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FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R E,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department

RAILWAY, No 24.

G O, No 2,564, 10th September 1874
" " 3,090, 29th October "
Despatch " 6, 30th "
G O, " 484, 19th February 1875
" " 503, 20th "
" " 373-D, 9th "
Despatch " 2, 24th "
G O, " 1,213, 30th April "
Despatch " 3, 5th May "

SIR,—I am directed to forward the correspondence quoted in the margin on the subject of the construction of a line of railway up the Coonoor Ghaut in continuation of the Madras Railway, which at present terminates at Mettapolhem, five miles from the foot of the ghaut

2 It will be observed that the subject originated in a proposal by Mr Addis, C E, to lay a tramway along the present roadway, in consideration of which among other concessions he stipulated for a guarantee of 3 per cent. on the capital expended on the undertaking. This led to further inquiry on the subject of the best means of surmounting steep gradients, and, in accordance with an application to the Home Government for information as to existing narrow gauge lines traversing mountain chains and highlands, the Madras Government were furnished with a Memorandum drawn up by Major-General Strachey and certain volumes of the Reports of the Institution of Civil Engineers bearing on the question both of construction and working. The Under Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department was also instructed to institute inquiries as to the existing traffic to be provided for and the charges with which it is burdened. Major Scott has, in compliance with these orders, submitted a comprehensive Report, which establishes the remunerative character of a railway designed either on the Fell or Rigi principle, and the subject has now been remitted to the Home Government for further inquiry in communication with the Directors of the Madras Railway Company, to whom it is proposed to entrust the execution of the scheme.

3 The Governor in Council, as will be seen by the despatch sent to the Secretary of State, has specially pressed this project on the Home Government as one calculated to be highly beneficial, not only to the area immediately involved, but to the Presidency generally, and as such confidently relies on the support of the Government of India being accorded to the undertaking.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

Exd S T Austin
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No 2564-10 Sep-74
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The Secretary to the
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 No 1341 dated 11th May 75

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Govt. of 1875 Madras.

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To

The Secy. to Govt.
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Dated

Sd/-

Encl.

G. O. 11 May 1875, No. 1341

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