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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
16th May 1871.*

No. 294. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd May 1871, No. 196 :—

In close connection with the reference made by me, No. 195, dated 3rd instant, on the subject of a sum of Rupees 35,506-5-1 being charged to Capital from the "Suspense Account for general average," I have the honour to represent that there is an ambiguity about the meaning of the word "issued," as applied to the issue of stores from the supply in stock.

2. In paragraph 5 of Lieutenant-Colonel McLeod Innes' letter, No. 133, *Vide G. O., No. 794, dated 16th March 1871.* dated the 4th March 1871, the loss by sale of stores at Ghooty is admitted as a charge to Capital, because "the stores were provided and actually issued for construction purposes."

3. Now in the correspondence printed with G. O., No. 2,222, of the 15th September 1870, the said Ghooty stores are admitted by the Acting Chief Engineer, in paragraph 1 of his letter of 25th March 1870, to be "kept in stock in the local workshops;" and the Board of Directors in London state, in paragraph 15 of their letter of the 22nd July 1870, that "the stores were provided for the purposes of construction," without claiming that they were issued.

4. While then there is no question as to the stores being provided on the Capital Account for construction, I would submit that they were not issued in the meaning of the term given by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department. Lieutenant-Colonel Chesney writing to this office on the 6th August 1869, No. 920, says, that the transfer of stock from one depôt to another cannot be regarded as an issue, and was never intended to be looked upon as such by the Government of India.

5. The Examiner of Accounts has asked for instructions, for by this letter of Lieutenant-Colonel Chesney's the Ghooty stores were certainly not issued; but if the reading of Lieutenant-Colonel McLeod Innes' letter is to hold good, stores sent for convenience to an up-country depôt must be considered as issued instead of being as hitherto understood still in stock.

6. The Railway Officers would from this recent order always have the opportunity of adding to the Capital Account in a manner which I cannot think is at all intended, and I would, therefore, request that definite orders may be given, so that if I am putting a right construction stores will not be considered as issued, unless entered to a final head of account, but will otherwise remain part of the stock in hand, whether at the head-quarters of the Company, or at any other depôt.

From the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Simla, 6th August 1869, No. 920.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 430, dated 6th ultimo, forwarding for opinion a communication from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company regarding a difficulty experienced by the Chief Auditor in the working of the rule laid down by Government, requiring that the cost of the establishment of the Stores Department shall be divided over the

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stores issued for construction and revenue purposes in the proportion of the value of the stores issued on these accounts respectively.

2. The Chief Auditor thinks the rule is inapplicable to the Madras Railway, as according to the practice which obtains on that line stores are issued to departments, and nothing is known of the apportionment of such stores between capital and revenue until they are expended.

3. The apparent difficulty in this case seems to have arisen from a misconception of the meaning to be attached to the word "issued," as used in the rule laid down by the Government of India. The Auditor, Madras Railway, seeks to draw a distinction between "stores issued" and "stores expended," applying the former expression to the case of stores transferred from the Company's General Depot to the depôts of the several departments, and the latter to the case of stores finally issued from those depôts. In the rule to which exception is taken the Government of India clearly intended that the stores charges should be divided between Capital and Revenue in proportion to the actual value of stores finally issued to the two accounts, either from general or from departmental stores, that is in accordance with what the Chief Auditor terms the value of the stores expended. The mere transfer of stock from one dépôt to another cannot be regarded as an issue, and was never intended to be looked upon as such by the Government of India.

4. There would appear to be nothing whatever in the rule referred to that can clash with the system of account and local peculiarities of the Madras Railway. The whole of the general charges of the Madras Railway are, it is believed, divided between the Capital and Revenue Account of the two lines in proportion to the actual expenditure of cash and stores on each account, and the intention of the Government of India was that the charges of the Stores Department should be apportioned in like manner in accordance with the value of the final issues or expenditure of stores on each account.

No. 295.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1871, No. 1,349.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of this letter:—

(Here enter No. 1,350, dated 16th May 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th May 1871.

No. 296.

No. 1,350.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 36.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying letter with its enclosure from the Consulting Engineer for Rail-

ways in which that officer inquires whether, for purposes of adjusting expenditure, stores are to be considered as "issued" on being transferred from a central to an up-country dépôt, or only after they have been charged off to a final head of account.

2. Major Prendergast points out that in a recent case in which a loss amounting to Rupees 12,532-13-2 was sustained by the Madras Railway on account of the sale of stores kept in stock at Ghooty, the Government of India authorized\* the

\* Letter No. 133-A. R., dated 4th March 1871. sum to be charged off to Capital in consideration of the stores having, they stated,

been "provided and actually issued for construction purposes," whereas in the letter from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, under date the 6th August 1869, No. 920, which forms an enclosure to the one from the Consulting Engineer, it is explained that the mere transfer of stock from one dépôt to another, as was done in the case adduced by Major Prendergast, cannot be regarded as an issue and was never intended to be looked upon as such by the Government of India.

3. The Consulting Engineer is of opinion, and in this His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs, that if the mere fact of a distribution of stores from the general dépôt be regarded as an issue for the apportionment of expenditure, Railway Officers will be in a position to make additions to the Capital Account in a manner which cannot have been contemplated by the Government of India. I am now to request that specific instructions may be issued on the question upon which information is sought by the Consulting Engineer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 920

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

TO

THE *Consulting Engineer for Railways*  
*Madras*

Dated Simla, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1869.

Sir,

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is inapplicable to the Madras Railway, as according to the practice which obtains on that Line Stores are issued to Departments and nothing is known of the apportionment of such stores between Capital and Revenue until they are expended.

3. The apparent difficulty in this case seems to have arisen from a misconception of the meaning to be attached to the word "issued", as used in the rule laid down by the Government of India. The Auditor, Madras Railway, seeks to draw a distinction between "Stores issued" ~~and~~ "Stores expended", applying the former expression to the case of stores transferred from the Company's General Depot to the depots of the several Departments, and the latter to the case of stores finally issued from those depots. In the rule to which exception is taken the Government of India clearly intended that the Stores charges should be divided between Capital and Revenue in proportion to the actual value of stores finally issued

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to the two accounts, either from General<sup>15</sup> or from departmental stores, that is in accordance with what the Chief Auditor terms the value of the stores expended. The mere transfer of stock from one depot to another cannot be regarded as an issue, and was never intended to be looked upon as such by the Government of India.

4. There would appear to be nothing whatever in the rule referred to that clashes with the system of account and local peculiarities of the Madras Railway. The whole of the general charges of the Madras Railway are, it is believed, divided between the Capital and Revenue account of the two lines in proportion to the actual expenditure of cash and stores on each account, and the intention of the Government of India was that the charges of the stores department should be apportioned in like manner in accordance with the value of the final issues or expenditure of stores on each account.

I have the honor to be  
Your most obedt. servt

Geo. Freney  
Accountant General P.M.D.

Recd 11/11/11 Dep. Secy. 11/11/11

10/11/11

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 196

From

Major H. E. Pendergast R.E.  
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel J. Cairnsdale R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In close connection with the reference made by me, No. 195 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, on the subject of a sum of Rs. 35,506-5-1, being charged to Capital, from the "Suspense account for general average", I have the honour to represent that there is an ambiguity about the meaning of the word "issued", as applied to the issue of stores from the supply in stock.

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MacLeod James letter No 133, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1871, the loss by sale of stores at Ghooty is admitted as a charge to Capital: because "the stores were provided and actually issued for construction purposes."

Vide G.O. No  
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3. Now in the correspondence, printed with G.O. No. 2222, of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1870, the said Ghooty stores are admitted by the Acting Chief Engineer, in para. 1 of his letter of 25<sup>th</sup> March 1870, to be "kept in stock in the local workshops"; and the Board of Directors in London state, in para. 15 of their letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1870, that "the stores were provided for the purposes of construction," without claiming that they were issued.

4. While then there is no question as to the stores being provided

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on the Capital Account for construction I would submit that they were not issued, in the meaning of the term, given by the Accountant General, Public Works Department. Lieutenant Colonel Chesney writing to this Office on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1869, No. 720, says that the transfer of stock from one Depot to another, cannot be regarded as an issue, and was never intended to be looked upon as such, by the Govt of India.

5. The Examiner of Accounts has asked for instructions; for by this letter of Colonel Chesney's, the Ghooty stores were certainly not issued: but if the reading of Colonel MacLeod James letter is to hold good, stores sent for convenience

to an up-country depot, must be considered as issued, instead of being as hitherto understood, still in stock.

6. The Railway Officers would from this recent order, always have the opportunity of adding to the Capital Account, in a manner which I cannot think is at all intended; and I would therefore request that definite orders may be given; so that, if I am putting a right construction, stores will not be considered as issued, unless entered to a final head of account; but will otherwise remain part of the Stock in hand, whether at the Head Quarters of the Company, or at

any other depot.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Madras 2  
3<sup>d</sup> May 1870 } Charles Sandercock Major R.E.  
By Comd: Engr. for R.E.

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To  
The Secretary to Government,  
P. W. Department,  
Fort St. George.

From  
The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways,  
No. 2016.

Dated 3rd May 1871.  
Received 4th May 1871.

Enc. No. 196.  
Requesting that

the enclosed order may be  
given regarding the meaning  
of the term 'leaves' :-

No. 1544 - 1550 - 16 May

P W Dept.

No. 1349.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 16th May 1871  
Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer for Rlys. A. E. No. 196 of 3rd May 1871

Ordered that the  
Govt. of India be addressed  
on the subject of  
this letter

To The Acty Commr Engr.  
for Railways.  
Recd 17/5/71

No. 1350.

The Secretary to the  
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\* Letter No 133 A P of  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1871

17<sup>th</sup>  
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Despatch 17/5/71 with  
copies of Nos 1249 of 1871.

J. May 8<sup>th</sup>

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Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Chief Consulting Engrs*  
*for Railways*  
*and*

To *the Secretary to the*  
*Govt of India*

Dated

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