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1st November 1875.*

No 3 Read the following despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary
of State for India —

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
23rd September 1875

Railway.

No 6

SIR,—Upon receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 16th June last, No 5, forwarding the Revenue Account of the South Indian Railway Company for the second-half of the year 1874, I caused a letter to be addressed to the Board, pointing out certain unsatisfactory features connected with the traffic operations which appeared

to me to call for explanation. A copy of the letter* in question is sent herewith for your information, together with a copy of one† which has been received in reply.

* Dated 17th August 1875

† Dated 23rd August, No 106

2 From the latter it will be seen that the Board are about to direct that further inquiries be made on the subject, and I request that it may also receive your consideration, and that, if in your opinion the number of trains run is unduly great, or the train loads unduly small, steps may be at once taken for reducing the number of trains or otherwise effecting proper economy in working the traffic

I have, &c,
SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Honorable
the Governor in Council, Fort St George.

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, to H W NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, South Indian Railway Company, dated India Office, 17th August 1875

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to draw the attention of the Directors of the South Indian Railway Company to the Revenue Account for the second-half of the year 1874, the results exhibited in which seem to His Lordship to require some remark

2 The total cost of working per train mile, irrespective of the useful effect produced, is small, but the train loads appear to be very inadequate. Thus the ton mileage for the half-year being 1,367,000, and the mixed train mileage about 163,000, it would follow that the average train load of goods is about 21 tons, besides the passengers (the mileage of whom is about 25,400,000), which may amount to about 150. Making every allowance for the inequality of up and down traffic, such loads must be regarded as extremely low, and it seems impossible to avoid the conclusion that the number of trains run, which averages $2\frac{1}{2}$ over the whole line open, is in excess of the requirements of the traffic, and that it should be reduced

3 The Secretary of State, before making any representation on the subject to the Government in India, will be glad to receive any explanations on the above points that the Board may be able to afford

From H W NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary, South Indian Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 2 Leadenhall Street, 23rd August 1875, No 116

I BEG to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th instant, in which the attention of the Directors is drawn to the number of trains run over the line and their average loads

2. Taking into consideration the considerable difference between the up and down traffic, high for the year 1874 was 41 and 59 per cent, respectively, and having regard also to the average number of passengers carried in the mixed trains run, and to the necessity for providing ample accommodation for any excess of that average, it is believed that it will be found that the number of trains are not greater than the requirements of the traffic demand. The Directors will, however, make further inquiry into the matter, the result of which they will have the honor of communicating

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1st November 1875.

No 4

ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1875, No 3,087

RAILWAY, No 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer, who will place himself in com-
munication with the Agent and Manager

of the South Indian Railway Company on this subject, and report the result as early
as practicable.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

20/11
presented to India Office.
14 August 1875.
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H. W. Norman Esq.

Aunt
 W^d Louis Mallet.

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South Indian Railway Co.
2 Leadenhall Street
23^d Augt, 1875.

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The Under Secretary
of State for India.

Sent
 S. J. Henry Holman.

Fort St George.

No. 12

Copy correspondence

Railway
No. 6.

India Office, London.
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Referred to Railway letter to
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Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Salisbury

25th May 1875. No. 262-163
5th June - 153-154

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No. 11.

1. Harvey
2. C. G. M. P.

The Railway
23rd Sept 1875
No. 29 Oct. 1875
Letter to Mr. George
No. 6.

No 2087

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer who will place
himself in communication with the Agent and Managers of the South
Eastern Railway Company on this subject, and report the result
as early as practicable.

Wm

W.D. 12-11-75

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Offering certain remarks
on the Revenue Act of
the S. E. Ry. Co. for the
second half of 1874.

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Despatch from Secretary
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