Read the following letters :—

No. 285. From Major C. H. LUARD, R.E., Officiating Under 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, 12th November 1874, No. 2,836 R.

THE last received Audited Traffic Return of the Madras Railway is for the week ending 26th September 1874. I am directed to request that an endeavour may be made to bring up arrears.

No. 286. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 27th November 1874, No. 729.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,577, dated 10th September 1874, I have the honor to state that the attention of the Agent of the Madras Railway Company was drawn to the delay pointed out by the Government of India in respect to the transmission of the Audited Returns of Traffic. Mr. Elwin's reply,* giving cover to a letter from the Chief Auditor, is herewith enclosed ; and the Government will observe that the latest returns have been forwarded with greater punctuality.

* No. 951, 22nd October 1874.

2. As time is lost in the audited returns being printed and submitted to Government through this office, I have asked the Agents of the Madras and the South Indian Railways to forward manuscript copies direct to the Government of India, the printed ones following afterwards. Printed copies of the approximate weekly statements are now dealt with in this manner.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd October 1874, No. 951.

WITH reference to your letter No. 985, of the 15th instant, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the Chief Auditor's letter of the 21st idem, No. 1,556, in which he explains the cause of the delay in forwarding the Audited Traffic Statements at the end of the last half-year.

2. I have written to the Acting Locomotive Superintendent and the Traffic Manager upon the subject, urging them to send their mileage statements to the Audit Office with as much despatch as possible.

From F. CHURCH, Esq., Chief Auditor, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 21st September 1874, No. 1,556.

REFERRING to your request in a foot-note to the Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 985, dated 15th October 1874, I beg to inform you that the cause of the delay, in furnishing the Audited Traffic Statements at the close of last half-year arose from a want of agreement in the Traffic Manager's and Locomotive Superintendent's Train Mileage Statements. There was a long discussion on this subject at a Committee Meeting held on 8th August 1873, at which it was agreed that the Traffic Department and Locomotive Department should agree on the subject of train mileage, and then communicate with the Audit Office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th December 1874.

2. The train mileage, for period ended 30th June, was furnished to Audit Office, 12th August; on the following day the Audited Traffic Statements were sent to your office; since then we have been gradually working up to the time we promised to furnish these statements, and shall succeed in doing so with the week ending 26th September 1874, which will be sent to you on the 23rd instant, and regularly thereafter.

3. It is desirable that delay shall be avoided at the close of the present half-year, and perhaps you will be so good as to communicate from your office with the departments concerned, and point out to them the importance which the Government of India attaches to the punctual rendering of these returns.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1874, No. 3,516.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to observe that the subject of the early preparation and submission of the Audited Traffic Returns has engaged the consideration of the Railway Authorities, and desires that it may not be lost sight of.

2. The proposal in paragraph 2 of the Consulting Engineer's letter is approved.

3. A copy of these papers will be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letters Nos. 1,996 R, dated 20th August 1874, and 2,836 R, dated 12th November 1874.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 288. (DOCKET No. 3,517, dated 15th December 1874.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 22 October 1874

From

The Agent and Manager of the Mr. R. Co.

To

Lt Col. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of 950 of the 15th instant, I have the honour to enclose you a copy of the Chief Auditor's letter of the 21st idem, of 1556, in which he explains the cause of the delay in furnishing the audited traffic statements at the end of last Half Year.

2. I have written to the Acting Locomotive Superintendent and the Traffic Manager upon the subject, urging them to send their mileage statements to the Audit Office with as much despatch as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.

J. H. Mellis.
for the Agent & Manager.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Auditor's Office
Madras 21st September 1874.

No. 1056.

The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your request, in your
note, to the Consulting Engineer's letter No. 956,
dated 25th October 1873, I beg to inform you
that the cause of the delay in furnishing the
audited Traffic Statements at the close of
last half year, arose from want of agreement,
in the Traffic Managers and Locomotive
Superintendents Train Mileage Statements.
There was so long discussion on this subject at
a Committee Meeting held on 8th August
1873, at which it was agreed that the Traffic
Department and Locomotive Department
should agree on the subject of Train mileage,
and then communicate with the audit
Office.

The Train mileage, for periods ended 30th
June, was furnished audit office, 12th August.
on the following day, the audited Traffic State-
ments were sent to your office, since then
we have been gradually working up to the
time we furnished the Traffic State-
ments, and shall succeed in doing so with
the week ending 26th September 1874, which
will be sent to you on the 28th instant, and
regularly thereafter.

Yours

Rly. 915 Dec 1874
In B No: 286.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 22 October 1874

Recd. 23. do

No. 957.

Forwarding the Chief
Auditors explanation
as to the cause of the
delay in furnishing
the audited Traffic State
ments at the end
of last half year.

No. 2476 A/74

It is desirable that delay shall be avoided at the close of the present half year, and perhaps you will be so good as to communicate from your office with the Departments concerned, and point out to them the importance which the Government of India, attaches to the punctual rendering of these returns.

Yours faithfully
/Sd/ Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor

/True Copy/

J. W. Mellis
For the Agent and Manager

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 729

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No 2577 dated 10th September 1874, I have the honour to state that the attention of the Agent of the Madras Railway Company was drawn to the delay pointed out by the Government of India in respect to the transmission of the audited returns of traffic. — Mr. Elwin's reply giving cover to a letter from the Chief Auditor, is herewith

No 951
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ment will observe that the latest
returns have been forwarded with
greater punctuality

2. As time is lost in the
audited returns being printed and
submitted to Government through
this office, I have asked the Agents
of the Madras and the South-
Indian Railways to forward
manuscript copies direct to the
Government of India, the printed
ones following afterwards. Printed
copies of the approximate weekly
statements are now dealt with in
this manner.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servt
Lieut Stewart Lt Col RE
Cons. Engr for Railways

Madras
27 Nov.
1874

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 187 .

Read the following:—

From the Govt of India — CMR. No 2836 Rd 12 Dec/74)
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for Railways }
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His Excellency
the Governor in Council
is glad to observe that
the subject of preparation
and submission of the
Quarterly Traffic Returns
has engaged the con-
sideration of the Railway
Authorities - and desires
that it may not be lost
sight of.
2. The proposal in
para

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Pro: No: 1476A

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 27 December 1874.
Recd. 28

No. 729.

Submitting letter
from the Agent for G.
Jr. for Carriage of the circumstances
under which the Monthly
Traffic Returns are
delayed in sending up
to Govt in time
G. O. No: 3516. 15-12-74.

No 2836
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para 2 of the Consulting
Engineers letter is approved.

A copy of these
papers will be forwarded
to the Government of India
with reference to their
letters Nos 1996 R dated
20 August 1874 and 2836 R
dated 12 November 1874.

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Despd 16/12/74.

Docket No. dated

Copy of the above
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Sign & S. Copies Despd 16/12/74.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Comptroller & Auditor Genl. to Govt. of India

Dated

Rcd. Encl. 2—

G. O. 16 Dec. 1874, No. 3516
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Nos. 287-288.

Traffic Returns - (Rep)

Expressing satisfaction that the subject of the early preparation and submission of the audited Traffic Returns has engaged the consideration of the Railway Authorities, and approving the proposal for the submission of manuscript copies direct to the Govt of India —

Forwarding copy of Proceedings passed on papers relating to the preparation & submission of audited Traffic Returns of the Madras Railway.