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23rd October 1876: No. 2,825.*

No. 338. . 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, 3rd October 1876, No. 479 :—

ADVERTING to previous correspondence upon the question of the break of gauge, especially to the estimates which accompanied my letters, dated the 9th March and 13th July 1876, Nos. 118 and 344,

* No. 2,235, 26th September 1876. I have the honor to lay before Govern-
„ 2,258, 30th „ „ „ ment, for consideration, two letters* from

the Agent of the South Indian Railway, setting forth the inconvenience and expense which are now entailed upon the Traffic Department by the existence of the break of gauge at Trichinopoly, and by the want of the necessary accommodation at that station.

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, 26th September 1876, No. 2,235.

IN reply to your telegram of the 22nd instant (received while I was absent from head quarters) thus worded,—“Can you telegraph approximately based on figures for 1875, tonnage affected by break of gauge at Erode, and that by break at Trichinopoly,” I asked “do you mean at present or when Northern Extension is opened.” Your answer, “tonnage at present affected,” was received yesterday, and this morning I telegraphed to you as under.

“During month of June last 540 tons of local traffic affected by break of gauge and 1,657 tons of foreign traffic. At present, 50 trucks daily on average are having loads transhipped at Trichinopoly.”

The Traffic Manager in telegraphing to me the present state of affairs at Trichinopoly thus reports:—“The work so heavy now that I am obliged to do part of transhipping at junction to save delay; want of accommodation is causing much delay. I have three days goods on hand now and sixty loads at junction nearly blocked; do not know what result will be if this traffic continues.”

We are certainly placed at much disadvantage in carrying on the work under present arrangements, and I believe that much revenue is being sacrificed in consequence, although it is not possible to prove this by actual figures. It is our local traffic which has to pass Trichinopoly (but not to go on to the Madras Railway) which suffers so much. It is not alone the delay which is so annoying to merchants, as the damage and loss which results from transhipment. If this traffic is driven back to its old channels, the road and the river, it will be difficult to win it round again to the railway hereafter when facilities for its proper transit have been provided.

From the same Officer, dated Negapatam, 30th September 1876, No. 2,258.

For your information, and in continuation of my letter, No. 2,235, of the 26th instant, I send you copy of a telegram which I have just received from the Traffic Manager. I have authorized that officer to expend what money may be necessary to enable him to shorten as much as possible the great delay to the traffic which is caused by our present defective arrangements.

“Please obtain Government sanction to expend 2,000 Rupees for cooly hire up to end of December. Traffic heavy and insufficient accommodation at transhipping station Trichinopoly. I am obliged to tranship goods at junction at extra labor and expense. I have 82 loads at junction now and 50 at fort being transhipped and waiting to the detriment of our traffic. I asked for more accommodation long since and not granted.”

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23rd October 1876. No. 2,825.

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1876, No. 2,825.

RAILWAY, No. 26.

RECORDED, with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 2,634, dated 30th September 1876. The Government of India are now being addressed on the subject of retention of the broad gauge on the Erode-Trichinopoly section of the South Indian Railway. But pending final decision of the question no expenditure which is not absolutely necessary for the clearance of the traffic at the Trichinopoly junction can be allowed.

2. The sanction of the Government of India has since been received to the works already authorized at the junction and estimated to cost Rupees 80,911. This sanction will be separately communicated.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 23rd October 1876.

No. 479

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,

Adverting to previous correspondence upon the question of the break of gauge, especially to the estimates which accompanied my letters dated the 7th March and 13th July 1876, Nos. 118 and 344, I have the honour to lay before Government for consideration, ^x Nos. 2235-26 ^x September 1876 two letters from the Agent ^x Nos. 2258-30 ^x September 1876 of the South Indian Railway

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I have the honour to be
Dear Sir
Your most obedient servant,
Maulmout Bentinck

Chief Engineer for Railways.

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No 2825 Public Works Department.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
 UNDER date the 23rd Oct 1876
 Read the following:—

From
 The Cons. Eng. for } (N.C. No 479 dtd 3rd Oct 76)
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Recorded with
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No 338

Received 12-10-76.
 Despatched 5-10-76.

5-12-76

Letter from the Engineer
 regarding the circumstances
 because the staff has
 refused to lay the
 existence of the broad
 gauge at Trichy. They
 the want of the necessary
 accommodation at
 that station.

Dated 3rd
 Received 12 October 1876

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort Saint George.
 From
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,
 RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

for the clearance of the
traffic at the Trichinopoly
junction can be allowed.

The sanction of the Govt.
of India has since been received
to the works already authorized
at the junction and estimated
to cost Rs 89,911. This sanction
will be separately commu-
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Draft - 3-11-76

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To *to Govt Eng^{rs} for W^{ks}*

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Break of gauge at
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But no reply
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