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No. 556. Read the following letter from Major C. H. LUARD, R.E., Officiating Under 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, 14th March 1874, No. 479 G. R. :—

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2. I am therefore to inquire what measures the Railway Companies under the control of the Madras Government, who are necessarily much interested in such a question, have taken with this object, or may be prepared to introduce with the assent of their Board with a view to ensuring a good colloquial knowledge of the languages spoken. A system of rewards might be advisable.

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RAILWAY, No. 62.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will place himself in communication with the

Railway Agents on this subject and report the result in due course.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

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