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*Re Embankment of
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Read again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 20th February 1893, No. $\frac{375}{A}$ R., Public Works.

Order—dated 20th February 1893, No. $\frac{375}{A}$ R., Public Works.

The Government considers that the character of the position of a local Government invested with the control of railway works under construction, with especial reference to the East Coast Railway works now in progress, is unsatisfactory.

2. The powers allowed to the Engineer-in-Chief in regard to distribution of funds and of staff and of sanction of works are so wide that the questions beyond his authority and within that of the local Government to decide are very few, and the Governor in Council finds himself in consequence restricted almost entirely to transmitting such questions for the orders of the Government of India. The fact that the accounts of the line are not rendered to officers at the head-quarters or under the orders of this Government deprives it of the power of exercising any salutary or efficient control. Under the existing arrangements the local Government is weighted with an undefined responsibility, to the proper discharge of which its powers and opportunities are inadequate. It appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that it would therefore be to the advantage of the work at the present stage if the Government of India would assume the direct control of the operations, and he feels confident that this Government would in that case still be consulted and that due weight would be given to its opinion in all matters of importance in regard to which it is entitled to be heard. The course which has been suggested above would save a considerable amount of circumlocution and delay in the transaction of the business connected with the work.

3. The Government of India will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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Railway Branch.

Read also the following paper :—

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 4th May 1893,
No. 454 R.C.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that for the reasons advanced by the Madras Government, the Government of India have decided to place the control of the East Coast line under the Director-General of Railways with effect from the 1st June 1893.

ORDER—dated 7th June 1893, No. 932 R., Public Works.

Communicated to the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway, for information and guidance in continuation of Public Works Department letter No. 164 D., dated 15th May 1893.

(True Extract.)

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„ Revenue „
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