

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th February 1873.*

No. 52. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st January 1873, No. 697 :—

Read the following Memorandum from the Officiating Deputy-Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st December 1872, No. 1,773-A—R.

It was decided* at the commencement of this year that the abatement of

* Financial Department Resolution No. 644 of the 25th January 1872. assessment consequent on the taking up of lands for State Railways should be capitalized and added to the Construction

Accounts of the lines concerned, and it appears necessary that the similar loss to Government resulting from the abatement of revenue in the case of land made over to the Guaranteed Railway Companies should be brought on record in order that the net charge to the State, due to its connection with each Guaranteed Railway, may be brought out as accurately as possible. This department it is not, however, in possession of the requisite information in regard to the loss referred to, and the undersigned is therefore directed to inquire whether the Financial Department could afford any assistance towards obtaining it.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Deputy-Secretary to the Government of India.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Order by the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 13-A.—R., dated 9th January 1872.

Read the following extract paragraphs 4 and 5 from Letter No. 2,071-G., dated 3rd October 1871, from the Government of Bengal.

"4. The cost of the land taken up for the railway according to the Deputy-Collector's Register amounts to Rs. 10,18,815, and this sum must be added to the cost of construction already shown.

"5. I am directed to inquire if the abatement of assessment, consequent on the taking up of these lands and amounting to Rs. 2,805, should be capitalized, in which case, taking the above amount at a valuation of 20 years' purchase, a further sum of Rs. 56,100 should be added to the Construction Account of this railway, but pending a receipt of your views on this subject, the entry will not be made in the books."

ORDERED that the extract read be communicated to the Financial Department for consideration and orders, with the remark that if it be decided that the abatement of assessment, consequent on the taking up of lands for the Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway, should be capitalized and added to the Capital Account of that undertaking, the same course will apparently have to be followed for all State lines now under construction.

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Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 644, dated 25th January 1872.

Read—

A communication from the Public Works Department, No. 13 A.-R. of the 9th instant, forwarding for consideration and orders extract of a letter from the Government of Bengal, inquiring if the abatement of assessment (Rs. 2,805) consequent on the taking up of lands for the Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway should be capitalized, in which case, taking the above amount at a valuation of 20 years' purchase, a further sum of Rs. 56,100 should be added to the Construction Account of that Railway; with the remark that if capitalized and added to the capital account of that undertaking the same course will have to be followed for all State lines now under construction.

Resolution.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that the abatement of assessment shall be capitalized. The period, however, should be 25 years on State lines as the interest is 4 per cent.

Orders that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

Copy (together with a copy of the paper noted in the margin) forwarded to all local Governments and Administrations, with a request that information regarding the loss resulting from the abatement of land-revenue consequent on the taking up of land for railways may be furnished to this department.

(By Order, etc.)

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1873, No. 159.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways through the Public Works Department with the request that the information required by the Government of India may be furnished as soon as possible. That officer, the Government observe, keeps a register of all railway lands under Clause 1 of the Revised Rules relating to these lands, (vide Revenue Board's Standing Order No. 146).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

at Madras 31, 1872

Received 31, 1872

Public Works Dept.

with the request that the
information required by the
Government of India may

be furnished as soon as possible

to the officer, the Government

for a register of all railway

lands under the Revised Rules

relating to these lands (vide Revenue

Board's Standing Order No. 146)

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To the Public Works Dept. Secy.

the Board of Revenue

Enquires whether the Financial Department
could afford any assistance towards obtaining
information regarding the loss resulting from
the abatement of land revenue consequent on
the taking up of land for Railways.

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*Note of Revenue in connection with land
taxes for 1873. - Containing figures for
land in the United States and information required by
the Government of India in the subject.*