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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, *30th March* 1876.

No. 490. 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, 18th March 1876, No. 147 :—

IN their letter, dated the 27th August 1875, No. 2,133-R., the Government of India stated that, before sanctioning the appointment of an additional Assistant Traffic Manager for the Madras Railway, they would await the submission of the report of the Commission assembled to inquire into the causes of the falling off in the traffic.

Proceedings of Government, 9th September 1875, No. 2,578.

2. The orders of this Government upon the report in question were passed upon the 18th September 1875, so that the Government of India have probably been in possession of the report for six months. I beg that the Government of India may be again moved to accord their sanction to the appointment of an additional Assistant Traffic Manager.

3. In their letter, dated the 31st May 1875, No. 1,369-R., the Government of India stated that they were not disposed to sanction the new appointment while the traffic of the line showed no signs of improvement. With regard to this objection, I beg to observe, first, that the traffic has already recovered from the temporary depression to which, with trade generally in this Presidency, it was subjected during 1874; and, second, that, in the opinion of the Railway Commission, the absence of improvement in the Madras Railway traffic is, in great measure, due to the want of sufficient strength in the upper grades of the Traffic Department, a considerable increase to which was strongly urged by them. If the views of the Commission upon this point are sound, it does not seem prudent to postpone the application of the remedy until the disappearance of the disease.

4. I hope to be in a position before long to address Government with regard to the points noticed in their Order, dated the 18th September 1875, No. 2,683. The Directors of the Madras Railway Company requested, through their Agent, that no action might be taken upon that Order or upon the recommendations of the Railway Commission until they should have had an opportunity to express their views. Those views have now been received, and I hope to be able before long to lay before Government definite proposals for giving effect to such of the recommendations made by the Railway Commission as have received approval.

No. 491. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1876, No. 807.

RAILWAY, No. 53.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter, No. 808, dated 30th March 1876.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 30*th March* 1876.

No. 492.

No. 808.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 54.

SIR,—I am directed to forward a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways urging that an additional Assistant to the Traffic Manager may be appointed on the Madras Railway.

2. The Government of India in their No. 2,133-R., dated 27th August 1875, postponed the consideration of the question of increasing the superior staff of the Traffic Department until the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the causes of the decrease of traffic had been received. This report has been before the Government of India for some time; and I am now to resubmit the matter for orders.

3. The Government of India will hereafter be addressed on the several points of detail referred to by the Consulting Engineer in his letter which is herewith forwarded.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Railway Department

Consulting Engineer's Office.
Madras, 18th March 1876.

No. 147

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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In their letter dated the 27th August 1875, No 2133 R, the Government of India stated that, before sanctioning the appointment of an additional Assistant Traffic Manager for the Madras Railway, they would await the submission of the report of the Commission assembled to inquire into the causes of the falling off in the traffic.

2 The orders of this Government

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I have the honour to be Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Mouthwaite Lt. Col. 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,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 18th } March 1876
Recd. 20th }

No. 147

Requesting to move the Govt. of India for sanction for the employment of an additional Traffic Manager on the [illegible]

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No 807 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th March 1876.

Read the following :—

From
The Consg. Engr. for Railways } (N.C. No 147 d/18th March 1876)

Ordered that the following letter be sent

(N.C. No 808 d/30th March 76)

No 808.

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Public Works Dept.

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