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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th April 1868.*

No. 618. Read the following Circular from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 26th March 1868, No. 6:—

With reference to Public Works Department Circular No. 10 R of 1867, which left, with certain reservations, the determination of a maximum scale of rates and fares to Local Governments, I am desired to request the submission of a report showing what has been done in the matter.

No. 619. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1868, No. 1,340.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,341, dated 30th April 1868.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th April 1868.

No. 1,341.

No. 620.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 53.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No. 6, of the 26th March 1868, and, in reply, am directed to state that, as the maximum scale of rates and fares in force on the Railways of this Presidency at the date of the receipt of Circular No. 10 of 16th October 1867, were sanctioned only experimentally, and on the express condition that no alteration of existing charges should be made without the concurrence of the Consulting Engineer, who was required to report in due time upon their operation, this Government did not consider it necessary to take any action at that time. But during the consideration subsequently of reports from the Consulting Engineer on the effect of those rates and fares on the traffic and receipts of the Railways, and of the correspondence which those reports led to between that Officer and the Railway Company's Agents, the Government became aware of the terms of the Secretary of State's decision to dispense with the control hitherto exercised by the Consulting Engineer over rates and fares, and to concede to the Railway Companies the power of fixing and altering their rates and fares as they might deem proper within the limits of a maximum scale of charges to be sanctioned by the Government. The Consulting Engineer was accordingly then called upon to prepare a scale which the Government might sanction without reservation, and that Officer having submitted one, it has been sanctioned as follows, the lowest or third class fare being that in actual operation on the Madras Railway:—

PASSENGER.

1st Class	...	...	...	...	18 Pies per mile.
2nd "	...	...	...	...	5 do.
3rd "	...	...	...	...	3 do.

GOODS.

1st Class	...	...	...	...	12 Pies per ton per mile.
2nd "	...	...	...	...	14 do.
3rd "	...	...	...	...	16 do.
4th "	...	...	...	...	24 do.
5th "	...	...	...	...	36 do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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CIRCULAR No. 6 RAILWAY.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To

*The Secy. to the Government of Madras
Public Works Dept (Railway)*

FORT WILLIAM, MARCH 26, 1868.

SIR,

With reference to Public Works Department Circular No. 10 R of 1867, which left, with certain reservations, the determination of a maximum scale of rates and fares to Local Governments, I am desired to request the submission of a report showing what has been done in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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

C. H. Dickens *Captain, R. E.,*
Offg. Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY.

To

CIRCULAR No. 6 RAILWAY.

Dated March 26, 1868.

Received *4 April 1868*

(Circular) No. 6 of 1868
to be sent to the
Secretary to the Govt. of India

out of order

With reference to Public Works Department
Circular No. 10 R of 1867, on the subject of a
maximum scale of rates and fares on Railways,
calls for a report shewing what has been done in
the matter.

No. 618

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the *30 April 1868*

Read the following

From
The Secretary to the Govt. of India

(Here enter No. *6* dated *21 Mar/68*)

Ordered that the fol-
lowing letter be sent.

no 1341

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

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Passenger.			
1 st Class.		18	Pis per mile.
2 ^d do	---	5.	do.
3 ^d do	---	3.	do.

Goods

Goods.

1st Class 12 Rs per ton per mile.
2nd do. 14. do
3rd do. 16. do
4th do. 24. do
5th do. 34. do

P. W. 1868. Department.
Pr. of Govt. for April

No 13404/1341

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *Madras*

Dated 30th April 1868

W. B.
Fort St George
30th April 1868

Recd 27/5/68

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Pub. Works 1868 Department

Pro: of Govt. for April

No. 1340 & 1341

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Of 30th April 1868

Passing orders on the
Circular from the Govt of India
requesting to be informed of the
steps taken for the determina-
tion of the maximum Rates
and Fares on the Madras
Railway.

Addressing the
Govt of India on the
above Subject.

No 618-619 @ 620