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No. 26. Read the following letter from Major C. J. SMITH, R.E., Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th August 1876, No. 433 :—

In reply to the Order of Government, No. 43, of the 5th August, I have the honor to forward herewith letters from the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways on the subject of traffic fluctuations.

2. There has been a considerable increase in the rice imported from Calcutta and the Coast. This has been carried into Mysore consequent on the scarcity there.

3. The hide and skin traffic with the East Indian, Scinde, Punjab, Delhi, and Rajpootana lines has been very brisk.

4. On the South Indian there has been a large increase in "oil-cake" and "gingelly seed," and to some extent in paddy and rice.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 25th August 1876, No. C. $\frac{902}{1,956}$ A. & M.

Improvement in Traffic.

Consulting Engineer's letter No. 840, dated 8th instant.

The normal traffic of the railway, consequent on the failure of seasons, has not yet shown any improvement. During the half-year ending June, the falling off in rice alone out of two stations only (Arcot and Vellore), as compared with the same period of 1875, was upwards of 19,000 tons in weight, and Rupees 2,00,000 in receipt, and since that date there has been no appreciable reaction.

2. Consequent on the scarcity in Mysore, there has been a considerable abnormal traffic in rice imported from Calcutta and the Coast, and sent from Madras to Bangalore, but even this has now partially subsided.

3. Beypore and the West Coast, hitherto supplied with rice from the North Arcot District, has been supplied by direct importations from Calcutta, and the price of Calcutta rice has risen from Rupees 5½ per bag in April to Rupees 7 per bag; while North Arcot rice, which could not find a market at Beypoor in April at Rupees 6-12-0, is now being sold in small quantities at Rupees 7-4-0 per bag, as against Rupees 5-8-0 last year. An advance of upwards of 30 per cent. would seem to be sufficient to tempt holders of grain to realise, and the dulness in the traffic can only lead to one of two conclusions, either that the grain is not in the district, or that better prices are looked for.

4. The hide and skin traffic from the East Indian, Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi and Rajpootana State Railways has been very brisk, and being carried over a long lead has materially helped to keep up our receipts.

No. 874.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

Madras,
28*th August* 1876.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 23rd August 1876, No. 2,103.

Your letter No. 850 of the 8th instant was duly transferred to the Traffic Manager for report. That officer now informs me that the most noticeable increases in goods and native produce traffic during last half-year were as under :—

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—	1875 period.	1876 period.	Increase.
	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
Oil-cake	234	5,711	5,477
Gingelly Seed	13,429	26,882	13,453
Rice and Paddy	344,288	366,922	22,634

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1876, No. 2,352.

RAILWAY, No. 4.

ORDERED to be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 28. DOCKET No. 2,353, dated 2nd September 1876.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of telegram dated 30th August 1876.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.
for *Secretary to Government.*

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No. 2/103. South Indian GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 23rd August 1876.

From

THE AGENT, South Indian
Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

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Guigely seed	13,429	26.882	13.453
Rice and Paddy	344.288	366.922	22,634

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant.
Negapatam 23rd Aug.
Agent.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 29 August 1876.

No. 433

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,

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
H. Smith Capt R.E
Offg Consulting Engr R.Rys.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 29 August 1876.
Received
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Letter from Rao Bahadur Ranee Ramiah Appoo
Requesting information
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Cultivation
of Castor Oil Seed

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