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No. 132. Read the following letter from J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th November 1875, No. 395 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. In G.O., 30th June 1875, No. 1,82[illegible] Public Works Department, Government authorized the Deputy Collector to purchas[illegible] under Act X. of 1870, a bungalow and compound in Chetput, part of which was re[illegible]red by the South Indian Railway.

3. On the 22nd October last the De[illegible]ty Collector reported that the valuation estimate of the property was ready, and re[illegible]ested my sanction for settling the claim.

4. On 7th August 1875 I was in[illegible]med by the Consulting Engineer for Railways that the question of the alignment of the South Indian Railway, north of the Cooum, was under the consideration of the Government of India, and all the railway works were stopped, I therefore directed the Deputy Collector to give notice to all parties concerned that no land would, for the present, be taken up until further orders were received.

5. The owner of the bungalow and compound, Basheroonissa Begum, now pressed for an early settlement, and the question whether the Government could be compelled to take up the whole land at once was referred to the Advocate-General for his opinion. That officer was of opinion, that as no award had been made under Section 14 of the Act, nor a reference made under Section 15, Government may decline to complete the acquisition subject to the provision of Section 54.

6. Mr. Champion, the Attorney for the owner, has now sent a notice to the Deputy Collector, calling upon him to close the matter at an early date, and threatening legal proceedings in the event of his not doing so. The Government Solicitor, in consultation with me, advises that Government must at once either take up the whole property and pay the value to the owner, or the part already taken must be restored to the owner under Section 54 of Act X. of 1870, together with such compensation as may be determined to be due for past occupation by Government. There is another similar case in Egmore, but the party has not yet pressed his claims for early settlement. As no final orders on the subject of the alignment of the railway have been yet received, I request that the Government will be pleased to pass their early orders on this reference, as legal proceedings are threatened, and inform me whether the lands are to be purchased or restored to the owners.

7. In the event of the alignment of the railway remaining undisturbed, the bungalow and compound can then be purchased ; but I do not like incurring so much expense as long as there is a chance of the ground not being required at all.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1875, No. 3,478.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

IT is observed that the Government of India having sanctioned* the completion of the line up to the proposed goods station at Madras, there is no longer any obstacle to the acquisition of the requisite land in Chetput. Copy of G.O., No. 3,100,

* G.O., No. 3,100, dated 2nd November 1875.

of 2nd November 1875, will be supplied to the Collector of Madras in case he should not have received any communication from the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

C. M. Walker Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras, with G.O. No. 3,100.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

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THE COLLECTOR OF MADRAS,

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DECEMBER.

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Northern Extension of the South Indian Railway Line.—The Collector of Madras informed that as the Government of India have sanctioned the completion of the South Indian Line up to the proposed goods station at Madras, there is no longer any obstacle to the acquisition of the bungalow and compound at Chetput for the —.

No 2649
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