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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1866.*

No. 97. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd May 1866, No. 228 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th May 1866, No. 284.

1. I have the honor to request that you will submit to Government, for their orders, the following circumstances.

2. I am informed by the Traffic Manager that, on the 20th March, 19 packages, consigned to the Mint Master, Madras, were received at Beypore. They reached Madras on the 23rd of the same month, and an advice note was posted "Bearing" on the same day, to the Mint Master's address. On the 29th March, this advice note was returned to the Traffic Manager, through the Dead Letter Office, marked "Refused." Having ascertained that the packages were still lying in our warehouse, we advised the Mint Master, by letter, on the 3rd April, and the goods were removed on the next day.

3. A bill for demurrage, amounting to Rupees 41-0-4, was submitted in the usual course to Colonel Wilkieson, but he refuses to pay this sum, for two reasons, first, because, as he states, some irregularity in the preparation of the receipt note at Beypoor station caused delay in its transmission, and, secondly, because no Government Officer is authorized to receive bearing letters.

4. As regards the first reason, the production of the receipt note was not necessary for the delivery of the goods, where the consignee of goods is well known a receipt note is not generally required; and as regards the second reason, I may observe, that it is the invariable practice of the Company to send advice notes bearing. They are also sent without envelopes, so that it is almost impossible to mistake the document. I cannot call to mind that the absence of authorization to receive bearing letters has ever been productive of difficulty in the case of any other Government official, and I am therefore disposed to think that Colonel Wilkieson must be under a misapprehension.

1. As requested by the Acting Agent and Manager this letter is submitted for the orders of Government.

2. It appears to me that as the packages referred to contained specie, the Railway authorities should have addressed the Mint Master, by letter, on the date they were received, instead of adopting the practice followed with respect to goods belonging to merchants and others, of sending an "advice note" by post, "bearing."

3. It is clear also that the Mint Master did not receive the "receipt note" in due time. It is stated in paragraph 4 that the note is not generally required, but Clause XII of the "Rules, Regulations, and Conditions for the Conveyance of Merchandize," states that "the receipt note must be produced before the goods can be delivered, or in the event of the receipt note being lost, or not being forthcoming, a Bond of Idemnity, or other security, to be approved of by the Company, shall be given by the person or persons claiming the goods."

Madras, *May 17th* 1866.

From

Mr. A. Smart Esq.
Acting Agent and Manager of the R.R.

To

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

*I have the honor to request,
that you will submit to Government, for
their orders, the following circumstances.**2. I am informed by the Traffic
Manager, that on the 20th March, 19 packages
were sent to the Mint Master, Madras, where
received at Beypore. They reached Madras on
the 23rd of the same month, and an advice
note was posted "bearing" on the same day, to
the Mint Master's address. On the 29th March,
this advice note was returned to the Traffic
Manager, through the sub letter office, marked
"Refused." Having ascertained, that the packages
were still lying in our warehouses, we advised
the Mint Master, by letter, on the 31st April
and the goods were removed on the next day.**3. A bill for demurrage amounting
to Rs. 111-0-11 was submitted in the usual
course to Colonel Melrose, but he refused to
pay the same, for two reasons, first, because,
as to dates, there was irregularity in the preparation
of*

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6th June 1866.*

4. There has been evidently some delay in the removal of the packages. It seems to me advisable, in order to guard against a recurrence of it, that the Railway authorities should be requested to give notice, in future, by letter, of the arrival of all packages, containing specie which may be addressed to the Mint Master at Madras.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Acting Consgr. Engr. for Railways.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1866, No. 1,775.

RAILWAY, No. 14.

1. As the packages despatched from Beypore on the 20th of March last to the address of the Mint Master at Madras contained specie, the Government are of opinion that special care to intimate their arrival by letter ought to have been taken, and they request that this course may be invariably adopted in future.

2. If, as, explained by the Agent and Manager, the nature of the "advice note" sent by post to the Mint Master could not be misunderstood, the latter officer seems to have erred in refusing to receive it "bearing," and the Government consider the claim of the Railway Company to demurrage perfectly correct.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Mint Master.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

of the receipt not at Mysore Station, and
delay in its transmission, and finally, there
no Government Office is authorized to send
bearing letters.

11 On regards the fact that the
production of the receipt was not a necessary
for the delivery of the goods when the
conveyance of goods is also known to be not
is not generally required, and as regards the
pleased person, I may observe, that it is the
invariable practice of the Company to send
advice notes bearing. They are also sent
without envelope, so that it is almost impossible
to mistake the document. I cannot recall to
mind, that the absence of authentication to bear
bearing letters has ever been production of
difficulty, in the case of a private Government
Official, and I am therefore disposed to think
that alleged Misconception must be under a
misapprehension.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Walter F. Hooper
for Acting Agent and Manager

Wm.

No. 228.

As requested by the Acting Agent & Manager
this letter is submitted for the orders of Government.

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contained specie, the Railway authorities should have addressed the
Mint Master, by letter, on the date they were received, instead of
adopting the practice followed with respect to goods belonging to
Merchants and others, of sending an "advice note", by post,
"bearing" -

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receive the "receipt note" in due time. It is stated in paragraph
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"Rules, Regulations and Conditions for the Conveyance of Mer-
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before the goods can be delivered, or in the event of the Receipt
Note being lost, or not being forthcoming, a Bond of Idem-
-nity, or other Security to be approved of by the Company, shall
be given by the person or persons claiming the goods."

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removal of the packages. It seems to me advisable in order
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authorities should be requested to give notice, in future, by letter,
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be addressed to the Mint Master at Madras -

Madras
23 May
1880

W. M. Stewart Major R.E.

Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways
The Secretary to Government S.P.W.
Fort Saint George

Sent by post to

18465

MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated

Recd

May 19 1866

No 284

Ordering for the order
of the Government, the
Refugees' Committee
with a request by the
Agent, Mr. A. R. R. for drawings
clearance No 41-0-4

P W Dept

Press No. 3880, G M - 27-2 66-160.

1866.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Cong. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated

25th

May 1866.

Received

25th

No. 228-

Enclosures, No.

12/775-6 June 1866.

Observations on
a letter from the Acting
Agent & Manager's letter
No 284 of 19th instant,
submitting for the order
of Govt, the circumstances
connected with a refusal
by the Mint Master to
pay a Bill for damage.

30 May/66 or 4 June

Public Works Dept
No 1775
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th May 1866.
Read the following
From the Acting Consulting
Engineer for Railways
(Forwarded 23rd May 1866
No 228)

As the packages despatched
from Bangalore on the 20th of
March last. to the address
of the Mint Master at
Madras contained specie,
the Government are of
opinion that special care
to intimate their arrival
by letter ought to have been
taken, and they request
that this course may be
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future.

If, as explained by the
Agent and Manager, the
nature of the "advice note"
sent by post to the

Mint Master could not be
misunderstood, ~~and if its~~
~~production by the~~ ~~Railway~~
~~authorities, which is~~ ~~the~~
~~made of the articles to which~~
~~it relates, is imperative~~
~~as stated by the~~ ~~Mint~~
~~Commissioner, the~~ ~~latter officer~~
seems to have erred in
refusing to receive it
"bearing" and the Government.
Consider the claim of the
Railway Company to
demurrage perfectly correct

W.H.

To The President
for Railways
Mint Master

Loeffler & Co.

P W 1845 Dept
Pro: of Govt for Line

A: 1945
Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Of 6th June 1845

The claim of the Railway
Company to Demurrage for
packages consigned to the Mint
Master Madras in March last,
recognized.

A: 97. 98.

20 June 1846 to 20 June 1846