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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1875.*

No. 505. Read the following letter from W. C. FURNIVALL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 14th August 1875, No. 2,015 R:—

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 1,467, dated 26th May 1875, forwarding revised estimates, amounting to Rupees 44,94,583, for the narrow gauge rolling stock required for the equipment of the entire system of the South Indian Railway lines, I am directed to observe that the average cost of the locomotives is entered in the estimates at Rupees 26,500, while on the Rajpootana State Railway the average cost of locomotives has only been Rupees 14,600. Under these circumstances, the cost of the South Indian Railway Engines appears very excessive, and I am to inquire whether any explanation of the cause of this can be given, and to request that the Government of India may be favored with copies of the specifications of each class, with a memorandum of their cost in as much detail as possible.

No. 506. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1875, No. 2,469.

RAILWAY, No. 62.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will furnish the information and papers called for with reference to G. O., No. 1,466, dated 26th May 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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To

Chief Engineer

Dated

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G. O. 28 June 1904

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Excessive charges for
Locomotives for the
J. I. Ry.: Letter of
the Govt. of India
requesting explanation
as to the
comm: to the Consulting
Engr: for Ry: for
report.