Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1866.

No. 596. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1866, No. 2,707.

RAILWAY, No. 56.

Under the circumstances stated in this letter, the Government do not consider it necessary to adopt the rules which obtain in Bombay for the administration of Railway Fine Funds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Railway Department

Consulting Engineer's Office
N° 348.

From
Major J. A. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Having, as requested in G.O. dated the 2d instant. N° 2433, Communicated with the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways upon the Subject of the "administration of Railway ... I have the honor to report that it will

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th August 1866.

No. 595. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 17th August 1866, No. 348:—

1. Having, as requested in G. O. dated the 2nd instant, No. 2,433, communicated with the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways upon the subject of the "Administration of Railway Fine Funds," I have the honor to report that it will be seen from the Orders quoted in the margin, that the question of the appropriation of fines levied from the servants of the Railway Companies, in this Presidency, has already been brought under the consideration of Government, and that the Agents have been allowed to act in accordance with the instructions which they may receive from their respective Board of Directors.

No. 613, 4th November 1862.
„ 661, 5th December „
„ 15, 10th January 1863.
„ 52, 28th „ „

2. The Directors of the Madras Railway Company determined that, conformably with the rules and regulations for Railways in India, the fines shall be appropriated to a sick and benevolent fund, to be administered for the benefit of the Company's servants. The fines are deposited in the Oriental Bank. The fund is managed by the Agent and Manager and the Chief Accountant, and an annual cash account is rendered to the Railway Board of Directors.

Section II., Clause 12.

3. The Acting Agent states that the separate account which is kept of the receipts and disbursements is at all times open to the inspection of the Government Examiner; and he considers that the sanction of the Consulting Engineer, suggested in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Consulting Engineer to the Government of Bombay, is calculated to complicate, without any advantage, the present mode of dealing with the fund.

4. The Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway Company states that the Directors have, under the provisions of Clause 12, Section 2 of the Railway Regulations, reserved for their own control the administration of the Fine Fund; and, as explained in his letter dated 2nd December 1865, No. 1,890, the fines imposed upon the Company's servants are appropriated to compensating the owners of property, lost or damaged through their carelessness.

5. The clause of the Regulations to which reference has been made by the Directors of both Railways is as follows:—

Section II., *Clause* 12.—"The Company reserve the right to deduct from the pay of their servants such sums as may be awarded as fines for neglect of duty, which will be appropriated to a sick fund, or for such other purpose as the Directors may think fit."

6. It seems to me that so long as this regulation is in force, and so long as the fines are not credited to the Capital or Revenue Accounts of the Companies, there will be nothing gained by the Consulting Engineer exercising the supervision suggested by the Government Officer in Bombay, viz., to sanction at Audit Meetings payments that have already been made by the Agent.

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Section II Clause 12.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed Servt.

Madras
17 August
1868

J. Mac Stewart Majr R.E.
Acting Superintendent of Railways

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From Sr. 31-22

The Consg. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated 17th August 1866.
Received 20th

No. 348.

Enclosures, No.

No. 2767 - 28th August 66

Reporting that the question of the appropriation of fines levied from the servants of the Railway Companys in this Presy has already been brought under the consideration of Govt, & that the Agents have been allowed to act in accordance with the instructions

No 5995

Public Works Department.

No 2707

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 28th August 1866.

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways

(Here enter No. 348 dated 17th August 1866.)

Under the circumstances stated in this letter, the Government do not consider it necessary to adopt the rules which obtain in England for the administration of Railway Finance.

The Cons. Engr. for Railways

for Secy. to Govt.

P. W. 1866. Department.

Acc. of Govt for Aug 66

No. 3707

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. 3 Aug

Dated 28th August 66

The Consulting Engineer informed that it is not considered necessary to adopt the Rules which obtain in Bombay for the administration of Railway Fire Funds

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