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No. 360 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, 8th September 1876, No 445 —

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, dated 27th January 1875, No 240, I have the honor to submit the enclosed comparative statement of passenger traffic on the Arconum-Conjeveram branch of the South Indian Railway for twelve months ended 31st January 1875 and 1876 respectively

2 The changes in fares during the latter period are shown in the following table —

Class	Original Fares per Mile	Fares introduced on 1st February 1875	Fares introduced on 1st September 1875
First	12	12	8
Second	6	5	3
Third	4	2	2

3 The results may be thus summarized—

First-class —Equal numbers with a small decrease in receipts

Second-class —An increase of 52 Pies in numbers with a decrease of 25 2 Pies in receipts

Third-class —An increase of 38 Pies in numbers with a decrease of 8 7 per cent. in receipts.

All classes.—An increase of 38 8 per cent. in numbers with a decrease of 10 7 per cent in receipts

4 The average receipts from each passenger during the two periods were as follow —

Class	1874-75	1875-76
	RS A P	RS A P
First	0 12 8	0 11 11
Second	0 10 2	0 5 0
Third	0 5 4	0 3 7

5 Although the increase in numbers was considerable, the measure would not appear to have been financially successful, and I am of opinion that a fare of 3 Pies per mile for third-class would have been better suited to the circumstances of this line so long as it was considered only as an isolated branch of 19 miles; when however it has been put in connection with the remainder of the South Indian system by the construction of the Chingleput-Conjeveram link the sanction to which is now anxiously expected, the conditions will be entirely changed

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

Comparative Statement of the Gross Passenger Traffic upon the Arconum-Conjeveram Section for the twelve Months ending 31st January 1874 and 1875

		Arconum						Pulloor.						Chengleroyen Choultry						Conjeveram					
		First-class		Second-class		Third-class.		First-class		Second-class.		Third-class		First-class		Second-class		Third-class		First-class		Second-class.		Third-class	
		No	Rs. A P	No	Rs. A P	No	Rs. A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs. A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs. A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs A P	No	Rs A P
Arconum ..	1874		.				.	8	4 8 0	300	84 6 0	1.310	245 10 0	3	2 1 0	29	9 15 0	809	185 6 0	400	297 5 0	3.621	2.800 12 0	38.273	14.582 15 0
	1875							4	1 11 0	241	52 1 0	1,713	210 14 0	6	3 2 0	53	10 2 0	1,129	139 8 0	386	275 4 0	4,328	1,615 8 0	52,371	14,325 11 0
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Chengleroyen Choultry	1874	3	2 1 0	64	22 0 0	926	212 3 0				.	4	0 3 0				..	..	.	6	3 0.0	19	4 12 0	421	70 3 0
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The figures in large type represent the traffic during 1874-75, and those in small type the traffic during 1875-76

	No	Amount Rs A P
Total first-class	534	423 1 0
„ second „	6.351	4 044 15 0
„ third „	86.941	29 154 8 0
	93.826	33.622 8 0

	No	Amount Rs A P
Total first-class	626	391 0 0
„ second „	9,657	3,025 1 0
„ third „	120,006	26,617 15 0
	130,189	30,034 0 0

Negapatam,
12th September 1876

(Signed) W S BETTS,
Agent

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st September 1876. *No.* 2,531.

No. 361. Order thereon, 21st September 1876, No 2,530.

RAILWAY, No 32

His Grace the Governor in Council observes that although the receipts have diminished to a certain extent, it is not expedient to make any further change in the fares till the question of the junction of the detached branch with the main line shall have been definitively settled; when the subject may be reconsidered in the light of the additional experience which will then have been acquired.

(True Extract.)

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

Docket No. 2,531, dated 21st September 1876.

No 362. Copy of the above forwarded for the information of the Government of India in continuation of docket, No. 241, dated 27th January 1875.

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