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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th February 1869.*

No. 257. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th January 1869, No. 11 :—

1. I have the honour to request the decision of the Government as to whether the whole of the clauses of the new experimental Telegraph Tariff, as published in the "Fort St. George Gazette"* of the 13th October last, are to be applied in the case of the Guaranteed Railway Companies. In the Resolution printed with the Order of this Government, of the 30th October last, No. 3,411, the Governor General in Council directed that the rates of the new tariff should be adopted by the Railway Companies licensed to transmit telegrams for the public; but there seems to be some doubt as to whether the whole of the conditions contained in the new tariff are binding on the Companies.

* Pages 576—8.

2. Clause XX. of the new tariff provides for the free delivery of messages at any place within five miles of the Telegraph Station. It having been brought to my notice that this condition was not observed by the Madras Railway Company, I addressed the Agent on the subject; and his replies† I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Government.

† No. 7, dated 7th January 1869.

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3. It will be seen that the Railway authorities construe the new tariff, so far as the Railway lines of Telegraph are concerned, to imply simply a "Station to Station" rate, not including delivery of the messages. Mr. Elwin further points out, that the cost of delivering messages at Madras free of charge within a radius of five miles from the Railway Station, will often amount to more than the sum received by the Company for transmitting the messages. He adds, that though the Company had better be without such traffic than with it, he does not recommend, that the public should be deprived of the right to use the Railway Telegraph, but, with a view to meet the exceptional position he advocates, that the actual cost of Peon hire be paid by the receiver of each message.

4. Whatever may have been the intentions of the Government of India with regard to the acceptance by the Railway Companies of the conditions contained in the new Telegraph Tariff, I cannot think the Madras Railway authorities unreasonable in asking that the special circumstances of the town of Madras should be specially provided for. The town is of so straggling a nature, and the average distances of the houses from the Railway Terminus are so great, that to exact free delivery of all messages within a radius of five miles would impose a heavy tax on the Company.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th January 1869, No. 7.

1. In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, No. 2, I have the honour to quote as follows from a report received this morning from the Traffic Manager.

"With reference to the Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 2, dated 5th instant, I beg to inform you that the charge for Peon hire was made on my authority, after a very careful perusal of the Order of Government, No. 3,411, of the 30th October, received with your endorsement,

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9th February 1869.*

" dated 4th November, which is the only document I have received from you for my guidance with reference to the new Telegraph Tariff.

" In the second resolution of the Government of India, embodied in the Order above quoted, you will not fail to observe that the words ' Stations' and ' Station' are used, with the obvious intention, it appears to me, of defining the limit of our obligations to the public.

" In other words, the new Telegraph Tariff, in Railway phraseology, is simply a ' Station' to Station' rate, and does not include delivery.

" As already stated, the Order of Government referred to is the only document I have received from you, and I have not seen the " Fort St. George Gazette." "

2. I return the receipt for Peon hire, which accompanied your communication.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 8th January 1869, No. 8.

1. With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, No. 2, my reply of yesterday, No. 7, and to the conversation which took place after the Stores Committee this morning, I have the honour to point out that if telegrams are to be delivered free within five miles of the Telegraph Station, as provided in the Notification, dated Simla, the 20th September 1868, it will frequently happen that the transaction will result in an absolute loss to the Company.

2. For instance, a telegram despatched from Trichinopoly, via Erode, addressed to any gentleman residing in the Adyar, a distance of about five miles from the station, would cost for delivery alone 2 Annas per mile, or 10 Annas for the whole distance, whilst this Company's proportion of a through message, consisting of ten words, would be only 8 Annas.

3. A similar result would follow in dealing with the delivery of messages to Sydapett, Nungumbakum, Kilpauk, Chetput, Perambore, the Luz, St. Thomè, &c. &c., and you will readily understand from this that the Railway Company had better be without traffic of this nature than with it.

4. I would not recommend that the privilege hitherto enjoyed by the public, of despatching messages by the Railway Telegraph, should be withdrawn, but I would advocate, with a view to meet our exceptional position, (the houses of the residents being far removed from the Railway Terminus,) that the actual cost of Peon hire be paid by the receiver of each message.

No. 258.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1869, No. 425.

RAILWAY, No. 18.

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India with a view to the instructions of that Government being obtained on the points noticed therein.

(Here enter No. 426, dated 9th February 1869.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th February 1869.

No. 426.

No. 259.

To

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

SIR,

In forwarding herewith the accompanying letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, I am directed by the

Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request the instructions of the Government of India as to whether the new experimental Telegraph Tariff and Rules are to be adopted in their integrity by Guaranteed Railway Companies, and, if so, whether, under the exceptional circumstances brought to notice by the Agent of the Madras Railway, the Railway authorities may be permitted to recover the actual cost of Peon hire from the receiver of a message.

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.

Govt. of India

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA

Dated Feb. 11, 1869.

Recd

G. O. 9414, 10th Feb. 1869, No. 420.

FEBRUARY.

No. 259

Telegraph Tariff and Rules.—The Government of India requested to furnish certain information in connection with the new experimental Telegraph Tariff and Rules.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 11.

From

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

To

Colonel C. A. Barr R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Pages 576-8

I have the honor to request the decision of the Government as to whether the whole of the clauses of the new experimental Telegraph Tariff, as published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 13th October last, are to be applied, in the case of the guaranteed Railway Companies. In the Resolution printed with the order of this Government of the 30th October last, No 3411, the Governor General in Council directed that the rates of the new Tariff should be adopted by the Railway Companies licensed to transmit telegrams for the public; but there seems to be some doubt as to whether the whole of the conditions contained in the new Tariff are binding on the Companies.

Clause 20 of the new Tariff provides

for the free delivery of messages at any place within five miles of the Telegraph Station. It having been brought to my notice that this condition was not observed by the Madras Railway Company, I addressed the Agent on the subject, and his replies I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government. 11th & 13th Janry 69

It will be seen that the Railway Authorities construe the new Tariff, so far as the Railway lines of telegraph are concerned, to imply simply a "Station to Station" rate, not including delivery of the messages. Mr. Elwin further points out that the cost of delivering messages at Madras free of charge within a radius of 5 miles from the Railway Station will often amount to more than the sum received by the Company for transmitting the messages. He adds that though the Company had better be without such traffic than with it, he does not recommend that the public should be deprived of the right to use the Railway Telegraph, but with a view to meet the exceptional position he advocates that the actual cost of Peon hire be paid by the receiver of each message.

Whatever may have been the intentions of the Government of India with regard to the acceptance by the Railway Companies of the conditions contained in the new Telegraph Tariff, I cannot think the Madras Railway Authorities unreasonable in asking that the special circumstances of the town of Madras should be specially provided for. The town is of so

straggling a nature, and the average distances of the houses from the Railway Terminus are so great, that to exact free delivery of all messages within a radius of 5 miles would impose a heavy tax on the Company.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm. Stewart

Major R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras
7th January 1869

No. 7

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 7th January 1869.

From

Robert P. Clinin Esq.,

Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Major H. H. Shaw Stewart, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, at 2, I have the honor to quote as follows from a report received this morning from the Traffic Manager.

"With reference to the Consulting Engineer's letter at 2 dated 5th instant, I beg to inform you that the change for Beam hire was made on my authority, after a very careful perusal of the Order of Government No 3411 of the 30th October received with your endorsement dated 4th November, which is the only document I have received from you for my guidance with reference to the new Telegraph Tariff.

In the second resolution of the Government of India, embodied in the Order above quoted, you will not fail to observe that the words 'stations' and 'Station' are used, with the obvious intention, it appears to me, of defining the limit of our obligations to the Public.

In other words, the new Telegraph Tariff, in Railway phraseology is simply

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From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
No. 116.

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

Date 4th January 1869.
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425 of 25th January 1869
The Secretary to the

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under the whole of the
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as published in the
the 1st of January 1869

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"Station to Station" rates and does not include
delivery. It is already stated the Order of
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I have received from you, and I have
not seen the "Levi Saint George Gazette".
I return the receipt for your
kind, which accompanied your communi-
cation -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. J. Winter
Agent and Messenger.

No. 8.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE.

Madras, 8th January 1869.

From

R. B. Edwin Esqre,

Agent and Manager of the RR.

To

Major H. H. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, No 2, my reply of yesterday, No 7 and to the conversation which took place after the stores committee this morning, I have the honor to point out that if telegrams are to be delivered free within five miles of the telegraph station, as provided in the notification dated similar the 20th September 1868, it will frequently happen that the transaction will result in an absolute loss to the Company.

For instance a telegram despatched from Trichinopoly via Erode addressed to any gentleman residing in the Adyar, a distance of about 5 miles from the station, would cost for delivery alone, 2 annas per mile or 10 annas for the whole distance, whilst the Company's proportion of a through message consisting of few words would be only 8 annas.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 7th January 1869

Recd

No. 7

1869/1/6/1869

Concerning an application from the Trichinopoly Branch for telegrams to be delivered free within five miles of the station. The following is a list of the telegrams referred to in the letter No 2.

Trichinopoly 1869/1/6/1869

3. A similar result would follow in dealing with the delivery of messages to Sydapatt, Kungambakam, Kilpauk, Chetput, Perambore, the City, St. Thome, &c. &c. and you will readily understand from this that the Railway Company had better be without traffic of this nature than with it.

4. I would not recommend that the privilege hitherto enjoyed by the Public of despatching messages by the Railway Telegraph should be withdrawn, but I would advocate with a view to meet our exceptional position, (the Houses of the Presidents being far removed from the Railway terminus), that the actual cost of Peon hire be paid by the receiver of each message.

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

W. J. Brown
Agent and Manager.

the receiver of a message.

W. H.

Engineer for Railways,
I am directed by the
Right Honble the Governor
in Council to request
the instructions of the
Government of India
as to whether the new
experimental Telegraph
Tariff and rules are to be
adopted in their integrity
by guaranteed Railway
Companies, and ^{if so} whether,
under the exceptional
circumstances brought
to notice by the Agent
of the Madras Railway,
the Railway Authorities
may be permitted to
recover the actual
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To The Consulting Engrs.
for Railways

Dated

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G. O. February 1869, No. 4258/176

Nos. 257-258 & 259

Certain information in
connection with the new
Experimental telegraph tariff
and rules.

Telegraph tariff under Papering
Orders on the letter from the
Engineering for Pys. requesting to
be furnished with certain in-
formation in connection
with the new ^{Experimental} telegraph tariff
and rules.

Telegraph tariff and rules. The
Mty of India requested to furnish
certain