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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st April 1876.*

No. 18. Read the following letter from W. C. FURNIVALL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 21st March 1876, No. 809 R. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3,288, dated the 16th November 1875, submitting the Review of the Revenue Account of the Madras Railway for the second-half of 1874, together with copy of a letter, No. 605, of the 9th November 1875, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, noticing certain points in connection with the above review, and in reply to communicate the following remarks.

2. The apportionment of the mixed train mileage between coaching and goods in the manner proposed by the Consulting Engineer seems likely to give fairly accurate results, and it has been accordingly approved by the Government of India.

3. The maintenance of line cost per month per mile Rupees 126.37, or deducting reconstruction works, Rupees 115.93. Although this charge compared with the corresponding period of 1873 shows a decrease of 5.11 Rupees, it still seems high, and I am directed to urge further economy if possible.

4. *Table E I.*—In table A the number of miles open on the 31st December 1874 is shown as 856.75, and the length of sidings maintained as 89.50; whereas in this table the number of miles of rail in way including sidings is entered as 1,904.82, there being a discrepancy of 5.57 miles. This should be explained.

5. *Table F I.*—The sum of the train mileages hauled by the different classes of engines does not correspond with the total. I am to request that in future the number of train miles hauled by the different classes of locomotives should be inclusive of the miscellaneous mileage as directed in the revised forms of review of revenue account.

6. Under total the number of train miles hauled per day is entered as 68, but dividing the number of train miles hauled per half-year (11.645) by the actual number of days in the half-year (184), the result appears to be 63. Again, the weight of coal, &c., used per train mile is shown as lbs. 60.05, whereas in this office it appears to be lbs. 34.28. I am to request that you will explain fully how the former figure has been obtained.

7. *Table G I.*—It appears that 345,754 and 137,522 miles were run for the Postal Department by 2nd and 3rd class carriages respectively, but from the statement of rolling stock attached to the Revenue Account it does not appear that any vehicle was especially constructed for the postal service. I am to state that these mileages should have been included with those of the respective classes to which they appertain.

8. With reference to the omission of the average number of each kind of vehicle constantly under repairs and renewals, the Examiner states that this information is not furnished by the Locomotive Superintendent. I am to request that the Government of Madras will direct instructions to be issued for the supply of this information in future.

9. Against total merchandise stock the average mileage run per vehicle during half-year is shown as 3,034, but dividing the total vehicle mileage (10,225,329) by the average number in working order (3,095) it appears to be 3,304. This seems to be due to the transposition of type.

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Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information and guidance,

2. It is observed that the apparent mis calculation, to which para 5 alludes, has already been accounted for in para 2 of the Consulting Engineer's letter accompanying the Review, recorded with G.O. No 32875 of the 16th November, but that, owing to a clerical error, Table E.I 5 was ^{there} entered as Table E.I 8.

3. Explanation of the discrepancies

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Discrepancies noticed
in paras 4, 6 and 9 &
the latter under review
will be submitted by
the Consulting Engineer
to Genl. Col Shaw.
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the attention of the
Railway Authorities
to para 8, with the
view that the informa-
tion in question may
in future be supplied
to the Engineer of
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To

The Commr. Eng^g for Railways

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