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RAILWAY BRANCH.

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DATED 28th Nov 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Metre Gauge Conversion & Intension
Policy for the Madras Railway.

Directing that the letter from the Deputy
Adjutant-General, Madras Command
communicating the entire approval of the
Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces of
the proposed —, be forwarded to the Govt. of Madras
& the Govt. of Mysore
Forwarding copy of proceedings containing
the entire approval of the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces, of the proposed —.

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Government {1898} of Madras.
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G.O., Nos. 1470, 1471 Ry., 28th November 1898.

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Metre Gauge Conversion and Extension Policy for the Madras Railway

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

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 To—The Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
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3. The matter, however, being one in which, in connection with the garrisoning of the West Coast and with the movement of troops, the Military authorities of the Madras Army are concerned, I have been instructed to enquire what are the views of the Lieutenant-General Commanding on the subject.

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5. May I request that I may be favoured with a reply at the early convenience of the Lieutenant-General Commanding.

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[Here enter No. 1471 Ry., dated 28th November 1898.]

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
 Joint Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
 Editors' Table.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 1471 Ry., dated 28th November 1898.

Forwarded.

(By order.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
 Joint Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(Copy.)

LETTER to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State
for India.

No. $\frac{30}{1470}$ Ry., dated 28th November 1898.

FORWARDING copy of proceedings containing the entire approval of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, of the proposed metre gauge conversion and extension policy for the Madras Railway.

RAILWAY.

Government (1898) of Madras.
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No. 336 RM.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To *D. A. G. Madras Command*
~~THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,~~

Postmaster P. W. DEPARTMENT

28th October 1898.

SIR,

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point, are fully set forth in the accompanying copies of
this Govt's proceedings and of the correspondence on the
subject with the Govt. of India.

2 - It will have been convenient if I briefly explain
that assuming that certain statements of money will go
further in providing the country with metre than with broad
gauge railways, and that the narrow gauge will serve the

*Let us see the joint
proposals by Govt. of India
Have the Govt. of India
been given?* *JM*
25/10

*529 No 852 by 27.23.6.98
553 a - 1079 - 27.23.8.98
559 - 1296-97 - 27.19.10.98*

*Govt. of India
J.M.*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

DESPATCH

FOR SIGNATURE

OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR *2.98
1.12.98*

AND

MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT.

(With Original).

Commercial needs of the country sufficiently well, a ^{proposition} ~~plan~~ which has been fully accepted by all the representative commercial public bodies in Southern India who have been consulted, it has been thought best that certain commercial lines now ready to be built, and certain others which are certain to be wanted in the near future, should be on the railway gauge.

These lines are the following: (a) Calcutta - Coochibetoor. (b) Shoranur - Cochin. (c) Nanguneri - Madurai. (d) Madurai - Tirunelveli. (e) Sattargudi - Madurai. To connect all these inter-se, as well as to connect them with the network of the South Indian Railway and of the Southern Mahratta railway, it seems essential that the Madurai - Calcutta section and the Madurai - Tirunelveli section of the Madurai R. should be connected to the railway gauge. This proposal has been fully accepted by the Madurai R. Co. and will be seen by a perusal of the accompanying papers.

The matter however being one in which, in connection with the forwarding of the West Coast and with the movement of troops, the Military Authorities of the Madurai Army are concerned, I have ~~therefore~~ been instructed to enquire what ^{are} the views of the S. I. Commanding on the subject.

I may point out that when the proposed change shall have been carried out there will be one gauge of railway between Wellington and Calcutta and Coochibetoor, ^{between Wellington and Tirunelveli} ~~between Wellington and Bangalore~~, between Wellington and Bangalore, and between Bangalore and Tirunelveli. ^{on the other hand} There will be a break of gauge at Madurai for troops going between Madurai and Calcutta, when they go round via Tirunelveli.

May I request that I may be favoured with a reply at the earliest convenience of the L. G. C.

Yours &c J. W. S. 28/10/18

Despatched on 28/10/18

1470
1471
Like all the other lines
for S. I. R.
Also to the Port
and to M. R. Co.
J. W. S.
24/11/18

Why series? Why "A.M." instead of "P.M."? I don't suppose it's good reason. 7/11

E. R.

In forwarding A.R.'s note I
take the opportunity of saying that
he is correct in his assumption.
I had no case & could not tell
what had gone before, & whether
this letter would be incorporated
in one G.O. with other letters &
papers. I thought it probable
that it would be ~~not~~ accompanied
by letters from "Chamber of
Commerce" for instance which
were in the file.

J.A.
24.11.98.

The order "file" on a
Jagun himself in the
Customs means what in the
office is called "Daktait daptan"
that is no action meaning
to put it in the file. If what
Dr. Wankar has "papered" is
to write "p. p." or
"provisional papers" in simple
English.

Com. ... to ... Inspector

Handwritten notes on a piece of paper, possibly a letter or report, with some text visible at the bottom: "For the ... of the ..."

P. W. Ry. no. 1362

No. 3. I
Camp.

Recd 19-11-98

From

The Deputy Adjutant General
Headquarters

To The Secretary to Government
of India
P. W. D. Railway Branch.

To E. R.

and then file in
case 19.11.98.

Camp. Secured 14 Nov 1898

Dr. See what I have written below.
You are the Secretary right to have
written at this. It is not a case of
filing it all. Very far from it!
7/11.

Sir

Haye

In reply to your No 336 P. W. D. 928
let me I am directed to state that the
Deputy Adjutant General (Comm. and Gen.)
the forces entirely approves of the pro-
posed conversions and ex. bureau
the metre gauge on the head
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" " 852 R. 23rd June 98
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Print on 336. date 28th Oct 98
Print this reply.

Order thereon. No 1470 R. 28th Nov 98
A copy of these Proceedings will be
forwarded to the Secy. of L. R. with
reference to para 12 of this Govt. letter
No. 1297 R. date 19th Oct 98.

7/11

No. Date 1471. R. 28th Nov 98
Forwarded.

7/11

AR. 24/11/98
Get this off

AR. Why is not the letter to which this is
a reply serialised? Why "R. 11" is not
7 R. 1? I don't suppose you
celebrate when you
find a number.
7/11

Thereafter however the
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Philip Krille - Col.
A. D. M. J. in D. A. G.
Headquarters

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Joint Secretary.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

*Metre Gauge Conversion & Extension
Policy of the Rly*

*In forwarding copy of proceedings
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No. ³⁰/₁₄₇ Ry 128 N/798.

To,
The Right Honorable
the Secretary of State
for India.

My Lord.

In continuation of
our despatch No. ²²/₁₂₉₆ L/1 dated
the 19th October 1898, we
have the honour to forward,
herewith, a copy of our
Proceedings No. 470 L/1
dated the 28th Nov 1898,
on the subject of the
proposed metre gauge
policy for the Madras
Railways and its exten-
sions.

Despatched on 1/12/98