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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th September 1874.*

No. 406. 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, 26th August 1874, No. 2,038 R:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,022, dated the 27th July 1874, reporting the destruction by floods of two bridges at the 105th and 124th miles of the South-West Line of the Madras Railway, and in reply to state that, under the circumstances explained, the action of the Government of Madras in authorizing a commencement of the works connected with the restoration of both these bridges, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India is approved.

2. But matters are not so clear with regard to the allocation of expenditure. The estimates submitted amount to Rs. 27,866 and Rupees 14,892, respectively; some of the increased expenditure is doubtless due to the use of longer girders, but it is not understood why, with only a slight increase of waterway, the new bridges are to cost so very much more than the old ones. I am to request, therefore, that this may be carefully explained. It should also be stated how much of the increase is due to improvements of any kind, and how much to rise in the price of materials or labor. For any excess due to this latter cause, which would result if the old bridges were exactly replaced, Capital is not under ordinary circumstances liable.

3. The estimates and plans received with your letter are returned.

No. 407. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1874, No. 2,670.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to G. O., No. 2,021, dated 27th July

1874, and with a request that he will furnish the information called for in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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P. W. 1874 Department.
No. 780 for Dept.
No. 5685.

From.

The Govt. of India.

Dated 26th Augt.
Recd of 9th Sept. 1874.

No. 2038 R.
Encl. 11 returned at Madras

Passing orders
on the estimates for
the restoration of the
Bridges destroyed by
floods at the 10th and
12th miles on the South
West Line of the Madras
Railway.

With orders

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to B. S.
No. 2031 dated 27th July 1874, and with a request that he will forward the information
called for in paragraph 2.

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C. E. for Dept. with B. S. Encl. 11
By Secy. to Govt.

D. C. for Dept. 26/9/74.

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Bridges - (Madras P.)

Letter from the Govt.
of India passing orders
on the Estimates for the
restoration of the bridges
destroyed by floods on
the 105th & 124th miles
on the South West
Line of the M. P. R. Co.
to the Com. Eng. for P. W.
with instructions -