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No. 349. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Deputy 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 Fort William, 10th December 1875, No. 3,032 R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,696, dated the 20th September 1875, concerning the statement of the Madras Railway Company's Agent that the working expenses on that line had been increased owing to the accelerated mail service which the Company had been required to introduce.

2. In Public Works Department No. 751 R., dated the 18th March 1875, the Government of India having reference to the remarks of the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway that the increase due to accelerated speed of mail trains during the first-half of 1874 amounted to Rupees 28,000, said that the details of the expenditure did not bear out this allegation, and that the Consulting Engineer should have challenged the remark.

3. The Consulting Engineer's report now received shows that the scope of the remark made by the Government of India has to a certain extent been misapprehended by that officer.

4. The working expenses of the Madras Railway during the first-half of 1874, as compared with the first-half of 1873, during which latter period the accelerated mail service did not exist, are exhibited in the following table :—

	First half of 1873.	First half of 1874.
	RS.	RS.
Maintenance	5,10,874	*5,92,822
Locomotive	6,21,224	6,30,380
Repairs of carriage and wagon	1,01,475	1,02,918
Traffic expenses	2,73,431	2,88,522
General charges	1,86,736	2,00,654
Special and miscellaneous	29,355	26,903
Cheyaur bridge	91,070	...
Total ...	18,14,165	18,42,259

* This includes Rupees 41,960 for the Cheyaur bridge.

5. The maintenance expenses of the half-year were hardly affected by the fast mail service. The increased expenditure occurred under renewals of permanent way and repairs of bridges.

6. Under locomotive expenses, though the total shows an increase of Rs. 9,000, the details show that the cost of drivers and of repairs was less during the first-half of 1874, but that the cost of fuel was Rupees 12,000 more, and of oil, tallow, and small stores about Rupees 1,600 more. A portion of the increased cost of fuel was due to the higher price paid for coal during the first-half of 1874.

7. Traffic expenses exhibit an increase of Rupees 15,000. The details show an increase of about Rupees 3,000 under general superintendence. This could hardly have been the result of the faster mail service. An increase of Rupees 3,000 under station staff was apparently due to a longer length of line being open for traffic and an

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Regarding increase
of working expenses
occasioned by accel-
erated mail service
on the M. Ry. Co's Line.

With order

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additional number of stations in 1874. Train staff shows a decrease, while fires, lights, and small stores show an increase of Rupees 9,500, and mileage of foreign stock an increase of Rupees 6,000. It is possible that a portion of the increased cost under fires, lights, and small stores was due to the fast mail service.

8. The increase under general charges was apparently due to the apportionment of a larger proportion of establishment charges to Revenue.

9. On the foregoing analysis of the working expenses of the Madras Railway during the first-half of 1874, the Government of India based the opinion expressed in the letter to the Madras Government before quoted, dated 18th March 1875, and do not now see any reason to change that opinion.

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1875, No. 3,573.

RAILWAY, No. 32-A.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways, with reference to
G.O., No. 2,695, dated 20th September
1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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