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12th July 1876. No. 1,776.*

No. 216. 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 Department, dated Madras, 28th June 1876, No. 314 :—

— In the Proceedings of Government, under date the 16th December 1873, No. 3,028, it was declared to be the right and duty of the Postmaster-General to require detailed explanation of delays in the mail service, and from that date this office has been called on by the Postmaster-General to furnish full explanation upon every occasion of delay to a mail train in this Presidency. The result has been to add largely to the work of this office and to lead to a great deal of unnecessary correspondence.

2. To give an instance of what takes place on these occasions—

Upon the 12th instant I received notice from the Postmaster-General that the mails from stations on the North-west Line of the Madras Railway, which should have been received at 6-45 A.M. on the 1st instant, did not reach his office until 7-45 A.M. The Postmaster-General asked for information as to the delay.

Upon the 17th instant the Postmaster-General was informed that the mail train from Raichore reached Madras 50 minutes late on the day in question, having been detained at the meeting station by the mail train from Madras, the engine of which burst a tube on the Ballypully Ghaut.

Upon the 22nd instant the Postmaster-General again writes to ask for my opinion "as to whether the accident could have been avoided by any means; for instance, by more careful inspection of the locomotive before it was put in use."

3. I cannot suppose it to be the intention of Government that the time of this office, already fully occupied, should be taken up in answering questions of this nature, and I solicit the issue of further instructions in order that some limit may be placed upon the explanations which the Postmaster-General is empowered to demand.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1876, No. 1,776.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
No. 1,686, of 4th July 1876.

(True Extract.)

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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Letter from the Consulting Engineer for
Railways, No 314 dated 28th June 1876.

For Orders.

Commanding Major Gault
Spec. to Govt. P.W.D.

W. H. G.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 28th June 1876.

No. 314

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.

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Yours most obedt Servt.

Wm. Thompson Esq. R.E.

Cons. Engineer for Railways

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department,

Port Saint George.

Dated

28th June 1876.

Received

29th June 1876.

No.

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Voluntarily the issue of
 facilities and equipment in
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 may be placed upon the
 expenditure incurred in
 the construction of several
 lines proposed to be opened
 from this office in 1876.
 The Board of Directors

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

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To

The Com^r Eng^r for M^r

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G. O., 12th July 1876, No.

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