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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1868.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 584. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th January 1868, No. 16:—

1. Adverting to the third paragraph of the Order of Government, dated the 20th ultimo, No. 3,936, I have the honor to enclose a letter* received from

*No. 2,480, dated 9th January 1868. the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, from which it will be seen that three classes of passenger carriages have been re-introduced from the 1st instant.

2. The Government will observe that Mr. Betts still declines to reduce the fare for the lowest class below five Pies per mile, and it is not necessary for me to again comment on the absolutely prohibitory nature of this rate.

3. Mr. Betts has omitted to state what the second class fare is, but I have since learnt by telegraph that he has fixed it at eight Pies per mile, the rate at which it stood before the 1st March 1867. Upon the Madras Railway a second class fare of six Pies per mile has been shown by experience to be too high, and I feel sure that the Government will agree with me that to return to an eight Pies fare upon the Great Southern is, in every sense of the word, a retrograde step.

4. The fare for the first class Mr. Betts has raised to eighteen Pies per mile, and this, the least important item of the passenger traffic, is the only case in which the suggestions of Government have been attended to.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 9th January 1868, No. 2,480.

1. I have the honor to state, in reply to your letter No. 181, of the 21st ultimo, (to which the closing of Offices for the Christmas holidays has prevented my sending an earlier answer,) that the old second class accommodation and fare was re-introduced on this line on the 1st instant, the date the junction at Erode was opened for public traffic. In deference to the wishes of Government, I have placed the first class fare at the same rate per mile, one and a half Annas, as that adopted on the Madras Railway. While our third class fare remains at 5 Pies per mile, the Madras Railway second class fare would not be a suitable rate for the second class accommodation on the Great Southern India Line.

2. With reference to the third class fare of 5 Pies per mile, I must assure you, I believe that rate to be a more remunerative one to this Company than either the 3 or 4 Pies per mile rates, which have previously been in force; the 2 Pies per mile rate we have not tried, but the result of the experiment of this rate on the Great Indian Peninsula Line is stated by General Rivers to be so discouraging that it would be most injudicious to seek to introduce it here.

3. I would respectfully solicit of Government that my Directors may have an opportunity of considering a question so seriously affecting their interests, before further action is taken. I have already sent home all the papers hereon, and, in the course of a month's time, I expect to receive an expression of the Board's views.

No. 585. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways:—

Soliciting the consideration of Government to
the question of the maximum fares now in
force upon the Great Southern of India
Railway. } (Here enter 21st January 1868, No. 26.)

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1863.*

No. 586.

ORDER THERON, 28th January 1863, No. 300.

RAILWAY, No. 42.

1. Having, so lately as the 15th January 1863, expressed, in their Proceedings of that date, No. 119, their opinion of the injurious effect on the second class traffic of the Madras Railway of the high rate of six Pies per mile prevailing on that line, the Government must decidedly refuse to authorize or empower the still more disadvantageous and prohibitory rate of eight Pies for second class and five Pies for third class accommodation being any longer charged on the Great Southern of India Railway, and, if Mr. Betts shall continue to charge those rates after the 31st instant in contravention of the stipulations contained in the 8th paragraph of his Company's Contract, he will do so at his own responsibility and risk.

2. Mr. Betts is desirous of having the scale of maximum charges now in force on the Great Southern of India Railway revised, with a view to his being empowered to fix the rates and fares actually charged, and to vary them from time to time as he may think fit without reference to the Consulting Engineer. That scale was sanctioned on the express condition that no alteration of rates and fares should be made without the concurrence of the Consulting Engineer acting on behalf of the Government, and as that condition will be rendered null, if, in accordance with what would appear to be the wish of the Secretary of State for India, the Railway Company be left free to vary rates and fares from time to time as they may think proper without the consent of the Consulting Engineer, provided the limit of the maximum scale be not exceeded, it is, in the opinion of the Government, on fuller consideration, necessary that the scale should be at once revised to meet the altered circumstances.

3. His Excellency in Council accordingly resolves to cancel the sanction given in Proceedings of the 28th July 1862, No. 400, to the maximum scale now in operation on the Great Southern of India Railway, and directs the Consulting Engineer to submit, for the consideration of Government, a revised scale prepared

24th October 1867, No. 3,305.
11th Nov. " " 3,478.
20th Dec. " " 3,926.

with reference to the experience of the past working of the line, and to the views expressed in the Orders, as per margin.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2470

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 27th December 1867

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

I am in receipt of your letter No 177 of the 20 instant in which you intimate that Government have no intention at present to alter the scale of maximum charges sanctioned in July 1862 "as no changes in the actual rates and fares in force can be made without reference to the Consulting Engineer acting on behalf of Government"

This reservation however appears to me to leave the subject in the same position in which it has always stood. My directors were informed in June last that the Secretary of State for India had arrived at the conclusion that the Railway Companies should be left free to make within the maximum limit to be assigned by Government such

such alterations in their scale of rates as
"they may at any time think desirable"
3 In communicating his decision
to me the Railway Secretary observed "you
will thus perceive that the course which
the directors have all along advocated
"on this question has now been adopted."
"and you will no doubt shortly receive
"from the Government of Madras, the
"necessary instructions for giving effect
"to the arrangement. The Board cannot
"but believe that the discretionary power
"thus accorded to the various Companies
"will be exercised alike to the satisfaction
"of the Government and to the general
"benefit."

4 I beg to call for a reconsideration
of this subject on the part of Government.
Every alteration of fare or rate below
the maximum sanctioned scale should
be reported to you, but I trust the con-
-cession made to my directors that
such alterations may be freely made
if

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if the Railway Company considers them
desirable will not be withheld by Govern-
ment.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
William H. Bell
Agent

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No. 2480

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

9 January 1868

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to state in reply to your letter No 181 of the 21st ultimo (to which the closing of offices for the Christmas Holidays has prevented my sending an earlier answer) that the old second class accommodation and fare was re-introduced on this line on the 1st instant - the date the junction at Coode was opened for public traffic. In deference to the wishes of Government I have placed the first class fare at the same rate per mile, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas, as that adopted on the Madras Railway. While our third class fare remains at 5 pice per mile, the Madras railway second class fare would not be a suitable rate for the second class accommodation

From

The Agent

G. S. I. R.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

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Estimated 29th September 1867Received 1st January 1868

at present to alter the

seats of maximum charge

sanctioned in May 1867.

Request No 38

12 January 1868

on the G. I. line

2 With reference to the third class fare of 5 pice per mile, I must assure you I believe that rate to be a more remunerative one to this Company than either the 3 or 4 pice per mile rates which have previously been in force - the 2 pice per mile rate we have not tried, but the result of the experiment of this rate on the Great Indian Peninsula line is stated by General Rivers to be so discouraging that it would be most injudicious to seek to introduce it here

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

William B. Betts.

Agent

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th January 1868

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways. - 3/ A. E. No 16 Dated 14th January 1868/
From - - - - - A. E. No 26 Dated 21st January 1868/

Having to take
as the 15th Jan'y. 1868 express-
ed in their Proceedings of that
date, No. 119, their opinion of
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vailing on that line, the
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fuse to authorize or em-
power the still more dis-
advantageous and pro-
hibitory rate of 8 pies
for second class and 5
pies for 3rd Class accommo-
dation being any longer
charged

I shall be glad
to have a printed
copy of these proceedings
sent me as printed
copy

From 6.520

The Agent

W. J. P. O.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

By 2480

Letter of the
Revenue 11. 11. 1868

W. 17th 1868

Regarding the
rates of freight and
on the Madras
since 1st Aug 1868

Received 1868

charged on the Great Southern
of India Railway, and if
Mr. Betts shall continue to
change those rates after the
31st instant, in contravention
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to fix the rates and fares
actually charged, and to
vary them from time
to time as he may think
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to the Consulting Engineer.
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on the express condition
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behalf of the Govt., and
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for India, the Railway
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 of India Railway, and
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 to submit for the considera-
 tion of Govt a revised
 scale prepared with reference
 to the experience of the
 East working of the
 line, and to the views ex-
 pressed in the orders, as
 per margin.

24 Oct. 1864. No. 3305.
 11th Nov. " 3476.
 20th Dec. " 3936.

W. H.

To the (Mr. Eng)
 for Railways
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Pub. Works 1868 Department

Proc of Govt. for January

No. 300

Proc of the Madras Govt.

Of 29th January 1868

Passing orders on certain
correspondence relative to the fares
on the Great Southern of India
Railway.

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