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17th November 1865.*

No. 394. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge, dated Madras, 15th November 1865, No. 567 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in charge, dated Madras, 14th November 1865, No. 814.

1. I have the honor to submit the following copy of a letter dated yesterday, No. 475, from the Traffic Manager, having reference to a proposed alteration in our charge for warehousing cotton.

“ Our present charge for warehouse rent is 4 Pies per maund per diem, and “ is applicable to cotton as well as to general merchandize.

“ In the latter case, the rate is sufficiently high to relieve our sheds in reasonable time ; but in the case of cotton, the penalty is not heavy enough, and merchants make a convenience of our yard, when they run short of godown accommodation elsewhere, to the prejudice of the traffic.

“ I would therefore recommend that for cotton, the rate for “ Warehouse “ rent” or “ Demurrage” be raised to 1 Anna per maund per diem, equivalent to “ three Annas per borah of cotton. The object for this charge being to relieve ourselves of responsibility as soon as possible, and to make room for fresh consignments.

“ The charge is not likely to affect our traffic, as consignees will have the “ option of removing their cotton before the charge can be levied.”

2. Taking into consideration the desirability of imposing such a charge as will induce merchants to remove their cotton more expeditiously from our premises, and thus relieve us of responsibility, I beg to endorse Mr. Church's recommendation, the enhanced rate taking effect from Monday the 20th instant.

1. In Order of Government of the 6th October 1864, No. 642, the Consulting Engineer was requested to give effect to the course proposed by the Railway Board, and approved of by the Secretary of State, in regard to the loading and unloading of goods at Stations, and the delivery of goods on their arrival by Contractors.

2. On the receipt of the order, the Agent and Manager was requested to submit the Regulations suggested by the Letter No. 876, dated 17th October 1864. Railway Board, and he replied, stating “ The Rules applicable to the delivery of goods are now being considered by the “ Traffic Manager and myself, and I shall hope shortly to submit a scheme for the “ approval of Government.”

3. The Agent and Manager's attention has been drawn to the subject, but no reply has yet been received from him.

4. Pending its receipt, and the approval by Government, of any scheme which may be proposed for the delivery of goods, I see no objection to the demurrage for cotton being raised to one Anna per maund per diem, twenty-four hours after arrival ; and would recommend that the sanction of Government be granted for the increase, experimentally, for six months.

5. It appears to me that in raising the rates, for goods especially, sufficient notice should be given to the merchants by advertisement ; and that in the present

Madras, *November 17* 1865.

From

Robert B. Allen Esq.
Agent and Manager.

To

Major H. N. D. Prendergast, R.E.
Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honor to admit
the following copy of a letter dated yesterday,
17/11/65, from the Traffic Manager, having
reference to a proposed alteration in our charge
for transiting cotton.

"Our present charge for Transiting
"Cotton is 4 pice per maund per diem, and is
"applicable to cotton as well as to General
"Merchandise."
"In the latter case, the rate is
"sufficiently high to induce our Agents in foreign
"ports to transship cotton to the port of
"destination, and not to ship it direct to the
"consignee's wharf, when they find
"that of finding accommodation for the
"cotton in the wharf of the Traffic Manager.
"I would therefore recommend
"that for cotton the rate for Transiting Cotton
"or Demurrage be raised to 1 Annas per maund
"per diem, equivalent to the Annas per maund
"of cotton. The object of this change being to

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instance the increased demurrage should not be enforced until the 1st proximo.
This will allow of arrangements being made for the speedy removal of any cotton
which may be left on the Railway Company's premises at the several stations.

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Major, R. E.,
Acting Dy. Consgr. Engr. for Railways, in charge.

No. 395.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1865, No. 3,472.

RAILWAY, No. 41.

Pending the submission by the Agent
and Manager of the Madras Railway Com-
pany of a general scheme in connection
with the "loading and unloading of goods at Stations, and the delivery of goods on
their arrival by means of Contractors," the Governor in Council grants authority
for the demurrage for cotton being raised, experimentally for six months from the
1st proximo, to one Anna per maund per diem, twenty-four hours after its arrival at
the Railway premises.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

"Relieve ourselves of responsibility as soon as possible, and to make room for fresh assignments."

"The change is not likely to affect our traffic, as Consignees will have the option of removing their cotton before the change can be levied."

2. Taking into consideration the desirability of imposing such a charge as will induce Merchants to remove their cotton and hypothetically from our premises, and thus relieve us of responsibility, I beg to endorse with the Honorable Recommendation, the enhanced rate taking effect from Monday the 30th instant.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. J. Martin
Agent and Manager.

No 567-
In Order of Government of the 6th October 1861, No 412, the Consulting Engineer was requested to give effect to the course proposed by the Railway Board, and approved of by the Secretary of State, in regard to the loading and unloading of goods at stations, and the delivery of goods on their arrival by contractors.

2. On the receipt of the Order the Agent and Manager was requested to submit the Regulations suggested by the Railway Board, and he replied stating:

"The rules applicable to the delivery of goods are now being considered by

Letter No 4076 of 17th Oct 1861

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"by the Traffic Manager and myself, and I shall hope shortly to submit a Scheme, for the approval of Government."

3. The Agent and Manager's attention has been drawn to the subject, but no reply has yet been received from him.

4. Pending its receipt, and the approval by Government, of any Scheme which may be proposed for the delivery of goods, I see no objection to the demurrage for Cotton being raised to one Ann a per Mound, for every 24 hours after arrival, and would recommend that the sanction of Government be granted for this increase, experimentally for six months.

5. It appears to me that in raising the rates, for goods especially, sufficient notice should be given to the Merchants by a advertisement; and that in the present instance the increased demurrage should not be enforced until the 1st proximo. This will allow of arrangements being made for the speedy removal of any Cotton which may be left on the Railway Company's premises at the several Stations.

Respectfully
Major R. B.
15th Nov 1861
Agent & Consulting Engineer for the
in charge
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

27/11/86
 Madras Railway

From No 4558
 The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways

Dated 14/11/86
 Recd. 15/11/86

No. 814

Respecting that the
 charge for maintaining
 the 20 miles, to the
 point named for the
 purpose of 4 miles as at
 present.

24/12/1900/65

With care

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Pending the return from the
 Agent and Manager of the Madras Rail
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 of goods at stations, and the delivery
 of goods on their arrival by means
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