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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 606 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 Depart-
ment, dated Madras, 21st June 1876, No. 305.—

I HAVE the honor to address Government upon the subject of their Order,
No. 1,365, dated 1st June 1876.

2. In justice to the Acting Chief Engineer, Mr. White, I deem it right to point
out that I had no intention of attributing "the delay in the supply to Resident
Engineers of the necessary drawings and instructions for the commencement of
station buildings" to defective arrangements made or permitted since the departure
of the Chief Engineer. The completion of upwards of 200 miles of line has,
on the contrary, enabled Mr. White so to strengthen the staff of the central office
that long standing arrears have already been cleared off, and the present arrange-
ments are to my knowledge such that delay on this score could hardly occur again.

3. With reference to the waste of masonry commented upon in paragraph 8 of
my letter, I might have added that the defect would probably have been obviated
had Mr White been able to submit in time his suggested designs for arching the
foundations; but, when he took over charge, this office had already intimated that
all such comparatively unimportant savings must yield to the more substantial
economy of early opening, so far as the northern section of the line was concerned;
and it was solely with a view to secure economy in this respect, with buildings yet to
be constructed, that prominence was given to that defect in my letter to Government.

4. I venture to disabuse Government of the erroneous impressions which
appear to have been conveyed in my letter, inasmuch as the comments by His Grace
the Governor in Council cannot but give great pain to the Acting Chief Engineer,
who was in no way responsible for the defective arrangements alluded to.

Mr. White has served the Railway Company in this Presidency uninterr-
ruptedly during the last 6½ years His excellent work as an executive officer, as
well as his successful supervision of most difficult engineering operations connected
with the opening of the line from Madura to Tuticorin during the rainy season of
1875, have been prominently brought to notice; and I am able to assure Government
that the arrangements made and the progress secured since Mr. White assumed
his present position fully justify the confidence I had the honor to express when
commending
upon ~~recommending him~~ for the appointment.

ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1876, No. 1,644.

No. 607.

RAILWAY, No. 55.

The Government are glad to learn
that the Acting Chief Engineer now in
charge is so well spoken of by the Consult-
ing Engineer, and that he is making progress in removing the causes of complaint
which have drawn serious comment from Government, but for which Mr. White was
not responsible.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, *21st June 1876.*

No. *305*

From

LIEUT -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,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

*I have the honour to
address Government upon the subject
of their Order No 1365 dated *1st June*
*1876.**

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Acting Chief Engineer, Mr. White, I
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Yours most obedt Servant
Maurice L. R. E.
Com. Engineer for Railways

1-6-76 No 1366
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From
 The Cons. Eng. for Ry. (H.E. No. 305 of 21st June/76)

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2. It is understood that the Consulting Engineer desires to fix the blame for the defective arrangements and designs alluded to, on Mr. Logan; not on Mr. White, who is exonerated accordingly.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
 From
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,
 To
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort Saint George.
 Dated 21
 Received 22 June 1876
 No 275

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Under date the 29th June 1876
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Chief Eng^r for Ry^s 21

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Mr. White Rg. Chief

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