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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th February 1869.*

No. 304. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 18th January 1869, No. 218:—

Read the following papers:—

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th November 1868, No. 404.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, letters*from the Agent and Traffic Manager of the

*No. 2,774, dated 21st October 1868, with Great Southern of India Railway, re-enclosure.

„ 2,792, „ 5th November „ requesting permission to charge interest, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum,

upon all sums due to the Company which shall not be paid within the month following that in which the debt is incurred.

2. Sanction to a similar arrangement for the Madras Railway Company was given at a meeting at the Madras Railway Terminus, the proceedings of which were approved in Orders of Government, No. 2,625, dated 17th August 1868.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 21st October 1868, No. 2,774.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, the attached copies of letters between myself and the Military Department, relative to the delay which takes place in the payment of this Company's bills for the carriage of troops; and to request that the sanction recently accorded to the Madras Railway Company, to charge interest at 12 per cent. per annum, may be extended to this Company also, on all such items that are not paid at the time the service is performed.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 5th November 1868, No. 2,792.

Your No. 296.

I shall feel obliged if you will obtain the sanction of Government to my charging interest, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, upon all items which have not been paid to this Company within the month following that in which the debt was incurred.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, Negapatam, to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, No. 1868.

1. I have again to address you on the subject of the delay which takes place in the payment of this Company's accounts for the carriage of troops.

2. On the 5th ultimo, I rendered to your office the Carriage account for the month of August, it was not returned until the 29th idem, and then I was informed (letter No. 6,869) that three warrants were still under reference, and would be returned hereafter.

3. By our contract we are not bound to carry troops without pre-payment of fares. Our Act compels ordinary passengers to pre-pay their fares. I have no desire to withdraw the concession which has usually been accorded to the Military Department, but I must ask in return that the Company's bills be paid punctually when rendered. Any references which have to be made should not interfere with the payment to the Railway Company—the troops have been carried in the full belief that the warrant handed in at the time of booking in lieu of cost is a duly authorised voucher.

4. I trust to receive your assurance that prompt payments will be made in future, and that warrants previously referred to will be passed for payment without further delay.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th February 1869.*

From the Deputy Quarter Master General, to the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway,
Negapatam, No. 7082.

I have the honor, by order, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply to inform you, that the Controller of Military Accounts requires that all Railway bills should be checked in this office; when a number of bills are presented at the same time some delay must necessarily occur, and your bills cannot be passed except in their turn.

2. I am, however, to acquaint you, that every endeavour is made to pass on the bills as quickly as possible, but in some cases, further references are found to be necessary, as in the case of the three warrants alluded to in your letter under reply.

REFERRED to the Military Department, with a view to its being ascertained whether there is any objection to the payment of Railway bills for the conveyance of troops being made on the presentation of those bills, subject to refunds, if necessary, on the amounts being checked and passed.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
18th November 1868. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

REFERRED to the Commander-in-Chief, Quarter Master General's Department, for report, through the Controller of Military Accounts.

20th November 1868.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th November 1868, No. 8,127.

1. In returning the papers received under reference, Memorandum dated 20th instant, the Quarter Master General has the honor, by order, to state that there is no objection in this department to the suggestion in the Public Works Department for the disposal of Railway bills; at the same time, begs to observe, that the claim for interest will rarely occur.

2. It is submitted that in other Presidencies the Railway bills are not checked by the Quarter Master General's Department, but on a recent reference to the Controller of Military Accounts, the Controller stated that "the audit of Railway bills cannot be efficiently conducted unless the accuracy of the Returns is fully ascertained," and that this Department having "a direct knowledge of the cause and necessity of all movements, and the proper composition of the parties proceeding by rail, is in the best position to check the Returns referred to," very little delay will in future occur in this department in checking the bills to the above extent.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 19th Dec. 1868, A.

Ordered that the foregoing Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Major,
Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th February 1869.*

No. 305. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1869, No. 449.

RAILWAY, No. 22.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

2. Mr. Betts' arrangement is sanctioned.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Military Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of 1869, Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS
&c. &c. &c.

Dated February, 11th.

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G. O., 11th February 1869 No 449

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 304-305

*Railway Bills — Proceedings Military
Department, relative to the disposal of
Railway bills for the conveyance of troops,
communicated to the Officer concerned.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.
18th January 1839.

Read the following papers:—

No. 417. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 10th November 1868, No. 404.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, letters* from the Agent and Traffic Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, requesting permission to charge interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum

upon all sums due to the Company which shall not be paid within the month following that in which the debt is incurred.

2. Sanction to a similar arrangement for the Madras Railway Company was given at a meeting at the Madras Railway Terminus, the proceedings of which were approved in Orders of Government No. 2625, dated 17th August 1868.

From the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras; dated Negapatam, 21st October 1868, No. 2774.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, the attached copies of letters between myself and the Military Department, relative to the delay which takes place in the payment of this Company's bills for the carriage of troops; and to request that the sanction recently accorded to the Madras Railway Company, to charge interest at 12 per cent. per annum, may be extended to this Company also, on all such items that are not paid at the time the service is performed.

From the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras; dated Negapatam, 5th November 1868, No. 2792.

Your No. 296.

I shall feel obliged if you will obtain the sanction of Government to my charging interest, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, upon all items which have not been paid to this Company within the month following that in which the debt was incurred.

From the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, Negapatam, to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, No. ¹⁰⁸⁶⁸/₆₆₅₃.

I have again to address you on the subject of the delay which takes place in the payment of this Company's accounts for the carriage of troops.

2. On the 5th ultimo, I rendered to your office the carriage account for the month of August, it was not returned until the 29th idem, and then I was informed (letter No. 6869) that three warrants were still under reference and would be returned hereafter.

3. By our contract we are not bound to carry troops without pre-payment of fares. Our act compels ordinary passengers to pre-pay their fares. I have no desire to withdraw the concession which has usually been accorded to the Military Department, but I must ask in return that the Company's bills be paid punctually when rendered. Any references which have to be made should not interfere with the payment to the Railway Company—the troops have been carried in the full belief that the warrant handed in at the time of booking in lieu of cost is a duly authorised voucher.

4. I trust to receive your assurance that prompt payments will be made in future, and that warrants previously referred to will be passed for payment without further delay.

From the Deputy Quarter Master General, to the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, Negapatam, No. ⁸⁵⁰/₇₀₃₂.

I have the honor, by order, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply to inform you that the Controller of Military Accounts requires that all Railway bills should be checked in this office; when a number of bills are presented at the same time some delay must necessarily occur and your bills cannot be passed except in their turn.

Military Dept ✓

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.
18th January 1869.

2. I am, however, to acquaint you that every endeavour is made to pass on the bills as quickly as possible, but in some cases further references are found to be necessary, as in the case of the three warrants alluded to in your letter under reply.

Referred to the Military Department, with a view to its being ascertained whether there is any objection to the payment of Railway bills for the conveyance of troops being made on the presentation of those bills, ~~subject~~ to refunds, if necessary, on the amounts being checked and passed.

18th November 1868.

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

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department) for report, through the Controller of Military Accounts.

20th November 1868.

No. 418. Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 28th November 1868, No. 8127.

In returning the papers received under reference memorandum, dated 20th instant, the Quarter Master General has the honor, by order, to state that there is no objection in this Department to the suggestion in the Public Works Department for the disposal of Railway bills; at the same time begs to observe that the claim for interest will rarely occur.

2. It is submitted that in other Presidencies the Railway bills are not checked by the Quarter Master General's Department; but on a recent reference to the Controller Military Accounts, the Controller stated that "the audit of Railway bills cannot be efficiently conducted unless the accuracy of the returns is fully ascertained," and that this Department having "a direct knowledge of the cause and necessity of all movements, and the proper composition of the parties proceeding by rail, is in the best position to check the returns referred to," very little delay will in future occur in this Department in checking the bills to the above extent.

No. 419. With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 19th Dec. 1868, A.

No. 420. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1869, No. 218.

Ordered that the foregoing memorandum from the Quarter Master General, be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Michaels

Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with 3 enclosures. *20/10/69*
.. Quarter Master General.
.. Controller of Military Accounts.

Ed. J. E. Cashart.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Military Dept. (Here enter No 218/18 Jan 1869)

Public Works Dept
Govt. of Madras.

MILITARY.
To *No 244*
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
&c, &c, &c.

Dated January, 18th.

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G. O., 18th January 1869, No. 218.

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JANUARY.
Nos. 417-420.

Communicating to the Public Works Department, copy of memorandum from the Quarter Master General, stating that there is no objection to the payment of Railway bills for the conveyance of troops being made on presentation of those bills, subject to refunds on the amounts being checked.

No 304

No 449 - 11 Feb 1869

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The Comd Engrs for Railways
" Military Dept
Recd 12/2/69

Communicated to the
Consulting Engineers for
Railways -
Mr Bell's arrangement
is sanctioned.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Consulting Engr.*
for Railways

Dated

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G. O. 11th July 1869, No. 449.

Nos. 304-315

Railway bills. Over duly
Depd relative to the disposal
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