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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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* *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
17th February 1876.

No. 317. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railways,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 5th February 1876, No. 357 R.:—

I AM directed to request that the attention of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council may be invited to the slow progress of work on the South Indian Railway, the anticipations with regard to the opening of the different sections of the line having been repeatedly deferred.

2. In your letter, No. 168, dated 20th January 1875, submitting the Budget Estimate for the current year, it was stated that the following sections would probably be opened for traffic in July and October 1875:—

Trichinopoly to Madura	97 miles, 1st July 1875.
Tinnevely to Tuticorin	37 " " "
Madras to Chingleput	35 " " "
Total	169 miles, 1st July 1875.

Madura to Moinachee on the 1st October 1875 ... 81 miles.

3. This progress has not however been made, and only the sections mentioned below have been opened for traffic—

Trichinopoly to Madura	97 miles, 1st September 1875.
Madura to Tuticorin	118 " 1st January 1876.

4. In order to demonstrate how far short of anticipation actual completion has fallen an average of miles open for one month may be calculated—

Anticipation as above—	Actuals as above—
$169 \times 9 = 1,521$	$97 \times 7 = 679$
$81 \times 6 = 486$	$118 \times 3 = 354$
2,007 miles for one month.	1,033 miles for one month.

5. Again, in your No. 2,138, dated the 26th July 1875, the Government of India were informed of the probable dates of opening the several sections of the Northern Extension as under—

Madras to Chingleput	35 miles, 1st October 1875.— <i>April</i> 1876.
Chingleput to Tindevanum	40 " February 1876.— <i>July</i> "
Tindevanum to Cuddalore	52 " July " <i>April</i> 1877.
Cuddalore to Combaconum	67 " December " <i>July</i> "
Combaconum to Tanjore	22 " July " <i>October</i> 1876.

The dates now fixed in your telegram of the 20th January 1876 are, for the sake of comparison, shown in italics side by side with the dates fixed in July last.

6. I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Railway Company may be urged to more rapid progress, so that, if possible, the entire Northern Extension may be opened for traffic in December next.

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No. 318. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1876, No. 439.

RAILWAY, No. 42.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for the information of the Railway Authorities, and with a view to their attention being drawn to the desirability of more rapid progress being made with the several sections of the line.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw-Stewart will report what likelihood there is of the Northern Extension being completed by December next.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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