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No. 478. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway Branch,) dated Simla, 4th August 1866, No. 14 :—

Conveyance of Specie by Rail.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 280—5 R., dated 24th June 1864.

Read also—

Despatch No. 13, dated 8th September 1865, from the Secretary of State, to Madras Government, and enclosure as follows :—

RATES CHARGED BY PRINCIPAL ENGLISH RAILWAY COMPANIES FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF SPECIE.

The Great Northern Railway.

	Not exceeding	30	miles, per lb.		$\frac{1}{4}d.$
Above 30 and	,,	50	,,	,,	$\frac{1}{2}d.$
,, 50	,,	100	,,	,,	$\frac{3}{4}d.$
,, 100	,,	150	,,	,,	$1d.$
,, 150	,,	200	,,	,,	$1\frac{1}{4}d.$
,, 200	,,	250	,,	,,	$1\frac{1}{2}d.$
,, 250	,,	300	,,	,,	$1\frac{3}{4}d.$
,, 300	,,	400	,,	,,	$2d.$
,, 400	,,	550	,,	,,	$2d.$
Above	,,	550	,,	,,	$2\frac{1}{4}d.$

The Great Eastern Railway Company state the quantity of specie carried on this line from station to station is so small, that they charge the ordinary rate for parcels, but as rather large quantities pass to Antwerp and Rotterdam viâ Harwich, they charge to those places at the rate of 2*s.* 6*d.* for every £100 up to £4,000, and 1*s.* 6*d.* for every £100 above £4,000.

The London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company charge three shillings per hundred-weight for any distance.

The London and South-Western Railway Company charge from London to Southampton, or any shorter distance, three shillings per hundred-weight.

The Great Western Railway Company, when they carry sums amounting to more than £10 in value, charge over and above the ordinary rates for parcels—

For any distance not exceeding	For each Pound sterling in value the sum of
50 miles	One half-penny,
75 ,, ...	Three farthings,
100 ,, ...	One penny,
150 ,, ...	Three half-pence,

an additional farthing for every Pound sterling for every increase of distance not exceeding 50 miles, and the same for every increase of the distance upon each additional 50 miles completed, over and above the first 150 miles. When the value of the specie exceeds £250, a reduction may be made by special contract.

The London Chatham and Dover Railway Company charge from London to Dover or any intermediate station—

	Under 50	...	£ 2*s.* 6*d.*
Over £50, not exceeding	100	...	£ 5*s.*
For every additional	100	..	£ 2*s.* 6*d.* per cent.

The London and North-Western Railway Company charge bullion according to the same scale as ordinary parcels traffic, when the sender takes the risk of conveyance; in cases where the Company takes the risk, the following is the scale:—

For any distance not exceeding				For each Pound sterling in value the sum of
50 miles	...	...	...	One half-penny,
75 ,,	...	...	...	Three farthings,
100 ,,	...	...	...	One penny,
150 ,,	...	...	...	Three half-pence,

an additional farthing per Pound sterling for every increase of distance not exceeding 50 miles, and the same for every increase of distance upon each additional 50 miles completed, over and above the first 150 miles.

When the value exceeds £ 250, a reduction in the rate may be made by special contract.

This Company has special rates for bullion transported between London and Birmingham, Liverpool or Manchester.
Read also—

Letter No. 936, dated 11th April 1866, from the Government of Bombay, with enclosure, of which the following is an extract:—

Extract paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, *and* 6, *of a letter from* LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. DELISLE, *R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay, No.* 516, *dated* 13*th February* 18 66.

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Paragraph 2. "We have at last obtained the agreement of the three Railway Companies to an uniform scale of charges for conveying treasure as under—

		Rate per Maund per mile.
Silver or gold, under ...	35 Maunds	2½ Pies.
Over ...	35 ,,	2 ,,
Copper, under	35 ,,	2 ,,
Over	35 ,,	1 pie.

Escorts to pay third class fares travelling second class, if there is accommodation.

3. "Bullion vans to be provided (where required) and maintained at the cost of Government. Covered vans, capable of being locked up and sealed, to be used in the absence of bullion vans.

4. "The Railway Companies do not hold themselves responsible for the safety of the treasure.

5. "Brake-vans are not built strong enough to carry any heavy weights. It is estimated that a bullion van, with compartment for the escort, would cost about Rupees 2,000.

6. "Sufficient notice should be given at stations where vans for bullion are required."

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the enclosure and extract, showing respectively the rates charged by some of the principal Railway Companies in England for the conveyance of specie, and the rates agreed to by the three Railway Companies in the Bombay Presidency, be forwarded for information to the Governments noted in the margin, and to the Financial Department, in continuation of Public Works Department, Nos. 281—5 R., dated 24th June 1864.

Madras.
Bengal.
Bombay.
Punjab.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 479. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1866, No. 3,000.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To The Secys. to Govt of Ind.

CIRCULAR No. 14 RAILWAY.

Dated SIMLA, *August* 4, 1866

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