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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th January 1869.*

No. 81. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th December 1868, No 438 —

1. As directed by Government in their Order dated the 23rd September last, No 3,011, I have the honor to submit the following observations regarding the applicability to the guaranteed Railways in this Presidency of the Rules drawn up by the Government of India for dealing with the renting of houses built for, and occupied by, the employés of the several companies. The proposed Rules were

referred to the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies, and the opinions of those gentlemen are contained in the enclosed* letters.

* No 535, 3rd December 1868, from Agent,
Madras Railway Company
No 2,809, 18th November 1868, from Agent,
Great Southern of India Railway Company.

2 Rule I is now observed upon the Railways in this Presidency, and there can be no objection to recognize it as a standing rule for future guidance

3. Rule II. is so far observed on the Madras Railway, that lists are kept of all houses occupied by the employés of the different departments. These lists show the rents charged to the occupants, but not the actual cost of each building. Upon the Great Southern Railway no register has as yet been prepared, and the Agent states that the actual cost of each building cannot now be ascertained.

4. I am unable to see any valid reason why the registers should not be prepared according to the form suggested by the Government of India, and I have called upon the Agents to do so at once, the cost of each building being entered with as near an approach to accuracy as is now possible.

5. Rule III has not hitherto been in force. Upon the Madras Railway the practice has been to charge as rent $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the estimated (not the actual) cost of each building, provided that the rent so charged shall in no case amount to more than ten per cent. of the occupant's salary. The Chief Engineer states, that "it was thought a fairer arrangement to take the per-centage of the estimated "instead of the actual outlay, because the rates paid for construction vary according to localities, and it would be undesirable to have a different rental for precisely the same amount of accommodation"

6 Upon the Great Southern Railway, the Agent states that he is unable to advocate any alteration of the present arrangement, as the men cannot afford to pay increased rents unless their pay is increased

7 In my opinion the Rule, as proposed by the Government of India, should be applied to the Railways in this Presidency. The difference is at times so great between the estimated and the actual cost of buildings, that it would not be desirable to deal with the former only. The objection raised by the Madras Railway officials might be met by taking an average of the actual cost of all buildings upon the line which have been constructed according to one plan. In the case of the employés of the Great Southern Railway, I think that the correct course would be to raise their pay when necessary, and to charge them a fair rental for the buildings occupied by them. I gather from the Agent's letter that at present they either pay no rental, or one inadequate to the value of the accommodation supplied to them by the Company. The rent paid for any building might be restricted to ten per

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7th January 1869.*

cent of the occupant's salary, as is now the case on the Madras Railway; but if proper arrangements are made, it should seldom be necessary to bring this provision into force

8 Rule IV. should of course be enforced.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd December 1868, No 535

Adverting to your docket of the 10th ultimo, No 376, and Order of Government dated the 23rd September, No 3,011, relative to the applicability of the rules proposed by the Government of India for renting houses built for and occupied by Railway employes, I have the honor to submit a copy of the replies received from the Chief Engineer, Acting Locomotive Superintendent, Traffic Manager, and Chief Auditor, from which it will be seen that the rules in force on this line are very similar to those proposed by the Government of India. It appears to me, however, difficult to frame regulations which will meet all cases, and that therefore exceptional cases should be dealt with on their merits.

From the Acting Locomotive Superintendent, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Perambore Works, 10th October 1868, No 224

Proposed Rules by the Government of India in regard to the renting of Railway Companies' houses

With reference to your foot note to the Order of the Madras Government, No 3,011, dated 23rd September last, I consider that the proposed Rules are well adapted to secure the object in view

From the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 16th November 1868, No 446

With reference to G O, No 3,011, of the 23rd September last, I beg to state—

1 That to the best of my belief the rents received on account of houses built for employes on this Railway, are credited to the Revenue account of the Company

2 That a list of houses occupied by employes of the Engineering Department is sent in monthly to the Chief Accountant. This list shows the rent charged, but not the actual cost of the building

3 The rent charged for each house or bungalow is equivalent to 7½ per cent upon the estimated outlay (*vide* paragraph 8 of Board's letter No 316, of the 20th February 1863) It was thought a fairer arrangement to take the per-centage of the estimated instead of the actual outlay, because the rates paid for construction vary according to localities, and it would be undesirable to have a different rental for precisely the same amount of accommodation.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 17th November 1868, No C/348.

Proposed Rules for renting houses built for Railway servants

1 The manner of dealing with this subject on this Railway is, in effect, the same as that proposed by the Government of India

2 The Board of Directors have, however, ruled that whenever the rent exceeds ten per cent of the occupant's salary, ten per cent. only of his salary shall be charged for rent

From the Chief Auditor, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 17th November 1868, No 60.

1 Referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd September 1868, No 437, on the Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account Railway,) dated Simla, 27th August 1868, No 15, and to the Order thereon, No 438, dated 23rd September 1868, No 3,011, (Railway No 42), I beg to say that the Rules proposed

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7th January 1868.*

are nearly identical with our own. It is, however, to be regretted that the Government of India should consider it desirable to lay down precise rules in this as in other matters for the guidance of guaranteed Railways, for it will seldom happen that precise rules are suitable to every line of Railway in India, and hence the embarrassment which so frequently overtakes us in carrying on our ordinary duties.

2 As to paragraph 3, I cannot agree in thinking that temporary quarters, as such, should be chargeable to Revenue, each case should be considered on its own merits

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways dated Negapatam, 18th November 1868, No 2,809

I have the honor to offer the following remarks upon the Government of India paper relative to renting of houses built for and occupied by Railway employes.

Rule I has always been followed on this Company's line

Rule II, A register of buildings can be made up, but the actual cost of each cannot be shown, as no record of the total expenditure of all buildings has been kept

Rule III, I am unable to advocate any alteration of the present arrangement, the men cannot afford to pay increased rents unless I increase their pay

No 82. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1869, No 42.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their Circular No. 15, dated 27th August 1868.

(Here enter No. 43, dated 7th January 1869)

(True Extract)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. S T. Augustin.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

No

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

RAILWAYS

Recd 1 January 7th

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G O, 7th January 1869, No 42

JANUARY.

Nos. 21-32

This (Friday) — P. M. orders on the letter from the Consulting Engineer regarding the applicability to the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways, of the Rules proposed to be adopted by the Government of India for dealing with the renting of houses built for and occupied by the employes of Guaranteed Railway Companies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST GEORGE, 7th January 1869

No 43

No 83

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 7.

1 With reference to the Circular from the Government of India No 15 of the 27th August 1868, I am directed

to forward herewith a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways containing his views and those of the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways regarding the applicability to their respective lines of the Rules proposed to be adopted by the Government of India for dealing with the renting of houses built for and occupied by the employes of Guaranteed Railway Companies

2 It will be observed that the Rules at present in force in this Presidency are somewhat similar to those on which the opinion of this Government has been requested, and that the Consulting Engineer considers that there should be no difficulty in adopting the latter in their integrity In this view His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government

Exd S T Augustin.

opinion

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department

No 438

From

Major J. W. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

SIR,

As directed by Government in their order dated the 23rd September last, 1911, I have the honour to submit the following observations regarding the applicability to the guaranteed railways in this Presidency of the rules drawn up by the Government of India for dealing with the renting of houses built for and occupied by the employees of the several Companies. The proposed rules were referred to the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies, and the
opinions

opinions of those gentlemen are contained in the enclosed letters.

2 Rule I is now observed upon the railways in this Presidency, and there can be no objection to recognizing it as a standing rule for future guidance.

3. Rule II is so far observed on the Madras Railway that lists are kept of all houses occupied by the employes of the different Departments. These lists show the rents charged to the occupants, but not the actual cost of each building. Upon the Great Southern Railway no register has as yet been prepared; and the Agent states that the actual cost of each building cannot now be ascertained.

4 I am unable to see any valid reason why the registers should not be prepared according to the form suggested by the Government of India, and I have called upon the Agents to do so at once, the cost of each building being entered with as near an approach to accuracy as

* No 535 322
December 1868,
From Agent Madras
Railway Company
No 2809 18th Novem-
ber 1868, From
Agent Great
Southern of India
Railway Company

as is now possible.

5 Rule III has not hitherto been in force. Upon the Madras Railway the practice has been to charge as rent $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent upon the estimated (not the actual) cost of each building, provided that the rent so charged shall in no case amount to more than 10 per cent of the occupants' salary. The Chief Engineer states that "it was thought a fair arrangement to take the percentage of the estimated instead of the actual outlay, because the rates paid for construction vary according to localities, and it would be undesirable to have a different rental for precisely the same amount of accommodation."

6. Upon the Great Southern Rail-
way the Agent states that he is unable to advocate any alteration of the present arrange-
ment, as the men cannot afford to pay increased rents unless their pay is increased.

7. In my opinion the rule as proposed by the Government of India should be applied to the railways in this Presidency. The difference is at times so great between the estimated and the actual cost of buildings, that it would not be desirable to deal with the former only. The objection raised by the Madras Railway Officials might be met by taking an average of the actual cost of all buildings upon the line which have been constructed according to our plan. In the case of the employes of the Great Southern Railway I think that the correct course would be to raise their pay when necessary, and to charge them a fair rental for the buildings occupied by them. I gather from the Agents' letter that at present they either pay no rental, or one inadequate to the value of the accommodation supplied to them by the Company. The rent paid for any building might be restricted to 10 per cent of the

occupants'

occupants' salary, as is now the case on the Madras Railway; but if proper arrangements are made, it should seldom be necessary to bring this provision into force.

8. Rule IV should of course be enforced.

Madras
4th December
1868

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
Wm. Stewart Major R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Ry.

Madras, 3rd December 1868.

From

Robert P. Edwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M & Co.

To

Messrs J. H. & Son Stewart, & Co.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Adverting to your sheet of the 10th ultimo, No 376, and Order of Government dated the 23rd September 1868, relative to the applicability of the rules proposed by the Government of India for renting houses built for and occupied by Railway employees, I have the honor to submit in copy of the replies received from the Chief Engineer, Acting locomotive Superintendent, Traffic Clerk & Co., and Chief Station, from which it will be seen that the rules in force on this line, are very similar to those proposed by the Government of India. It appears to me however, difficult to frame regulations which will meet all cases, and that therefore exceptional cases, should be dealt with on their merits.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours obedient servant,
R. P. Edwin
Agent & Manager.

Wm

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Date 4th December 1868
Received 5th December 1868

No. 438.

Enclosure 3.

Submitting sheet

reference regarding the applicability to the quarantined railways in the Presidency of the rules drawn up by the Government of India for dealing with the nature of houses occupied by employees of the Company.

C. J. 1868-69, 1868

Madras Railway,
Penambour Works,
10th October 1868

To The Agent and Manager,
Dear Sir,

Proposed Rules by the Government of India
in regard to the renting of Railway Companies
Houses.

With reference to your statement to the
Order of the Madras Government of 30th dated
23rd September last, I consider that the proposed
rules are well adapted to secure the object in
view.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. Callaway
Ag. Secy. Superintendent.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras, 16 November 1868

N 446

Dear Sir,
With reference to G. O. N 3011 of the
23rd September last I beg to state
1. That to the best of my belief the rents
received in accounts of Houses built for employees
on the Railway, are credited to the Revenue account
of the Company.
2. That a list of houses occupied by
employees of the Engineering Department is sent
monthly to the Chief Accountant - This list
shows the rents charged but not the actual
cost of the building.

MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 30 October 1868
Recd 4.

N. No. 535

Removal of Office of the
from the old building to
the new building at the
end of the line for the
Houses built for employees
by the Railway Company

3 The rent charged for each House on Bungalows is equivalent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent upon the estimated outlay (vide para 8 of Board's letter N° 316 of the 20th February 1863) It was thought a fairer arrangement to take the per centage of the estimated instead of the actual outlay; because the rates paid for construction vary according to localities and it would be undesirable to have a different rental for precisely the same amount of accommodation.

Yours faithfully,
 Wm. Beverford Church, Chief Engineer.
 The Agent & Manager.

Madras Railway,
 Traffic Manager's Office
 Madras 17th November 1868.

N° 348

Dear Sir,

Proposed Rules for renting Houses built for Railway Servants.

Order of Government N° 3011 of the 23rd September.

The manner of dealing with this subject on this Railway is, in effect, the same as that proposed by the Government of India.

The Board of Directors have however ruled that whenever the rent exceeds 10 per cent of the occupants salary, 10 per cent only of his salary shall be charged for rent.

Yours faithfully,
 Wm. Church,
 Traffic Manager.
 The Agent and Manager.

Madras Railway Company,
 Chief Auditor's Office,
 Madras, 17th November 1868.

N° 60.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government P. N. D. 23rd September 1868, N° 437 and the Circular from the Government of India P. N. D. (Account Railway) dated Simla, 27th August 1868, N° 15, and to the Order thereon N° 428 dated 23rd September 1868, N° 3011 (Railway N° 42). I beg to say that the Rules proposed are nearly identical with our own. It is, however, to be regretted that the Government of India should consider it desirable to lay down precise rules in this, and other matters for the guidance of guaranteed Railways, for it will seldom happen that precise rules are suitable to every line of Railway in India; and hence the embarrassment which so frequently overtakes us in carrying on our ordinary duties.

As to para 3, I cannot agree in thinking that temporary quarters, as such, should be chargeable to revenue, each case should be considered on its own merits.

Yours faithfully,
 Wm. Church,
 Chief Auditor.

The Agent & Manager,

/ True Copies /
 Wm. J. L. L.
 Agent & Manager

Great Southern of India Railway 21
Agents office Negapatam 18 Nov 1868

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From

The Agent
Great Southern of India Railway

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to offer the
following remarks upon the Government
of India paper relative to renting of
houses built for and occupied by
Railway employees.

Rule 1. has always been followed on
this Company's line

Rule 2. A Register of buildings can
be made up, but the actual cost of each
cannot be shown as no record of the total
expenditure of all buildings has been
kept

Rule 3. I am unable to advocate
any alteration of the present arrangement
the

20/11/68 J. H. W.

the men cannot afford to pay increased
rents unless I increase their pay.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant
William S. Jones
Agent

Public Works Department

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No 42

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer
for Railways } (Here enter No 458 dated 17th December 1868)

Ordered that the
papers be forwarded to
the Govt. of India with
reference to their Circular
of 15th dated 27th August
1868.

For the Engineer
1868

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Sir With reference to the
Circular from the Govt.
of India of 15th of the
27th August 1868, I am
directed to forward herewith
a letter from the
Consulting Engineer for Railways

No 2009
1868
The Agent.
Mr. C. C. C.
for Railways
Madras.
Dates 15th & 18th 1868.
Office Memorandum.
of dated paper No.
No. 2009 of 1868.
by Railway Engineer

confirming his views
and those of the Agents
of the Railways and
Great ²⁵ Ind of India

(Railways regarding
the applicability to their
respective lines of the
rules proposed to be
adopted by the Govt
of India for dealing
with the renting of
houses built for and
occupied by the em-
ployees of Guaranteed
Railway Companies.

It will be observed
that the Rules at present
in force in this Presidency
are somewhat similar
to those on which the

opinion of the ²⁵ Govt
has been requested,
and that the Chief
Engineer considers that
there should be no dif-
ference in adopting
the latter in their intig-
nity. In this view
His Excellency the
Governor in Council
concurs.

W. B.

Recd 8/1/82 City of B.
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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Engrs.
for Railways

Date

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Nos. 81-82 & 83

dealing with the renting of houses
built for & occupied by the em-
-ployees of the Guaranteed Ry. Com-
-panies & forwarded the report of
India with the opinion of
the Madras Govt. thereon -

Rules (By) Copying orders on the
letter from the Engrs. regarding
the applicability of the Madras
& G. S. & Ry. of the rules proposed
to be adopted by the Govt. of India for
dealing with the renting of houses
built for and occupied by the em-
-ployees of Guaranteed Ry. Companies -

Rules (By) Letter from the Engrs.
on the applicability of the Madras
& G. S. & Ry. of the rules proposed for
dealing