October 14th 1897.

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My dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th, for which I thank you. Mr. Mellen has the advantage of having a thorough training in Railway accounts, which particularly equips him for managing properties under modern methods; and I feel that he will be able to understand the importance of getting the knowledge of every transaction before him on the accounts of the Company with the least possible delay.

Yours very truly,