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No. 463. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th June 1869, No. 183:—

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Order of Government, dated the 28th ultimo, No. 1,751, I have the honour to state that, in my opinion, it is undesirable to re-consider the terms for the conveyance of troops by rail to which the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways have agreed. The charges, as well as the other points included in those terms, were carefully considered with reference to the circumstances of this Presidency before being recommended for approval. It is suggested by the Government of India that there is a material difference between the fares in force on the Madras Railways and those which obtain on the Railways in Bengal; but I cannot see that this is the case.

* Newman's Indian Bradshaw for April 1869, pages 14, 26, and 28.

A reference to the accompanying Railway Guide* will show that on the three Bengal Railways, the East Indian, the Eastern Bengal, and the Calcutta and South-Eastern, the lowest fare is in each case three pies per mile, being the same as that now in force in this Presidency.

2. With reference to the fairness of the rate of Rupees 2-2-0 per train mile for extra postal trains, it will be seen from the accompanying statement that during the last half-year the cost per train mile was Rupees 1-13-3 upon the South-West Line of the Madras Railway, and Rupees 1-14-2 upon the North-West Line, so that the accepted rate of Rupees 2-2-0 is only slightly in excess of the actual working cost. Upon the Great Southern of India Railway the working expenses per train mile are lower, having amounted during the last half-year to no more than Rupees 1-3-8, and a reduction in the rate might be fairly urged upon this ground. It is, however, highly improbable that extra postal trains will be required upon this line for many years to come, and I do not think that any practical advantage will be gained by re-opening the question.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st June 1869.

Half-year ended	SOUTH-WEST LINE.			NORTH-WEST LINE.			GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.		
	Train Miles.	Working ex- penses.	Cost per Train Mile.	Train Miles.	Working ex- penses.	Cost per Train Mile.	Train Miles.	Working ex- penses.	Cost per Train Mile.
30th June 1864 ...	469,581	7,23,940	1 8 8	27,757	37,627	1 5 8	56,051	83,408	1 7 10
31st December ,, ...	556,061	8,79,539	1 9 4	42,635	57,301	1 5 6	57,824	86,522	1 7 11
30th June 1865 ...	584,660	9,29,237	1 9 5	56,425	72,069	1 4 5	65,393	88,872	1 5 9
31st December ,, ...	587,695	9,23,795	1 9 2	84,456	97,438	1 2 5	71,342	1,01,509	1 6 9
30th June 1866 ...	549,206	9,45,313	1 11 6	86,210	99,804	1 2 6	78,111	95,109	1 3 6
31st December ,, ...	528,590	10,16,509	1 11 11	104,109	1,19,882	1 2 7	108,442	1,32,696	1 3 7
30th June 1867 ...	561,182	9,39,362	1 10 9	114,904	1,55,475	1 5 8	111,318	1,41,261	1 4 4
31st December ,, ...	572,532	9,37,870	1 10 3	116,258	1,90,417	1 10 2	123,638	1,60,730	1 4 9
30th June 1868 ...	561,788	9,90,170	1 12 2	136,362	2,51,392	1 13 6	153,108	1,75,216	1 2 4
31st December ,, ...	561,039	10,24,634	1 13 3	157,282	2,96,624	1 14 2	155,785	1,91,338	1 3 8

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS,
8th June 1869.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st June 1869.

No. 464. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1869, No. 2,017.

RAILWAY, No. 27.

ON a careful consideration of the facts brought to notice in this letter, the Government concur with the Consulting Engineer for Railways in thinking that it is undesirable to re-open the question of the fairness of the charges which have been agreed to by the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways for the conveyance of troops, as well as of the rate per train mile for extra postal trains.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 465. Docket No. 2,018, dated 21st June 1869.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to Colonel Strachey's letter, No. 482-R. of the 6th May 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
INDIA

Dated June 21st

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FOR THE SECRETARY

NOTE.—A copy of the
Proceedings of the Committee
to be the M. P. and G. S. of
India Railways for the consideration of
the Government of India.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department.

No. 183.

From

Major J. H. McShaw Stewart M.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel L. A. Owen M.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

SIR,

In compliance with the
instructions contained in the order
of Government dated the 28th ultimo,
No. 1751, I have the honour to state
that in my opinion it is undesirable
to reconsider the terms for the con-
veyance of troops by rail to which
the Madras and the Great Southern
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case 3 pice per mile, being the same
as that now in force in this Presidency.

2 With reference to the
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it will be seen from the accompanying
statement.

See note
Appendix
for April 1878
page 14-26-28

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To
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The Secretary to Government,
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the letter from the Engineer stating
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for the conveyance of troops.

Charges (By) A copy of the Pro.
relative to the terms agreed to by the
Madras & G. S. Ry. for the con-
veyance of troops, forwarded to
the Genl of India.