVALE, Esq., Under Secretary of State for India, to M. R. SCOTT, Esq., Secretary, Pondicherry Railway Company, dated 31st October 1873.

In continuation of my letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that as the Great Southern of India and the Carnatic Railway Companies have consented that the portion of line which it is contemplated to construct from the Carnatic main line to French territory shall be treated as part and parcel of the undertaking of two Companies when amalgamated, the Government of India will be informed that the Duke of Argyll has provisionally consented to this arrangement, conditionally on its being ascertained beyond doubt that the line will be extended to Pondicherry.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Despatch and its enclosures be communicated to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department (Railway), for information.

(Signed) C. H. LUARD, Major, R.E.,
for Deputy Secretary.

No. 240.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1874, No. 346.

RAILWAY, No. 36.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways in continuation of No. 2,283 of 16th September 1873.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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