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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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No. 42. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 17th April 1868, No. 1157.

Deeming it unadvisable for the present to require the gross receipts of the Tramway Company to be paid into the Government Treasury. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 17th April 1868, Nos. 251 and 252).

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 207.
To be recorded.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Ezd. F. B. Bantleman.

No. 251. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st March 1868, No. 115:—

1. I have the honor to state that since I received the Order of Government, dated the 25th instant, No. 969, I have been in communication with the Agents of the Tramway Company, and with the Accountant General, regarding the payment into the Government Treasury of the Company's gross receipts.

2. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. pointed out that the transactions of the Tramway Company were at present on so small a scale that it would probably cause inconvenience, both to the Government and the Company, if the gross receipts were paid regularly into the Treasury; and they begged that the present arrangement, under which the working expenses are defrayed from the traffic earnings, as the latter are realized, might remain in force, the net profits being alone paid into the Government Treasury. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. also remarked, that if the gross receipts were paid to Government, the Company would lose the interest which they now receive upon the balance in Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s hands.

3. I promised to lay before Government the representations made by the Agents; but I presume that the grounds will not be deemed sufficient to justify a departure from the principle which has been laid down in the case of all the other guaranteed Railway Companies in India, and which is embodied in Clause 15 of their Contracts, with regard to the regular payment into the Treasury of the gross receipts. As to the loss of interest apprehended by the Agents, the Resolution of the Government of India,* dated the 8th October 1866, No. 920 A, under which interest at the rate of five per cent. is granted on the Revenue balances of Indian Railways, will probably become applicable to the Tramway Company.

* *Vide* G. O., 31st October 1866, No. 3,469.

4. I learnt from the Accountant General that, unless with the special sanction of Government, sums cannot be withdrawn from time to time upon the Company's Revenue Account, to cover working expenses. Until this is provided for, the gross receipts cannot, of course, be paid into the Treasury; and I request that arrangements may be sanctioned by Government, similar to those in force upon the Madras Railway, to enable the Company to receive the necessary funds. As the sums to be dealt with are so small, I presume that weekly payments into the Treasury will be sufficient; and, both as regards payments and withdrawals of funds, the Conjeveram Treasury will probably be the most convenient.

5. As the Agreement between the Secretary of State and the Company, a copy of which was sent to this Office with G. O., dated the 30th October last, No. 3,359, was drawn up before the late guarantee of interest upon the Company's capital was accorded, a fresh Contract has probably been already executed, in supersession of that Agreement; and I beg that the Secretary of State may be moved to supply the Government with a copy thereof as soon as possible. In its main features it will probably be found to resemble the other Railway Contracts, but there are many points connected with it on which early information would be of great assistance to this Office and to the Account Department.

6. I have requested the Agents to furnish, as soon as possible, the estimates of receipts and expenditure called for in the Order of Government under reference.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,157.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

Under the circumstances represented in this letter, the Government do not consider it advisable at present to disturb existing arrangements. The Government of India will be informed accordingly, and the Secretary of State will be requested to furnish this Government with a copy of any Agreement which may have been entered into with the Company subsequent to that referred to in G. O. No. 3,359, dated 30th October 1867. On the receipt of such Agreement, further orders will be issued.

(Here enter No. 1,159, dated 17th April 1868.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Accountant General.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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