

Public Works (1893) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 932 A

DATED 7th June.

[Despatch Abstract.]

East Coast Railway

Decision of the Government of India to
place the control of the — under the
Director General of Railways with effect
from the 1st June 1893, communicated
to the Engineer-in-Chief, E. C. Ry.

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7TH JUNE 1893, No. 932 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

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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.

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3. The Government of India will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. V. CONSTABLE, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
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.)

Joint Secy to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway.
" Public Department.
" Revenue "
" Military "
" Examiner, East Coast Railway Accounts.
" Agent and Manager, His Highness the Nizam's
Guaranteed State Railways Company.
Editors' Table.

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RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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RAILWAY BRANCH.

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Progs. of the Madras } H.B. No. 375 R. 37 20 July 1893.
Govt. P. W. Depto. — } 376 R.

+ Letter of 11/7/93
Read also

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To
The Engineer-in-Chief - Ch. Secy.
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P. W. D. Secy.
Agent & Manager H. H. the Nizam's Estab.
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