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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th December 1865.*

No. 63. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th November 1865, No. 573 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th November 1865, No. 821.

1. I have the honor to quote as follows from a letter* which I have received

* No. 403, 17th November.

this afternoon from the Chief Accountant.

“By an Order of Government, dated 12th February 1861, No. 89, the Company was required to abolish the use of “Pies,” the fractional division of an Anna, in all accounts submitted to Government.”

“This has been the cause of much inconvenience to us from that time until now, inasmuch as the actual payments made are recorded in our books, whilst sanction is given for a different amount. It is true that the differences created by the rule in question are small in the aggregate, but it is no less true, that there is always a discrepancy between expenditure recorded, and that sanctioned.”

“Another objection to the order is that it is partial in its operation, not applying to our Traffic Department, nor to the transactions between this Company and the Customs and other Government Establishments, so that the advantage which was expected to be derived from the measure is thus converted into a series of trifling discrepancies.”

“I beg, therefore, to suggest that the Government be solicited to rescind the Order in question.”

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice by Mr. Church, I beg to solicit that His Excellency the Governor in Council will rescind the Order referred to.

1. Colonel Johnston, who was in charge of this Office, obtained the sanction of Government to the abolition of Pies in the accounts of the Railway Companies, and he explained to the Agent and Manager at the time that his object was to relieve not only the several Offices of the Railway, but also his own from the labor entailed in summing up the “Pies” in each account, especially in the Forms D. of the Engineer and Locomotive Departments.

2. It being now represented, however, “that there is always a discrepancy between expenditure recorded, and that sanctioned,” and as this Office does not now go into each item of detail, the admission of Pies in the accounts rendered would not be productive of any extra labor in checking the expenditure incurred. I would therefore support the Agent and Manager's recommendation, that the order to which he refers be cancelled.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras, *November 17* 1865.

From

Robt. B. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager. *W. M.*

To

Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Anderson, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

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I have the honor to quote as follows from a letter which I have received this afternoon from the Chief Accountant.

"By an order of Government dated 12th February 1861 to 89, the company was required to abolish the use of 'pies'; the fractional division of an Anna, in all accounts submitted to Government."

"This has been the cause of much inconvenience to us from that time until now, inasmuch as the actual payments made are recorded in our books, whilst sanction is given for a different amount. It is true that the differences created by the pies in question are small in the aggregate, but it is no less true, that there is always a discrepancy between expenditures recorded, and that sanctioned."

"Another objection to the order is that it is partial in its operation, not applying to our Traffic department, nor to the transactions between this company and the Customs and other

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No. 64.

ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1865, No. 3,663.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

Under the circumstances explained by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, His Excellency in Council cancels the Order of the 12th February 1861, No. 89, abolishing the use of Pies in Railway Accounts submitted to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

"other Government Establishments, so that the advantage which was expected to be derived from the measure is thus converted into a series of trifling discrepancies."

"They therefore to suggest that the Government be solicited to rescind the order in question."

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice by Mr. Chever, they to submit, that His Excellency the Governor in Council will rescind the order referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedient servant,
Wm. Johnston
Agent and Manager

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Madras
20 November
1853

J. Atkinson
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Lieut Colonel R.F.

To
The Secretary to Government
D. P. O.
Fort Saint George

Received
of the
Agent & Manager
of the
Railway
Companies
for the
sum of
Rs. 100
only
on account
of the
abolition
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in the
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of the
Railway
Companies
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order
of the
Government
dated
the 10th
of the
month
of the
year
1853

Dr. J. H. 524
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MADRAS RAILWAY.
From No 4655

To
The Agent and Manager,
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated 17th 1865
Recd. 21 November 1865
No. 827/578

Attending copy of a letter
from the Chief Accountant
with reference to the state
of the account and relating
for the account assigned by
the Chief. That part of the
dated 12th October 1861. In 89,
may be received.

Under the circumstances
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explained by the Agent and
Managers of the Madras Railway
Company, the Secretary and
Council, correct the order of
the 12th February 1861, 1865,
relating the sure of funds
in Railway accounts submitted
to Government

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