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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th April 1868.*

No. 216. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Fort William, 26th March 1868, No. 359 R:—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 688, dated 2nd March 1868, forwarding papers showing the discussion which has taken place with regard to the re-establishment on the Great Southern of India Railway of three classes of accommodation, and to a reduction of the rates and fares on that line to assimilate them to those charged on the Madras Railway.

2. The employment of the words "within the maximum limits *to be* assigned by Government," in the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 37 of 16th May 1867, forwarded to the Government of Madras with Circular No. 3 R of 14th February 1868, shows that the Secretary of State contemplated the possible necessity of a revision in some cases before permission should be granted to Agents to alter fares and rates within a certain limit. It would indeed obviously have been opposed to the intention of the Despatch mentioned to have allowed rates and fares, which might only be experimental or temporary, to become permanent maxima, simply because they happened to be current at the time of its issue. I am desired, therefore, to convey the entire approval of the Governor General in Council of the refusal by the Government of Madras to permit this in the present case, and of the course generally pursued in this matter.

3. The fares of the higher classes, and the rates generally for goods, the Government of India does not desire to interfere with. *But* it is, however, of opinion that in consequence of the low rate of working charges on the Madras lines, it is quite open to question whether a 2 pies per mile fare might not, without injustice to the Company, be introduced on the Great Southern of India Railway; but as 3 pies per mile is the lowest fare in force on the Madras Railway, and the two lines are now in connection, the Governor General in Council, while sanctioning the other fares and rates, approves only as an experimental measure, subject to revision after one year's trial, of the proceedings of the Government of Madras in fixing 3 pies as the maximum lowest fare on the Great Southern of India Railway.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1868, No. 1,140.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

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,

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 359 R.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE P. W. DEPT., RAILWAY BRANCH.

FORT WILLIAM, MARCH 26, 1868.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 688, dated 2nd March 1868, forwarding papers shewing the discussion which has taken place with regard to the re-establishment on the Great Southern of India Railway of three classes of accommodation, and to a reduction of the rates and fares on that line to assimilate them to those charged on the Madras Railway.

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3. The fares of the higher classes, and the rates generally for goods, the Government of India does not desire to interfere with. His Excellency in Council is, however, of opinion that in consequence of the low rate of working charges on the Madras lines, it is quite open to question whether a 2 pies per mile fare might not, without injustice to the Company, be introduced on the Great Southern of India Railway; but as 3 pies per mile is the lowest fare in force on the Madras Railway, and the two

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Wichman Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE P. W. D., RY. BRANCH.

No. 359 R.

Dated March 26, 1868.

Received *4 April 1868*

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Acknowledges No. 688 of 2nd instant, and communicates approval of the action taken by the Madras Government in connection with the recurrence to three classes of passenger accommodation, and to a reduction of the rates and fares on the Great Southern of India Railway, and sanctions, as an experiment, 3 pies as the lowest fare on that Railway.

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