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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pub[illegible] DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 454-455 2322 Press Mis.

Dated 26 9 1870.

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No. 454. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th September 1870, No. 375:—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 15th September 1870, No. 525.

With reference to your docket No. 529, of the 12th instant, giving cover to G. O., No. 55, dated the 8th September 1870, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter* from the Traffic Manager in reference to the statement of unpaid bills due by Government Departments, which was transmitted with my letter, No. 378, of the 14th July last.

* No. C 433/372, dated 14th September 1870.

2. That statement was not at all intended to imply that we had any reason to complain of delay, but was merely compiled in compliance with the Consulting Engineer's request, as contained in the second paragraph of his letter, No. 110, of the 7th of March last, and, in my opinion, it showed a most satisfactory result.

3. I think that the submission of the return on the dates mentioned by Major Shaw Stewart is likely to continue to cause misapprehension, and I would suggest that, in future, we should send in to you on the 15th of March and the 15th September in each half-year particulars of the amounts due by Government Departments for carriage up to the close of the preceding half-year.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 14th September 1870, No. C 433/372.

With reference to your letter, No. 3,442, of 13th instant, giving cover to copy of Order of Government in the Public Works Department, No. 55, of 8th idem, embodying a letter from the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, No. G 158, dated 26th August, I beg to say that Colonel Cadell is under a misapprehension in supposing that any representation has been made to Government with reference to the adjustment of claims for the carriage of stores by Railway.

2. In accordance with the request of the Consulting Engineer, a statement of all bills due and unpaid up to the end of the half-year ended 30th June was furnished on the 12th July last, which exhibited, in my opinion, a most satisfactory state of things. Unfortunately, by an omission in this office, no explanation was afforded in the case of two bills said to be due by the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and this has probably given rise to all the trouble which some of the Officers of Government have been put to.

3. I can only now express my regret that the omission occurred, and would suggest that, in order to save any misapprehension in future, the statement should not be furnished until after the expiry of two months after the close of the half-year, instead of on the 15th January and 15th July.

Forwarded to Government with reference to G. O., No. 55, dated 8th September 1870.

2. As the half-yearly Revenue Accounts are drawn up for each calendar (not official) half-year, the Railway Companies' claims against Government in their capacity of carries are to be settled before the end of the months of August and February.

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3. The Agents of the Railway Companies were requested in this office letter of the 7th March 1870, to furnish their statements of unsettled claims on the 15th January and 15th July, and that published in G. O., No. 1,811, of the 28th July 1870, is dated the 12th July, showing bills unpaid up to the 4th July.

4. It appears to me now that the 15th of the month following the close of the half-year is too early a date for the list of unpaid bills to be furnished by the Railway Agents, while also the object of having the statements drawn up, namely, to enforce punctuality, will be defeated if there is a delay of two and a half months, or until the 15th September and 15th March.

5. I therefore propose to ask the Agents to let me have their statements on the 1st August and 1st February, or one clear month after the end of the half-year, on the consideration that one month is sufficient for the payment of bills, and that delay after that time should be reported to the Government. I think in this way the prompt settlement of claims will be ensured, as required by the Government of India in letter No. 59 A. R., dated 7th February 1870, and communicated in G. O., No. 571, of 19th February 1870.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 455. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1870, No. 2,322.

RAILWAY, No. 46.

His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Acting Consulting Engineer in thinking that one month after the expiration of each half-year is sufficient for the settlement by the various departments of Government of all demands which the Railway Companies may have against them in their capacity of carriers, and His Excellency in Council accordingly approves of the Agents being requested to submit their statements on the 1st August and 1st February.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 525

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 15th September 1870.

From R. D. Elwin Esqre,
Agent and Manager. of the Madras

To Captain H. L. Prendergast R.E.
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Walter H. Smith
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 3rd September 1870

Recd. 10th "

No. 526.

Forwarding Copy of Letter from the Bristol Branch of the Railway Co. with reference to the Difficulty of enforcing Bills due by Railway Companies and Proprietors under Act No. 3 of 1865 -

A. 375.

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Madras
20th September 1870

Chas Spencer Captain RE,
Ag: Cons: Engr: for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
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C/ 433/372

Madras Railway

Traffic Manager's Office

Madras 14th September 1870.

To

The Agent and Manager

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Signed H. B. Chandler
Traffic Manager

True Copy

Comptroller

No 2324

Proceedings of the Madras Government
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