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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd November 1868.

No. 52. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on a letter from the Consulting Engineer, containing the information required by the Government of India in their review of Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the second half of 1867. (Here enter 17th October 1868, No. 3,296.)

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1868, No. 2,771.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will be requested to issue the necessary orders in regard to maintaining a proper stock of salt at Negapatam. They will also be good enough to report to what extent the wants of the district in regard to Railway feeders have been provided for in the District Road Fund Budgets of the present and coming official year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,296.
,, the Public Works Department.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 3rd.

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G. O., 3rd November 1868, No. 2,771.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 52-53.

Salt at Negapatam and Railway Feeders in Tanjore District.—Board of Revenue to issue orders for the maintenance of a proper stock of salt, and to report on the wants of the district with reference to Railway feeders.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th October 1868.

No. 420. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th September 1868, No. 355:—

1. With reference to Orders of Government, No. 2,832, dated 4th September 1868, and No. 3,053, dated 28th September 1868, I have the honor to report that the attention of the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway has been called to paragraphs 1 and 4 of the former Order, and that he attributes the small amount of goods traffic on his line to the want of Railway feeders, and to the insufficient stock or inferior quality of salt at the Negapatam Depôt. As regards the Railway feeders, the progress reports of the Superintending Engineers, for the quarter ending 30th June 1868, show that the estimated cost of those roads, excluding the one from Combaconum to Needamungalum, was Rupees 4,54,100, and that the sum expended on them was Rupees 44,013, hence, not one-tenth of the work had been completed. It is believed that the Vedarniem Canal is finished, and that, therefore, no difficulty in getting good salt need be feared for the future.

2. The train mileage expenses of the second half of 1867 were 14½ Pies in excess of the expenses during the corresponding half of 1866; this increase results from the greater sums spent on the Locomotive, Maintenance, and General Departments.

3. The Locomotive Superintendent explains that his staff has been much increased, and that a greater proportion of the salaries is now charged to Revenue than that charged in former half-years, that fuel is more expensive, and that heavy engines, which haul heavy loads, have been added to his stock and tend to increase the mileage expenditure.

4. The Resident Engineer gives the following reasons for the increase of maintenance charges:—

1. A greater proportion of his salary and that of the Inspectors was charged to Revenue than in the previous half-year.
2. A considerable stock of sleepers has been laid in, which will lessen the expenditure in future half-years.
3. A quantity of timber for general purposes has also been purchased to meet sudden demands.
4. The posts of Resident Engineer and Locomotive Superintendent are not now held by one Officer, as they formerly were, the charge for salaries in both Departments is therefore increased.

5. With regard to the increase under the head of General Charges, the Agent explains that it is due to the decreased expenditure on account of Capital, and the increased expenditure on Revenue; the cost of general management in India, and of direction charges in England, being divided between Capital and Revenue in proportion to the expenditure on those two accounts.

6. Home direction expenses are included in the accounts of the half-year under review, and ever since the Railway commenced, similar expenditure has been included in previous half-yearly accounts.

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 2,832, I regret to say that I have not yet obtained from the Agent any information regarding the unrealized assets on 1st March 1868, although he has been more than once addressed on the subject.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th October 1868.

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1868, No. 3,296.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

1. Ordered that this letter be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. Paragraph 1 will be communicated to the Revenue Department with a view to the necessary orders being issued to ensure a stock of suitable salt being maintained at Negapatam. The attention of that Department will also be drawn to the circumstance that while the estimates for the Railway feeders referred to by the Acting Consulting Engineer amount to Rupees 4,54,100, the expenditure on them has been only Rupees 44,013.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS.

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Dated October, 17th.

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