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29th June 1877, No. 180 R.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

No. 139. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras,
22nd June 1877, No. 327.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel
J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Negapatam, 20th June 1877, No. 3,466.

Your letter No. 620 of the 15th instant, I have the pleasure to send the follow-
ing information which has been furnished by the Chief Engineer regarding the work
in progress between Chingleput and Conjeveram :—

"1. The work was begun at Conjeveram on the 14th May last.

"2. The number of persons at work on the 18th instant was—

Men	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,403
Women	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,480
Children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,718
Total									24,601

"3. There is now employed the maximum number of coolies that can be looked
after with any degree of efficiency, and that it is advisable to employ looking to the
probable duration of the work.

"4. The estimated amount of earth-work to be executed is ... 350,000
Cubic yards done to date ... 112,000

Remaining Cubic yards ... 238,000

"5. The force now employed can, I estimate, be kept at work until about the
middle of July next. A good portion of the earth-work is contained in certain
high embankments in tanks and over a length of about 2 miles at the Chingleput end :
opposite these pieces of bank a certain force of coolies will be employed for some time,
but although along the low embankments a considerable force can be strung out, the
bank being low the work will soon be completed, and I think that about the time I
have named some decrease in the number of coolies will have to be made."

"The health of the people continues fairly good. There have been a few cases
of diarrhoea among the adults and a few deaths from inanition among the children."

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Chief Engineer has been asked to state the number of laborers whom
he expects to be obliged to discharge about the middle of July, and this information
shall be communicated to the Collector of Chingleput.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department. ✓

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Indian Railway.—Letter from the Agent,
South Indian Railway, submitted by the
Consulting Engineer furnishing information
in connection with the —, recorded.
To the Board of Revenue, 18 July 1877