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14th February 1877. No. 502.*

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 31st January 1877, No. 232—46, 46½ and 46½ R :—

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(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1877, No. 502.

RAILWAY, No. 28.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in continuation of G.O., No. 2,537, dated 22nd September 1876.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
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To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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Deputy Secretary.

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The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
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