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Forwarding copy of Progr: on letter of the Consulting Engr: for Rys: forwarding with remarks letter from the Agent S.I. Ry: Co: intimating that it has been determined to postpone the opening of the line from Madras to Chingleput, which was expected to take place on the 1st Oct:

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No. 508. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th September 1875, No. 511 :—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Government quoted in the margin, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, a letter, dated 10th September 1875, No. 840, from the Agent, South Indian Railway, stating that it has been determined to postpone the opening of the line from Madras to Chingleput, which was expected to take place on the 1st October.

23rd July 1875, No. 2,099.
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2. Mr. Logan explains that, in order to ensure the completion of the Southern Extension by the 15th November, it has been found necessary to indent on Madras for wagons for ballasting, and skilled labor for platelaying, which has necessarily interfered with the progress on the Northern Extension. The stations along this line are also very backward, and it is not thought that the bridges over the Adyar and Cooum could be got ready within the date fixed. Should there be heavy floods in the latter river during the approaching monsoon, it is probable that the completion of this bridge will be still further delayed.

3. It will be observed that nearly the whole of the work between the Cooum bridge and the present site for the goods station is finished, and the Agent suggests that the line should be completed up to this point, and opened with a temporary station in the Asylum compound. The surveys necessary to come to a decision on the alternative arrangements proposed in the Proceedings of Government, dated 5th August 1875, No. 2,263, are being carried out, and I hope shortly to be able to lay before Government full information upon this point. It will be well, in my opinion, to defer operations to the north of the Cooum until this question is finally disposed of. The little work that remains can at any time be completed on its being shown that the progress on the remainder of the line is such as to justify an anticipation of its being ready for traffic at an early date.

From D. LOGAN, Esq., Acting Agent, South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 10th September 1875, No. 840.

IN answer to your letter, No. 599, of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have come to the conclusion that we shall not be in a position to open to the public any part of the line between Madras and Chingleput much before the end of the year. I find that it will tax all our energies and resources to complete the Southern Extension for the progress south of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and I have decided that it is better to concentrate our attention on that work rather than to attempt more and risk failure. For instance, ballast wagons are urgently required at the Tuticorin end to ensure the line there being ballasted while we have dry weather. If this is not done on the cotton soil we shall have the risk of failure, and I have considered it imperative to guard against this by ordering all our Madras end ballast wagons to Tuticorin at once.

2. Again, we are in the south short-handed in the way of the requisite amount of skilled superintendence and labor in platelaying, and I have been compelled to draw on the Madras end in this respect, to an extent which will delay progress there.

3. At present there is little or no station accommodation ready between Madras and Chingleput, and I think that by putting off the opening to the end of the year, or until after the

monsoon, we shall be in a better position in every way to efficiently carry out the working of the Railway.

4. Before the order of Government was received to stop work north of the Cooum, we had arranged that as our terminal passenger station could not be ready for a considerable time, we should begin to work the line when any part could be opened from a temporary station in the Madras goods yard, one of the bungalows which was acquired with the ground there has been allowed to stand, and this bungalow was to form, with a few inexpensive additions, the booking and station offices.

5. The Railway from the Cooum to this bungalow is now almost finished, the line formed, the rails all laid but a short length, the level crossings and gates are complete. I suggest therefore that our original plan be carried out, that is, that we should be permitted to do the little that is necessary to finish the works up to this bungalow, and from there we can at any time, when the line to Chingleput is ready, commence working for the public.

6. In the event of our own passenger terminus being decided on, or of our crossing Cochrane's Canal into the Madras Railway station, these works will remain practically as at present, while in the very unlikely event of the work *viâ* Perambore being decided on, there would only remain, when that line should be ready, the abandonment of the portion which is now virtually complete.

7. There will, by the adoption of this suggestion, be no delay in opening the line, pending a decision as to terminal arrangements, and thereafter in carrying these arrangements out—a work which in any case must occupy a very considerable time before the arrangements can be utilized.

No. 509. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1875, No. 2,738.

RAILWAY, No. 41.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the concentration of the resources of the Company on the Southern Extension of the South Indian Railway, so as to have that portion of the line ready early in December.

2. Pending receipt of the information called for by the Government of India, G. O., No. 2,263, dated 5th August 1875. as to the direction of the line near Madras, operations to the north of the Cooum must be deferred. The Consulting Engineer, it is observed, expects to be able to submit this information shortly.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 510. (DOCKET No. 2,739, dated 21st September 1875.)
COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of No. 2,388, dated 17th August 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

Ext. E. C. Shanker.
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RB's OFFICE,
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Telegram

To Consulting Engr to Railways,

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

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 571. Madras 13 September 1875.

From

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

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Major General
~~Colonel~~ G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government quoted in the margin, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a letter dated 10 September 1875, No 840 from the Agent South Indian Railway stating that it has been determined to postpone the opening of the line from Erudoo to Chungleput, which was expected to take place on the 1 October.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
C Lewis Capt R.E.
for Chief Engineer for Railways

27 Aug 76.

Public Works Dept
No. 2430

Commencement of the Railway works

Madras, dated 13th Sept. 1875.

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The Consulting Engineer — dated 13th Sept. 1875.

To the Secretary to Government, P.W. Department.

Intimating that it has been determined to postpone the opening of the line from Madras to Chingleput, which was expected to take place on the 1st October.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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From
The Consulting Engineer,
for Railways,

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

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G.O. No 2263 d/ 5th Augt/75

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Copy of the above, forwarded to the Govt of India in continuation of No 2388 dated 17th August 1875.

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