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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th April 1875.*

No. 159. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th March 1875, No. 162:—

WITH reference to the Order of Government, dated 29th May 1874, No. 1,421, I have the honor to forward plans and estimates for a branch on the metre gauge from the Sydapett Station of the Northern Extension, South Indian Railway, to the Salt Depot at Homes' Gardens.

2. The length of the line now proposed is 1 mile 18 chains, and the main line is to be doubled for a distance of 10 chains outside the Sydapett station sidings. The branch starts with a curve of 12 chains radius, runs at the back of the building formerly used as the Collector's Cutcherry, then parallel to the bund of the Mylapore tank for a short distance when it crosses the Mount Road. After passing through the Government Farm, it runs at the back of the present Cutcherry near which the Salt Depot is situated. The line for the branch has been judiciously chosen, and I understand that the Revenue Officers have been consulted with reference to the position of the terminus at the Salt Depot.

3. The curves (of 12, 14, and 16 chains radius) are somewhat sharp, but for a short branch of this description are not considered objectionable. The gradients are favorable, the maximum being 1 in 250.

4. The total cost of the branch is estimated at Rupees 59,623, being for a length of 1 mile 28 chains at the rate of Rupees 44,165 per mile exclusive of rolling stock. Live fencing has been allowed throughout on both sides. The permanent-way is charged at Rupees 7 per lineal yard, being based on the latest contracts which are, I understand, so what under £9 per ton for rails.

5. Maintenance for two years allowed in the Southern Extension estimates has been entered.

6. I recommend that the sanction to an expenditure of Rupees 59,623

be obtained from the Government of India for the construction of this branch.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON

RAILWAY, No. 20.

the metre gauge, from the Sydapett Station of the Northern Extension, South Indian Railway, to the Salt Depot at Homes' Gardens, be submitted for the sanction of the Government
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No. 929.

ORDERED that the estimate, amounting to Rupees 59,623, submitted with reference to the construction of a branch on the metre gauge from the Sydapett Station of the Northern Extension, South Indian Railway, to the Salt Depot at Homes' Gardens, be submitted for the sanction of the Government

(1875.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer
Revenue Department
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Revenue Department
Govt. of [1875] Madras

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To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 8th.

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G. O., 8th April 1875, No. 929.

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The estimate for constructing a
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