

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1875.*

No. 178. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) dated Simla, 23rd September 1875, Nos. 281—86 ^{A.}_{G.-R.} :—

Adjustment of the sale proceeds of Railway Class C. Lands.

Read again—

1. Financial Department Resolution, No. 932, dated 18th July 1872.
2. Financial Department Memorandum, No. 1,440, dated 18th June 1875.

Read also—

No. 3,044, dated 31st August 1875.

RESOLUTION—By the Government of India, Financial Department.

Read again—

Financial Resolution, No. 932, dated 18th July 1872, deciding that the receipts on account of Railway Class C. Lands shall be credited to Land Revenue.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that under these orders the accounts do not correctly represent the State outlay on "Land and Supervision" for Guaranteed Railways. To remedy this defect, and also to relieve the Land Revenue Account from a casual disturbing element which the above orders have introduced into it, His Excellency in Council directs, in supersession of the orders of 18th July 1872, that the sale proceeds of Railway Class C. Lands be, in future, set off as a reduction of the charge for "Land and Supervision," instead of being credited to Land Revenue.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department* for information and further orders; to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and

* Original papers returned.

Commerce for information; and to the Comptroller-General and the Accountant-General, Bengal, for information and guidance.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Consulting Engineers noted in the margin, for information and guidance, and to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for information and the issue of any necessary orders.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay.
The Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.

(Signed) A. J. FILGATE, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1875, No. 2,913.

RAILWAY, No. 15-A.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department and to the Officers concerned, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT.
Guaranteed Railways.

To
THE SECYS. TO THE GOVTS. OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY, IN THE P. W. DEPT., RAILWAY BRANCH.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR GUARANTEED RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, LAHORE, AND LUCKNOW.
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Nos. 281—86 ^{A.}_{G.-R.}
Dated SIMLA, September 23, 1875.
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Office concerned for information and guidance

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Adjustment of the sale
proceeds of Railway
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Letter of the Govt.
of India regarding
the ———, commd. to
the Rev. Dept. of the
officers concerned
for information & suit.

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12th October 1875.

No. 180. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 16th September 1875, No. 473:—

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1875, No. 2,405.

From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Nilgiris, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 17th June 1875, No. 20.

I HAVE the honor to submit a letter to the Nilgiri Local Fund Board from the District Engineer reporting that the Kotagherry Ghaut is now open for traffic, but that it has cost 25 per cent., or Rupees 11,720, in excess of the estimate, and an allotment of the money is required. I enclose the revised estimate.

2. The District Engineer assigns the following reasons for the extra expenditure:—

- (1), that part of the work was scamped and had to be done over again, owing to his not being allowed a separate establishment to supervise;
- (2), that the want of proper supervision led to a greater expenditure in blasting than would otherwise have been sufficient;
- (3), that the execution of the earthwork exceeded the estimate, owing to the earth proving harder to dig than could have been anticipated;
- (4), that more rock was encountered than was foreseen.

3. The District Engineer explains that he incurred the extra expenditure on his own responsibility and without sanction believing it his duty to carry on the work to a conclusion, as the Government in G. O., Financial Department, dated 15th May 1874, No. 840, expressed themselves as attaching great importance to the completion of the ghaut "within the current year."

4. The Local Fund Board, at a meeting held on the 31st May 1875, passed the following Resolution upon the letter:—

"Read letter from the District Engineer, dated the 24th May 1875, No. 118, submitting original and revised estimates for the excess expenditure on the Kotagherry new ghaut amounting to twenty-five per cent. over the estimated cost.

"The President will address Government on the subject, and will point out that the Board cannot hold themselves responsible for the excess expenditure incurred, inasmuch as the Government by G. O., No. 840, dated 15th May 1874, took the ghaut out of the Board's hands. In forwarding the explanation the President will point out that, notwithstanding the excess of the expenditure over the estimate, the execution of the work compares favorably with the execution of other ghaut works in the district, having been only twenty-five per cent. in excess of the estimate, whereas the excess over estimate on the Coonoor Ghaut was 100 per cent. and twenty-five per cent. on the Goodaloor Ghaut exclusive of the labor of a gang of convicts, whose work was estimated as worth Rupees 10,000. The cost per mile of the Kotagherry Ghaut is less than that of a similar ghaut on the Annamallays."

5. The Local Fund Board consider that the execution of the ghaut has been satisfactory, and they trust that the Government may be pleased to supply the funds now required.