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No. 269. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. C. S. WILLIAMS, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 13th January 1874, No. 89 G. R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,715, dated the 6th November 1873, forwarding correspondence relative to the modification of the original proposal for laying creosoted pine sleepers on 10 miles of the Madras Railway. It is noted that the Government of Madras adhere to their previously expressed opinion in favour of the use of iron pot-sleepers along the portion of the line in question, as well as on the rest of the Madras Railway.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Government of India in view of the present very high price of iron, cannot concur in the expediency of the further substitution of iron sleepers, but the Madras Railway Company may be invited to ascertain and state at what prices they can procure and lay them. Meanwhile I am to confirm the provisional sanction accorded to the indent, on England, amounting to Rupees 71,263, for 18,664 creosoted pine sleepers, for the seven miles of ghaut near Coimbatore, and three miles of line near the western terminus between Beypore and Kuddelhoondy Bridge, instead of the 10 miles of line on the Western Coast.

3. In order to avoid the extra cost of maintaining the rest of the line with indigeneous wood, it seems desirable that a further indent for pine sleepers should be submitted without loss of time, but the Government of India are willing to consider such indent when submitted with the information regarding the iron sub-way asked for above.

4. As the Great Southern of India Railway Company will, at no distant period, convert its existing line to the narrow gauge, it might suit this Company to relay the line with other sleepers and dispose of the bowls now in use on about half its extent. In this event the two Companies might come to mutually satisfactory terms. I am to suggest that this matter should be discussed between the Companies.

5. The sanction accorded in paragraph 2 has been entered in the Register of this office as No. 29 M. R. of 1873-74.

No. 270.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1874, No. 362.

RAILWAY, No. 43.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to G. O., No. 2,714, dated 6th November 1873.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart will invite the Madras Railway Authorities to procure the information required by the Government of India in paragraph 2, in regard to the cost of the proposed substitution of iron sleepers, and will submit it with an indent for a further supply of creosoted pine sleepers as desired in paragraph 3.

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3. The question of the utilization of the bows now in use on a portion of the Great Southern of India Railway in the event of the contingency indicated in paragraph 4, will be referred for the discussion of the Madras and Great Southern Railway Authorities and reported on in due course.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

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Read the following
From the Govt of India (H.R. No 89 of 12/13/13/14)

Communicated to
The Joint Chief Engineer
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The Hon. the Commr. of
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Madras Railway: return
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