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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3229-30 Press Mis.

113-15

Dated 6-10 1829.

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No. 113. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th September 1869, No. 293 :—

In their order, dated 18th March 1869, No. 895, the Government directed that the charge on account of the home expenditure of the Indian Tramway Company should be included in the general accounts submitted to this Government, and the Agents accordingly remitted to the Home Board the sum of Rs. 4,772-5-8, being the balance* shown by them to be due on account of home expenditure during 1868.

* Sum sanctioned by Secretary of State	£	818	3 5
or Rupees	8,181	11	4
Deduct to meet cost of rolling stock.	3,409	5	8
	4,772	5	8

2. With reference to this remittance, I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a correspondence† which has taken place between the Agents and this Office. It will be seen that the Agents, at the instance of the Board, request permission to make a further remittance of £10-4-4, being the loss which is stated to have occurred in remitting, at the exchange of the day, the above sum of Rupees 5-8.

† From Agents, No. 312, dated 26th Aug. 1869.
To ,, ,, 630, ,, 4th Sept. ,,
From ,, ,, 324, ,, 7th ,, ,,

3. The case is peculiar, as I believe that in all previous instances the home expenditure of the various Guaranteed Railway Companies has been defrayed in England by the Home Government. If in the case of the Tramway Company, the sum which has been allowed by the Secretary of State to cover home expenses is to be remitted to the Board free of all cost on account of exchange, the large portion of the Company's earnings, which is now absorbed by those expenses, will be considerably increased; and, as the Government are well aware, the earnings of the Company can ill bear any such increase. As the additional charge will in reality fall upon the State, I do not feel myself at liberty, without further instructions, to authorize the remittance for which the Board have applied.

4. I may mention that in writing to the Agents in November 1868, the Board requested that two shillings per rupee might be adopted as the rate of exchange in all their transactions, stating that to allow any change would produce great confusion.

From the Secretaries and Agents of the Indian Tramway Company (Limited), to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 26th August 1869, No. 312.

In closing the Revenue Accounts for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December 1868, we fixed the rate of exchange for calculating the home expenses at 2*s*, and remitted the equivalent in sterling money to the Home Board, *at the exchange of the day;** the Board in a recent letter received, ask us to make a remittance to them of the loss in exchange amounting to £10-4-4, as shown in the enclosed memorandum, which we have the honour to request you will authorize us to do, charging the equivalent against the Revenue Account for the half-year ending 31st December 1869.

* 1*s.* 11¼*d.*

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretaries and Agents of the Indian Tramway Company, dated Madras, 4th September 1869, No. 630.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter, dated the 26th ultimo, No. 312, in which you ask for authority to remit to the Board the sum of £10-4-4, being the loss sustained in remitting, at the

exchange of the day, the sum of Rupees 4,772-5-8, the balance due on account of home expenses for the year 1868, I have the honour to request that you will have the goodness to refer the Board to their letter to your address, an extract from which is given in your letter to us, dated the 15th December 1868, No. 208. You will observe that the Board requested that 2*s.* per Rupee might be adopted as the rate of exchange in all their transactions, stating that "to allow any change would produce great confusion."

2. Under these circumstances, I do not consider myself at liberty to authorize the remittance in question.

From the Secretaries and Agents of the Indian Tramway Company, Limited, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th September 1869, No. 324.

In acknowledging receipt of your communication, No. 650, of the 4th instant, declining to authorize a remittance to the Home Board of £10-4-4 for reasons therein stated, in reply we have the honour to state that the Board in requesting us to adopt 2*s.* per Rupee as the exchange in all their transactions, wished us to understand that the difference in exchange spent in purchasing a bill is chargeable to Revenue. We cannot give the Board help except at market rate.

2. Under this explanation, we trust you will reconsider your decision and authorize us to make the remittance.

MEMORANDUM.

	£	s.	d.	Exchange	Rs.	A.	P.
Home expenses for the year 1868	818	1	6	@ 2*s.*	8,181	11	4
Less amount reserved to meet a portion of cost for constructing new rolling stock, Rs 3,103-5-8	340	15	8	...	3,409	5	8
	477	4	9	...	4,772	5	8
Amount paid in London, *minus* cost of Stamps, 6*s.* 5*d.*	467	0	5	@ 2*s.* 1 1/4*d.*	4,772	5	8
Loss in Exchange... ...	£10	4	4				

(Signed) ARBUTHNOT & Co.,
Secretaries and Agents.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1869, No. 3,229.

RAILWAY, No. 17.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded for the orders of the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 3,230, dated 6th October 1869.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *6th October* 1869.

No. 3,230.

No. 115.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I AM directed herewith to forward a letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways relating to the question of

RAILWAY, No. 18.

the exchange at which remittances by the Indian Tramway Company's Agents in this country to their Board of Directors should be made on account of the cost of Home management, which the Secretary of State has decided should be met from the earnings of the Company.

2. As it appears that the Board of Directors have asked their Agents, for the sake of convenience, to adopt two shillings per rupee as the exchange in all their transactions, I am to request that the Government of India will inform this Government whether the difference between that rate of exchange and the market rate may be met from the earnings of the line or be charged to Capital.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Indian Treasury 6th Dec.
Simla 26th August 1864

No 312

From J. H. A. Macdonald Esq.
Asst. Sec. to Govt. of India

To

The Secretary to the Revenue Accounts
for the last 6 years ending 31st March & 31st
December 1863, and fixing the rate of
exchange for calculating the Home expenses
of 3d. and remitted the equivalent in sterling
money to the Home Board, at the exchange
of the day.* The Board in account rendered,
received, ask us to make a remittance on
account of the loss on exchange amounting
to £ 10,4,4. as shown in the enclosed
memo, and have requested, if you
will authorize us to do, charging the
equivalent against the Revenue Account
for the last year ending 31st March 1864
to have the loss brought to
Credit

Yours most obedient Servant
A. Macdonald
Secretary to Govt

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Carlburg Depart

Cons: Engrs Office

No 630

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Sir

I am directed and Agents
Indian Tramway Company
Limited

Gentlemen

I acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated the 26th ultimo, No
312, in which you ask for a credit
in favour of the Board the sum of
£ 10-12-11, being the sum received
in settling, at the exchange of the
day, the sum of Rs. 1772-5-8, the
balance due on account of Horse —
expenses for the year 1868, — I have
the honour to request that you will
have the goodness to keep the Board
to their letter to your address, an
extract from which is given in your
letter to me dated the 15th December
1868,

The Secretaries & Agents,
INDIAN TRAMWAY COMPANY,
(Limited.)
MADRAS.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Bangalore 16th
Dec. 1868.

Sir,

With reference to the
communication made to
Messrs. Parry & Co. on the
subject mentioned in the
margin of the 26th ult.
I have the honour to request
that you will be pleased to
cause the amount to be
placed to the credit of this
Department in the Treasury
Bangalore.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Consulting Engineer for Railways

1868, N° 268. Upon which I observed that the Board requested that the following per rupee might be adopted as the Rate of exchange in all their transactions, stating that "to effect any change would produce great confusion"

Under these circumstances I do not consider myself at liberty to authorize the proposed change

I have &c

(Signed) H. Le Geyt Lieut. Colonel
Comm. Engr. for Railways

(Seen & Approved)
Macdonnell Lieut. Colonel R.E.
Comm. Engr. for Railways

Madras
the 26th Sept
1868

Indian Tramway Company Limited

No 324. Madras 7th September 1869.

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

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your communication N° 630 of the 4th instant declining to authorise a remittance to the Home Board of £ 10. 2. 1. for reasons therein stated, we beg we have the honor to state that the Board in requesting us to adopt 2/5 per rupee as the exchange in all their transactions wished us to understand that the difference in exchange spent in purchasing bill as charged to Revenue. We cannot give the Board bills except at market rate.

Under this explanation we trust you will reconsider your decision and authorise us to make the remittance.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,
A Donnadieu
Secretary and Agent.

Memo

	£	s	d	k	f
Home expenses for the year 1883	816.	3	3	851.	11
Less amount reserved to meet a portion of cost for constructing 2 loo Rollings Stock Rs 3209. 5. 8	342.	15	8	3209.	5
	474.	4	4	4772.	5
Amount paid in London towards cost of Loco &c	167.	5	9½	4772.	5
Loss in Exchange	£ 10.	4	4		

Secretaries & Agents.

The Secretaries & Agents,
EGYPTIAN TRAMWAY COMPANY,
(Limited.)
MADRAS.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

DATED
FEB.

Sir,

No.

Referring to the foregoing memorandum
relative to your claim
for Commission on
Cost of Rolling Stock
for the Egyptian Tramways
I beg to state that I have no objection
to the above being paid.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Railway Department.

No. 295.

From

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Rs. 218-8-5	Rs. 218-8-5	
2464-7-3	2181-11-4	282-11-11
1372-5-8	1372-5-8	

tion of Government a correspondence which has taken place between the Agents and their Officers. I wish to know that the Agents, at the instance of the Board, request permission to send to their remittance of £10 to 1, every Bank Check or Draft to pass current as Bank Bills of the exchange of the day, the above Rate of Interest 4772-5-3-

3. The case is peculiar, as I believe that in all previous instances the Home Expenditure of Mercantile Servants had been (emphatically) borne by England and by the Home Treasury of the Company, the sum which has been allowed by the Secretary of State to cover Home expenses is to be remitted to the Board free of all cost on account of exchange, the large portion of the Company's earnings which is now applied by them to purchases would be immediately invested, and the Government would be aware, the earnings of the Company can ill bear any such increase. As the additional charge will inevitably fall upon the State, I do not feel myself at liberty, without

Letter Report
N° 317, of 1869
No do: N° 830 of
1868
Revenue 324,
of 1869

for the instruction, to accept the Remittance for which the Board have applied.

4. I may mention that in writing to the Agents in November 1868, the Board requested that two Shillings per rupee might be adopted as the rate of exchange in all Government transactions, stating that to allow any change would produce great confusion.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Major Genl)

Secretary to Government

Fort William

the 2 September 1869

Genl. Dep. for Secretary

Public Works Department

No 3229

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 6th October 1869

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways, G.O. No 293 3/10th September 1869

Ordered that these papers be forwarded for the orders of the Govt. of India.

To the Govt. of India. No 3230

Sir, I am directed here with to forward a letter from the Cons. Engineer for Railways relating to the question of the exchange at which remittances by the Indian Treasuries Com-

Public Works Department

No.

Dated 6th October 1869.

Received

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Sir, I am directed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to request that you will please inform Government that these papers are required for the orders of the Government of India.

I have &c.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No 119

Ex. 2 Sept. 94-2-240

In their Corresp.

Company's Agents, in their Board of Directors should be made on account of the cost of Home Management, which the Secretary of State has decided should be met from the earnings of the Company.

As it appears that the Board of Directors have asked their Agents, for the sake of convenience, to adopt two shillings per Rupee as the Exchange in all their transactions, I am to request that the Govt: of India will enquire this Govt: whether the difference between that

the rate of Exchange and the Market rate may be met from the Earnings of the line or be chargeable to Capital.

Copy of Despatch

Para 22 of 1867

No. 6.

c.22nd Sept 1855 to Oct 22-24

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Board of Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Contracting Engineer for Railways

Dated

Read

Nos. 113 - 114 & 115

Jedrau Fawcett & Co respecting orders on the letter from Sterling Co. respecting bills given in payment for purchases at which remittances by the Agency the Jedrau Fawcett & Co should be made on account of the Contractors Department, forwarded & duly paid by their remarks.

Jedrau Fawcett & Co A letter from the Co. respecting bills given in payment of the purchases at which remittances by the Agency the Jedrau Fawcett & Co. should be made on

C. 22nd September 1864 OR-2445