

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th August 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 200. From Lieutenant W. H. COAKER, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st July 1875, No. 427.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Consulting Engineer has telegraphed from Trichinopoly that the opening of the line from thence to Madura fixed for the 2nd proximo is postponed until the 1st September, owing to the telegraph arrangements being unsafe. The Consulting Engineer desires me to say that a full report shall be submitted on his return.

No. 201. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th August 1875, No. 431.

In continuation of letter, No. 427, dated the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to report that the portion of the South Indian Railway between Trichinopoly and Madura was inspected by me upon the 30th ultimo. The Agent of the Company and the Chief Engineer accompanied me on the inspection.

2. The Government are aware that the beginning of the current month has been named* as the probable date for opening this portion of the railway, and it was in expectation of this that the inspection in question was made.

3. So far as the railway works are concerned, the line might with perfect safety have been opened for passenger traffic from the date named; but the progress made in erecting permanent posts for the line of telegraph was not, in my opinion, such as to justify the measure. Up to the 30th ultimo, the wire had been transferred from the temporary to the permanent posts for a distance of about 20 miles only towards the south from Trichinopoly; while the most insecure part of the temporary line, from Dindigul southward, had not been touched. Under the circumstances, it seemed beyond question that the working of passenger traffic along the proposed extension would be attended with considerable difficulty and not a little danger. Upon discussing the matter with Mr. Betts I found that he held the same view, and agreed with me that the opening must be postponed until the erection of the permanent telegraph had made further progress.

4. The Superintendent in charge of the Telegraph Works informed me that he had experienced great difficulty in procuring labor along the line; but that he had then (on the 30th ultimo) three parties at work, and that he hoped to have it completed within a fortnight or three weeks from that date. I accordingly informed the Agent that the line might be opened for traffic from the 1st September; but I have since learnt from Mr. Betts that an important festival takes place at Madura during the latter part of the current month, and that he is desirous to open the line in time to convey passengers, from the north, to and from the festival. Provided

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that the telegraph arrangements are sufficiently advanced, I see no objection to this; and on hearing further from the Agent I shall again report to Government.

5. It is needless to say that the delay in opening the line has been a source of great disappointment to all concerned; to the public, the Railway authorities, and myself.

No. 202.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1875, No. 2,323.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council regrets the delay in the opening of the line between Trichinopoly and Madura for public traffic. The postponement is, however, under the circumstances, unavoidable. He will be glad to learn that the telegraph arrangements have been so far advanced as to secure the passenger traffic to Madura on the occasion of the festival during the latter part of the current month.

2. A copy of the Proceedings will be communicated for the information of the Government of India with reference to the under-mentioned correspondence.

From Government of India, No. 243 T, dated 3rd June 1875.
To " " 2,100 " 23rd July "

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 203.

(DOCKET, No. 2,323-A, dated 11th August 1875.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Railway Department.

No 427. Madras. 31. July. 1875.

Mr.

From Lieut. W. H. Conder. R.E.

Dep't. Comd. Eng. for Railways.

To The Secretary to Government. P. W. D.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yr. most obedt. Servant,
W. H. Conder
Lieut. R.E.
Dep. Comd. Eng. for Railways

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 431 Madrid 4th August 1875

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

Lieut. Col. J. Mullins, Q. B.

~~SCOTT, C. W. WALKER, R. E.~~

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

SIR,

Fort Saint George.

In continuation of letter No 427, dated the 21st ultimo, I have the honour to report, that, the portion of the South Indian Railway between Enchurupally and Madura was inspected by me upon the 30th ultimo. The Agent of the Company and the Chief Engineer accompanied me on the inspection.

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Your most obedient servant

Wm. Stewart Holbe

Consbr for Railways

Public Works Dept.
No 2323

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Under date the 11th Aug^r 1875
Read the following

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer,
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To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.
Dated 4th Aug^r 1875
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