No. 291. Read the following letter 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, 7th December 1874, No. 739 :—

In reply to the Order of Government, No. 46, dated the 4th December 1874, I have the honor to report that, according to the information at present available, the following are the dates upon which the undermentioned sections of the South Indian Railway will probably be opened :—

By the 1st July 1875.

Southern Extension { From Trichinopoly to Madura, 97 miles.
„ Tinnevelly to Tuticorin, 37 miles.

Northern Extension.—From Madras to Chingleput, 35 miles.

During second half of 1875.

Southern Extension.—From Madura to Muniachee, 81 miles.

Northern Extension { From Tanjore to Combaconum, 23 miles.
„ Cuddalore to Porto-Novo, 18 miles.

2. The Government are aware that the opening of the line is now altogether contingent upon the receipt from England of the permanent-way material, girders, and rolling stock; and, under those circumstances, it is a matter of no little difficulty to name with accuracy the date upon which the several sections will be available for the public. As an instance of the difficulty thus experienced, it may be mentioned that the ship *Ellenborough*, which sailed from England for Negapatam upon the 26th June 1874, with an important cargo consisting of two locomotives, girder work for a large skew bridge, and a quantity of permanent-way material, workshop machinery, iron-work for wagons, etc., was obliged to put into Rio Janeiro on the 4th September, in a strained and leaky condition. She is considered unfit to proceed upon her voyage; and, according to the latest advice received from London, endeavours were being made to charter a ship then at Rio to bring on her cargo.

No. 292. Order thereon, 15th December 1874, No. 3,519.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

Ordered that the information be telegraphed to the Government of India, and the letter forwarded in continuation.

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

No. 293. (Docket No. 3,520, dated 15th December 1874.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of telegram, dated 8th instant.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 739.

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,

In reply to the Order of Government No. 446, dated the 4th December 1874, I have the honour to report that according to the information at present available the following are the dates upon which the undermentioned sections of the South Indian Railway will probably be opened:—

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Madras
7th December
1874
Ex Encl 4

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Lieut Col RE
Consulting Engineer for Railways

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Ordered that the information be telegraphed to the Govt of India, and the letter forwarded in continuation

Chf for Rep
Desp 16/12/74.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Govt of India in continuation of telegram dated 8th Instant—

Gmm

Sign & Despes desp
16/12/74.

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P. W. 1874 Dept.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 7th December 1874.
Recd. 8th "

No. 739.

Giving the dates upon which the several sections of the South Indian Railway will probably be opened.

G.G. No: 2519. 15-12-74.

William Robertson

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To The Secretary of State for India

Dated

Rec'd. Encl.

G. O., 15 Dec. 1871, No. 3519

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Forwarding copy of Proceedings passed on a letter from the Commrs. for Rys. in which they state that when the several sections of the Southern Indian Ry will probably be opened.

Southern Indian Ry

The information furnished by the Commrs. for Rys regarding the dates upon which the several sections of the Southern Indian Ry will probably be opened ordered to be tabulated & appended to the Govt. of India