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No. 182	Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.
<u>Railway,</u>	INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
<u>No. 1.</u>	<i>7th January 1875.</i>

I have, etc ,
SALISBURY.

Carriage Stock—I am unable to add any great amount of explanation as to the general causes of the delay in the supply of the carriage stock to those that have already been given in Mr Bruce's Report of 13th February last, a copy of which was forwarded to the India Office on 2nd March, and to the reasons as communicated in my letter to you of the 1st July 1874. The whole of the ironwork has been completed, but it was recently determined, in communication with the authorities in India, to supply the carriages complete, and no deliveries have as yet been made. The carriage stock, however, for the Northern Extension (also to be supplied *complete*) is now coming forward, and a telegram was despatched to India inquiring whether this should be diverted to the Southern Extension. The reply received was "send half to Negapatam." Arrangements are being made accordingly, and if terms can be come to with the owners of a steamer by which freight is now offered, the first consignment of carriage stock will be despatched *via* the Canal.