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15th January 1875.*

No. 263. 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, 23rd December 1874, No. 3,263 R.—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 3,167, dated the 7th November 1874, submitting the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the first half of 1874, with papers furnishing explanation on certain matters connected therewith. .

2. The Deputy Consulting Engineer brings to notice that the Capital forms, Nos I to IV. and VII., have not been furnished by the Agent, as they are prepared only once a year for submission at the meeting of the Directors. I am to say that the Agent should be called upon to ask his Board to supply him with the needful information at the end of each half-year.

3. In paragraph 3 of Public Works Department No. 61 G. R., dated the 3rd January 1874, it was requested that an endeavour should be made to reduce the running expenses as the train mileage fell, but on a comparison of the figures with those of the corresponding half of the previous year, it appears that, though the traffic train mileage fell off by 37,635 miles, the running expenses increased by Rupees 2,477. Under "General Superintendence" the expenditure also rose from Rupees 16,689 to Rupees 19,624. These increases should be explained, as also the cause of the enhanced price paid for coal, viz, Rupees 30 per ton against Rupees 25 paid, in the first half of 1873.

4. I am further to invite attention to the increased expenditure under "General Superintendence" and "Station Staff" in Abstract D.

5 It appears from Form No XI., that the end of the half-year the Fire Insurance Fund had a credit balance of Rupees 95,269-5-9, which, like all such balances, so long as the line did not pay 5 per cent. interest, formed, in fact, a contribution by the State. With a view to the abolition of this and similar funds on the Guaranteed Railways, the Government of India have been in communication with the Secretary of State, and as soon as the question is decided the Government of Madras will again be addressed on the subject.

No 264. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1875, No. 123.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to G.O., No. 3,166, dated 7th November 1874.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart will take the necessary action on paragraph 2, and explain the increases noticed in paragraphs 3 and 4.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
" Examiner of Railway Accounts

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To The Commr for Ry
De. Ry Accts. ✓
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India Railway for
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1874.

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To
The Engineer
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Letter from the Govt
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Railway for the first
half of 1874, Comd to
the Engr in Charge
with certain instructions