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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1327 & 1328 P.

DATED 13 10 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cost of Inspection Sheds at Railway Stations.

Inquiring whether the decision of the Govt. of India in Letter no. 1375 L.S. & 22-5-97 is intended to prohibit the Local Govts requiring Railway Companies to erect Inspection Sheds at their own cost on Railway Platforms, under the provisions of

BACK PAPERS.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,
Again G.O., No. 1164P dated 26-8-98 189 ,
Current No. of 189 , dated , from
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ORDER. No 1327 P. Mis J/13-11-98

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt of India.

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To No 1328 P Mis J/13-11-98

The Secy to the Govt of India
Home Dept (Plague)

Sir,

~~I am directed to inquire whether the ruling contained in the~~

In the letter No 1375 S. dy 22nd May 1897 from the Under Secy to the Govt of India, P.W. Dept (General) to the Secy to the Govt of Bengal, Home Dept, it is stated that ~~it~~ any expenditure incurred by railway companies

in providing sheds or other conveniences for detained travellers who may be found or suspected to be suffering from bubonic plague ~~should~~ is debitable to the Civil Deptt. I am directed to inquire whether this ~~~~ decision applies decision~~ is intended to prohibit the Local Governments requiring Railway Companies under the E. D. Act to erect at their own cost inspection sheds on ~~a~~ railway platforms in cases where there are no proper facilities in the railway station ~~buildings~~ for the medical examination of railway passengers in accordance with the plague regulations. This Government has ordered the erection of such inspection sheds in a few cases at the cost of railway Companies, but the Madras Ry Company has applied for refund of the cost of one such shed with reference to the decision of the Govt of India quoted above. This decision, I am to observe, seems ~~applies~~ aptly only to detention sheds, but as the matter is not free from doubt, I am directed to request the views of the Govt of India

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SUBJECT.

Plague Inspection Sheds at Ry Stations.

FOR ORDERS.

H.M.
Please see also P. 60.
note in linked file
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It under the powers delegated under the E. D. Act, this Govt is competent to determine in what manner and by whom any expenses incurred in connection with plague shall be defrayed. In the exercise of this power, the Madras ~~&~~ other Railways have been ordered to erect at ~~its~~ their own Cost Inspection sheds at

(1) Jungalthadu – G.O. 567 P. dy 11-6-5f.
(2) Hospet – G.O. 773 P. dy 8-6-5f.
(3) Bellary – G.O. 750 P. dy 12-6-5f.
(4) Arkonam – G.O. 804 P. dy 13-6-5f.
(5) Kondapalli – G.O. 896 P. dy 25-6-5f.
(6) Jalarpet – G.O. 841 P. dy 18-6-5f.
(7) Hindupur – G.O. 859 P. dy 24-6-5f.
(8) Pakala – G.O. 892 " 24-6-5f.

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3. The Madras Ry ~~has~~ also objected to their bearing the cost of the inspection shed at Jalarpet. The matter came up through the Plague Comsr, who was referred to G.O. No 1164 P. (G.O. No 116) dy 26-8-98).

4. The question of sheds was again raised by the P.W. Dept (Ry Branch) in connection with the Plague Comsr's complaint that the Ry Companies were objecting to the free use of their telegraph for communicating names & addresses of railway passengers; and the following is an extract from the note of that Dept dy 30-8-98

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the Railways to pay the cost
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Sd
6/10/98
H.H.

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The charge was imposed on Rlys because this seemed reasonable; it is not an argument against it that

I confess I had quite forgotten these very recent orders! Better free of them we can hand to climb down as soon - The best way to get out of the difficulty will be to take India's orders -

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H.T.
7.10.98

Form No. 6.

Public Works Department,
Railway Branch.

OFFICE NOTE No. U.O

Dated 189 .

From

THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P. W. D. (RAILWAY BRANCH),

To

THE Secretary L. & M. Dept.

Please see letter No. 10095/898 dated 19th Sept. 98. from the Agent Indian R. C. to the address of the Govt. Agt.

Please also see Govt. of India Circular B 1375. G. dated the 22nd May 97. This letter would appear to have been communicated by India to the Govt. P.W.D. Railway Branch only, and we did not communicate it to L & M Dept. I do not believe that it was ever India's intention that stations built on Railway platforms for conveyance of telegraphic injunctions should be charged to the Railway. It seems such a foolish sort of thing to do, considering that the cost merely falls indirectly upon India through the railway account instead of directly on Provincial.

The effect of the order is to obstruct the despatch of the Railway Companies' employés, because the matter is one, potentially, even if not actually, affecting their shareholders.

I should judge that this is scarcely "good enough",

to me a colloquialism, at a time when it is the object of Government to enlist all the aid of the Railway servants that they can attract.

In spite of the terms of G.O. No. 1164-P. dated 26th Sept. 98, I strongly recommend Government to consent to accept debit from the Ry. Companies for the cost of stamps to be erected by them to facilitate telegram conveyance.

In a note of the 11th inst. from the Hon'ble H. Oldfield said that he would not object to doing as I suggest. The Note is I think with L & M Dept. on a case about the sending of telegraphic intimation of

JKS.

6/10/98

Please see H.M.'s orders in the linked file. ~~With Fd. Dept.~~

~~(Ry) kindly address the Govt. of~~ on the return of the file ~~Bombay return the file~~. The G. of I. will be addressed in the Dept., being with C/I of Rys.

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