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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th January 1870.

No 368. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 30th November 1869, No. 39 R .—

Introduction of payment by stamps on Guaranteed Railway Telegraphs.

Read again the following —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Foreign Department,— (Telegraph)—No 708, *dated* 14*th October* 1869

Read the following correspondence regarding a proposal to introduce Government telegraph stamps, enfaced with the word "Railway" or a special stamp, on the Punjab and Delhi Line of Railway Telegraph, as well as on other Railway Telegraph lines

From Director General of Telegraphs in India,	dated 20th Aug	1869,	No	381
Docket to Financial Department,	,, 2nd Sep	,,	,,	593
From Financial Department,	,, 13th ,,	,,	,,	3,386.
Docket to the Director General of Telegraphs in India,	,, 18th ,,	,,	,,	647
From ,, ,, ,,	,, 23rd ,,	,,	,,	545

ORDER —Ordered, that before giving a final decision on this case, the above papers be forwarded to the Public Works Department for an expression of opinion at an early date.

From the Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 20th August 1869, No 381

I have the honour to forward, in original, the correspondence marginally noted, with reference to the introduction of telegraph stamps on Railway Telegraph lines, and request the favour of an expression of opinion on this subject being obtained from the Financial Department at an early date.

Letter No 535 P 501 D, dated 14th August 1869, and enclosures, from the Consulting Engineer to Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, Railway Branch

From the Consulting Engineer to the Government of the Punjab, to the Director General of Telegraphs in India, Railway Department, dated 14th August 1869, No. 535 P-501 D

I have the honour to forward, for information and expression of your views on the subject in connection with the practice in force on other Railways in India, copy of correspondence, as marginally noted, from the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, on the subject of the introduction on the Railway lines of a system of telegraph stamps for private messages

No 1802 1926, dated 11th August 1869, from Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, with accompaniment from Railway Auditor

The favour of an early reply is requested

From the Agent of the Punjab and Delhi Railways, to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of the Punjab, Railway Department, dated 11th August 1869, No 1,802-1,926

With reference to your No 503—456 of 24th ultimo, I beg to annex copy of a letter No 309-343 of 4th instant, from the Auditor on the above subject, and to say that I quite concur in the views expressed by Mr Finch, and would recommend that this Company's Telegraph Superintendent should indent on Government for a supply of stamps, the word "Railway" being printed across them, or that a special stamp be sanctioned for the use of the Railway

From the Auditor, to the Agent of the Punjab and Delhi Railways, dated 4th August 1869, No. 309-343

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum No. 1,682—1,771 of 28th July, with copies of letters from the Officiating Traffic Manager and the Consulting Engineer of, respectively, the 15th and 24th idem, on the subject of the introduction on these lines of the system of telegraph stamps for private messages.

2 The letter from the Traffic Manager requests that the Accountant might be directed to purchase and supply, on the requisitions of the Telegraph Department, such stamps as may be required.

3 The Consulting Engineer's letter is to the effect that the Railway Company should supply themselves with forms and stamps, the same as the general public, *i e*, purchase them from the Government

4 Your Memorandum directs me to arrange the best mode of procuring these stamps and forms

5 So far as I understand the foregoing, it appears to me impracticable to introduce the system desired for the following reasons —

6 Were the Company to purchase from Government, in the same way as the general public, a quantity of telegraph stamps for use at their stations for private messages conveyed over its own wire, it would simply be paying to the Government the whole revenue therefrom, and would derive no pecuniary advantage whatever for itself

7 The system of stamps by way of check upon the telegraph receipts is a good one, and might advantageously be introduced upon this line. But this can only be done by the Government selling stamps to the Company at "cost price," first having the word Railway printed across them to prevent their general use, or else for the Railway Company, to introduce tickets or stamps of its own to be affixed to the message receipts by the Telegraph Clerks.

Office Memorandum by the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 13th September 1869, No 3,386.

With reference to the endorsement of the Foreign Department, No 593, dated 2nd September 1869, forwarding for an expression of opinion a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, and enclosures, containing a proposition for the introduction on the Railway lines of a system of telegraph stamps for private messages, the undersigned is directed to state that, *primâ facie*, there appears to this department no objection to supply Railway Companies with telegraph stamps at cost price, if the stamps are enfaced with the word "Railway," or in such a manner as to prevent their being accepted at any Government Telegraph Office It is suggested, however, that the Director General be asked to state his own opinion on the proposition

(Signed) G. W. M BATTEN,
Under Secretary

From the Director General of Telegraphs in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 23rd September 1869, No 515

Replying to your No 647, dated 18th instant, forwarding, for an expression of opinion, a proposition of the Financial Department, that telegraph stamps enfaced with the word "Railway" should be issued to the different Railway Companies in India at cost price, I have the honour to remark that, although there appears to me to be no reason why Railway Companies should not have their own stamps, I do not think it desirable that Government stamps should be issued to them, as in addition to the stamps being enfaced "Railway," to prevent their acceptance at Government Telegraph Stations, each Railway Company would require their stamps to bear some special distinguishing mark

2 The expense of separate design is very small.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 27th October 1869, No. 1,672-R.

With reference to Foreign Department No. 708 of the 14th October 1869, on the subject of a proposal to introduce Government Telegraph stamps enfaced with the word *Railway*, or an entirely separate stamp on the several guaranteed lines of Railway, the undersigned is directed to state that there would be no apparent advantage in the use of the Government stamps, and some risk of fraudulent practices arising, and that it will probably be preferable that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company desiring to introduce this method of payment for its telegraph business.

Read also —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Foreign Department, Telegraph, dated 19th November 1869, No 766

Read again the undermentioned papers regarding a proposal to introduce Government Telegraph stamps, enfaced with the word "Railway" or a special stamp, on the Punjab and Delhi line of Railway Telegraph, as well as on other Railway Telegraph lines

From the Director General of Telegraphs in India,	dated	20th Aug.	1869,	No 381
Docket to Financial Department,	,,	2nd Sep	,,	,, 593
From ,, ,,	,,	13th ,,	,,	,, 3,386
Docket to Director General of Telegraphs in India,	,,	18th ,,	,,	,, 647
From ,, ,, ,, ,,	,,	23rd ,,	,,	,, 545
Extract to Public Works Department,	,,	14th Oct.	,,	,, 708

Read also a Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No 1,672-R, dated the 27th October 1869, intimating that there would be no apparent advantage in the use of Government stamps, and that it would be preferable that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company which desires to introduce this method of payment for its Telegraph business.

Resolution —The proposal to introduce Government stamps on Railway Telegraph lines was made solely for the convenience of the Railway Companies, and those who use Railway Telegraphs, and as both the Public Works Department and Director General of Telegraphs object to their use, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to determine that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company which may prefer this method of payment

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Order —Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with reference to its Memorandum No 1,672-R, dated the 27th October 1869, for the issue of such further orders as may appear necessary, and with a request that the original papers which accompanied the extract from this Office No. 708, dated 14th October 1869, may be returned.

Order —Ordered, that copies of these papers be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations named in the margin, for communication to the several Guaranteed Railway Companies

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Bombay | Punjab
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Also to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, and the Resident at Hyderabad, for information.

(By Order,)
(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Major, R.E.,
Deputy Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th January 1870.

No 369. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1870, No 192

RAILWAY, No 47. COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary

CIRCULAR No 39 RAILWAY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

FORT WILLIAM, NOVEMBER 30, 1869.

Introduction of payment by stamps on Guaranteed Railway Telegraphs

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From Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated 20th August 1869, No 381
Docket to Financial Department, dated 2nd September 869, No 593
From Financial Department, „ 13th „ „ „ 3486
Docket to the Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated 18th September 1869, No 647
From „ „ „ „ 23rd „ „ „ 645

ORDER—Ordered that before giving a final decision on this case the above papers be forwarded to the Public Works Department for an expression of opinion at an early date

No 381, dated 20th August, 1869

From—COLONEL D G ROBINSON, R E, *Director General of Telegraphs in India,*
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept

I have the honour to forward, in original the correspondence marginally noted, with reference to the introduction of telegraph stamps on Railway Telegraph lines, and request the favour of an expression of opinion on this subject being obtained from the Financial Department at an early date

Letter No $\frac{503\,P}{561\,D}$ dated 14th August 1869 and enclosures from the Consulting Engineer to Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, Railway Branch

No $\frac{503\,P}{561\,D}$ dated 14th August, 1869

From—LIEUT-COL H DRUMMOND, R E, *Consy Engr to the Govt of the Punjab, Railway Dept,*
To—Director General of Telegraphs in India

I have the honour to forward for information and expression of your views on the subject in connection with the practice in force on other Railways in India, copy of correspondence, as marginally noted, from the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, on the subject of the introduction on the Railway lines of a system of telegraph stamps for private messages

No 1802—1926 dated 11th August 1869 from Agent Punjab and Delhi Railways, with accompaniment from Railway Auditor

The favour of an early reply is requested

No 1802—1926, dated 11th August, 1869

From—Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways,
To—Consulting Engineer to the Government of the Punjab, Railway Dept

With reference to your No 503—456 o 21th ultimo, I beg to annex copy of a letter No 309—313 of 4th instant, from the Auditor on above subject, and to say that I quite concur in the views expressed by Mr Finch, and would recommend that this Company's Telegraph Superintendent should indent on Government for a supply of stamps, the word "Railway" being printed across them, or that a special stamp be sanctioned for the use of the Railway

No 309—313, dated 4th August, 1869

From—The Auditor,
To—Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum No 1682—1771 of 28th July, with copies of letters from the Officiating Traffic Manager and the Consulting Engineer, of, respectively, the 15th and 24th ultm, on the subject of the introduction on these lines of the system of telegraph stamps for private messages

2. The letter from the Traffic Manager requests that the Accountant might be directed to purchase and supply, on the requisitions of the Telegraph Department, such stamps as may be required

3 The Consulting Engineer's letter is to the effect that the Railway Company should supply themselves with forms and stamps, the same as the general public, *i e*, purchase them from the Government

4 Your Memorandum directs me to arrange the best mode of procuring these stamps and forms

5 So far as I understand the foregoing, it appears to me impracticable to introduce the system desired for the following reasons

6 Were the Company to purchase from Government, in the same way as the general public, a quantity of telegraph stamps for use at their stations for private messages conveyed over its own wire, it would simply be paying to the Government the whole revenue therefrom, and would derive no pecuniary advantage whatever for itself

7 The system of stamps by way of check upon the telegraph receipts is a good one, and might advantageously be introduced upon this line But this can only be done by the Government selling stamps to the Company at "cost price," first having the word Railway printed across them to prevent their general use, or else for the Railway Company to introduce tickets or stamps of its own to be affixed to the message receipts by the Telegraph Clerks

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No 3386, dated 13th September, 1869.

Office Memo by G W M Batten, Esq, *Under Secy to the Govt India, Finl Dept*

With reference to the endorsement of the Foreign Department, No 593, dated 2nd September 1869, forwarding for an expression of opinion a letter from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, and enclosures, containing a proposition for the introduction on the Railway lines of a system of telegraph stamps for private messages, the undersigned is directed to state that, *primâ facie*, there appears to this Department no objection to supply Railway Companies with telegraph stamps at cost price, if the stamps are enfaced with the word "Railway," or in such a manner as to prevent their being accepted at any Government Telegraph Office It is suggested, however that the Director General be asked to state his own opinion on the proposition

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No. 515, dated 22nd September, 1869.

From—Colonel D G Robinson, R E, *Director General of Telegraphs in India,*
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept

Replying to your No 617, dated 18th instant, forwarding, for an expression of opinion, a proposition of the Financial Department, that telegraph stamps enfaced with the word "Railway" should be issued to the different Railway Companies in India at cost price, I have the honour to remark that, although there appears to me to be no reason why Railway Companies should not have their own stamps, I do not think it desirable that Government stamps should be issued to them, as in addition to the stamps being enfaced "Railway," to prevent their acceptance at Government Telegraph Stations, each Railway Company would require their stamps to bear some special distinguishing mark.

2 The expense of separate design is very small.

No 1672 R, dated 27th October, 1869

Memo from—The Government of India, P. W. Dept,
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept

With reference to Foreign Department No. 708 of the 14th October 1869, on the subject of a proposal to introduce Government Telegraph stamps enfaced with the word *Railway*, or an entirely separate stamp, on

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the several guaranteed lines of Railway, the undersigned is directed to state that there would be no apparent advantage in the use of the Government stamps, and some risk of fraudulent practices arising, and that it will probably be preferable that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company desiring to introduce this method of payment for its telegraph business.

Read also :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Foreign Dept, Telegraph No 766, dated 19th November, 1869

Read again the undermentioned papers regarding a proposal to introduce Government Telegraph Stamps, enfaced with the word "Railway," or a special stamp, on the Punjab and Delhi Line of Railway Telegraph, as well as on other Railway Telegraph lines

From Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated 30th August 1869, No 381
Docket to Financial Department, " 2nd September 1869, No 593
From " " " 13th " " " 3386
Docket to Director General of Telegraphs in India, dated 18th September 1869, No 617
From " " " " " 23rd " " " 515
Extract to Public Works Department, " 14th October " " " 708

Read also a Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No 1672 R, dated the 27th October 1869, intimating that there would be no apparent advantage in the use of Government stamps, and that it would be preferable that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company which desires to introduce this method of payment for its Telegraph business.

Resolution.—The proposal to introduce Government stamps on Railway Telegraph lines was made solely for the convenience of the Railway Companies, and those who use Railway Telegraphs, and as both the Public Works Department and Director General of Telegraphs object to their use, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to determine that a special stamp should be adopted by any Railway Company which may prefer this method of payment

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Order.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with reference to its Memorandum No 1672R, dated the 27th October 1869, for the issue of such further orders as may appear necessary, and with a request that the original papers which accompanied the extract from this Office No 708, dated 14th October 1869, may be returned

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Order.—Ordered, that copies of these papers be forwarded to the Madras [illegible] Local Governments and Administrations named [illegible] for [illegible]
Guaranteed Railway Companies.

Also to the Government of the North Western Provinces, and the Resident at Hyderabad, for information.

(By order)

[illegible] Major, R E,
Dy Secy to Govt.

The Secy to the Govt of Madras
(P.W. Dept & Railways)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES AND THE PUNJAB, CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF OUDH, AND RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD

CIRCULAR No. 39 RAILWAY.

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Guaranteed Railway Tele-graphs Circular from the Govt of India, regarding the introduction of payment by stamps on Guaranteed Railway Telegraphs. and the G.O.s concerned-