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No. 272. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge, dated Madras, 18th May 1864, No. 292.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 9th May 1864, No. 1,148:—

SIR,

1. The Railway Secretary in his last letter to me writes as follows:—

"It is unfortunate that the Collector has not taken immediate steps to remove the enforced "sales of the spontaneous Salt at Negapatam. It is difficult to believe he can fully realize the "permanent injury that may be inflicted on the Railway traffic by continuing an order which "has for result the diversion of the trade to Adrampatam. The Directors trust that you will not "relax your endeavours to obtain such instructions from the authorities as will permit the merchants "to draw the manufactured Salt from the Depôt at Negapatam without restriction as to taking "a proportion of the spontaneous article."

2. I shall feel obliged by your laying these remarks before Government, and also by your informing me what action has been taken upon my letter of the 20th ultimo (No. 1,122) on this subject.

From Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Agent and Traffic Manager, Great Southern of India Railway, dated Madras, 11th May 1864, No. 220.

SIR,

1. Your letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 1,122, was submitted to Government on the 25th, and on the receipt of their orders they will be communicated to you.

2. If the remarks of the Railway Board embodied in your letter of the 9th instant, No. 1,148, have been sent out with the approval of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, they will in due course be communicated to Government. The remarks, however, call for no special orders or action.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. G. LINDSAY, Captain, R. E.,
Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways in charge.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 14th May 1864, No. 1,160.

SIR,

I am in receipt of your letter No. 220 of the 11th instant. The falling off of the Salt traffic is a matter of so much moment to my Directors, that I apprehend the Madras Government would not object to receive their remarks whether or no such remarks had been submitted previously to Sir Charles Wood for his approval. May I trouble you therefore to lay my letter No. 1,148 before Government; it is most important that this great loss should at once be put a stop to.

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1. Lieutenant-Colonel O'Connell submitted to Government, with his observations of the 25th ultimo, No. 226, a letter from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway regarding the Salt trade.

2. The letters now sent for the information of Government have reference to the same subject.

(Signed) J. G. LINDSAY, Captain, R. E.,
Dy. Cons. Engr. for Railways in charge.

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1864, No. 887.

Referred to the Board of Revenue in continuation of the Order dated 2nd May 1864, No. 750.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1160

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 14 May 1864.

From

THE AGENT

To *Great Southern of India Railway,*

The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras

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Request to lay before the Government the letter No 1148 regarding Salt Traffic

No 887, 23 May

William Bidder