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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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No. 50 Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th June 1871, No. 272. —

I HAVE the honour to forward letters* from the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways regarding

* No 155, dated 16th March 1871
,, 3,997, ,, 26th April "

arrangements for the through booking of parcels between England and India, with

reference to G O, No 212, dated 25th January 1871.

2. The Agent of the Madras Railway is prepared to consider a scale of charges to be allowed to the Railways, and to recommend an arrangement to the Board of Directors.

The Agent of the Great Southern Railway will also be prepared to enter into an engagement, but points out that the present contract with the P. and O. Company does not admit of the transmission of parcels, and states his opinion that the Post Office should not convey parcels between towns on the line of Railway.

3 I have no doubt that an arrangement for the through booking of parcels between England and India would be a great boon to the public, but the terms of agreement have still to be considered by the Railway Companies, and at present it can only be communicated to the Government of India that the Agents of the Railways in this Presidency express their concurrence in the general proposal.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 16th March 1871, No 155

ADVERTING to your endorsement No 68 upon G O, No. 212, of the 25th January last, I have the honour to state that I have conferred with the Traffic Manager upon the subject of the proposed arrangements for the through booking of parcels between England and India

2 There is no doubt that the scheme if properly carried out would be a very great public convenience, and, upon learning the views of the other Companies upon the subject, I shall be prepared to consider a scale of charges to be allowed to the Railways for the carriage of the parcels in question, and to recommend my Board to give effect to the arrangement

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 26th April 1871, No 3,997.

SINCE your memorandum No 30, of the 27th January last was written, it has been stated in the House of Commons by the Post Master General that the Post Office was precluded by its contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company from sending by post any article which was not now transmissible, without making a payment commensurate to the increased burden which would be thus imposed. The present expenditure on account of the postal service with India largely exceeded the revenue derived from it, and, under these circumstances, it was not the intention of the Government to extend the advantage of the parcel post to India.

2 I am of opinion that an arrangement between the Peninsular and Oriental Company and the India Railway Companies for the transmission of small parcels between England and India at a uniform through rate would be a convenience to the public, and on behalf of this Company I shall be prepared to enter into an arrangement of the nature alluded to in the papers which accompanied your memorandum. I am further of opinion that the Postal Department should not undertake the conveyance of parcels between any towns which are now placed in Railway communication with each other.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th July 1871.*

No. 51

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1871, No. 1,774

RAILWAY, No. 7

ORDERED that these papers
forwarded to the Government
India

(Here enter No 1,775, dated 5th July 1871.)

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd S T Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 5th July 1871.

No. 52.

No. 1,775

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 8.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Under
Secretary Vaux's letter of the 13th Janu-
ary 1871, No. 70R, transmitting an
extract from the Proceedings of the Bombay Government relative to the through
booking of parcels between India and England, I am directed to forward the
accompanying correspondence on the subject, from which it will be observed that
the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways are in favour of
the general arrangement and are prepared to consider specific proposals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 155.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 16th March 1871.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.

To

Major W. L. Pendergast, R.E.
Ag. Consulting Engineer for Railways

SIR,

Adverting to your indentment of 18th upon G.O. No 212 of the 25th January last, I have the honor to state that I have conferred with the Traffic Manager upon the subject of the proposed arrangements for the through booking of Parcels between England and India.

There is no doubt that the Scheme properly carried out would be a very great Public convenience, and upon weighing the views of the other Companies upon the subject I shall be prepared to consider a scale of charges to be allowed to the Railways for the Carriage of the Parcels in question, and to recommend my Board to give effect to the arrangement.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient Servant
R. B. Elwin
Agent and Manager.

No. 3997

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, April 26th 1891.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To The acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Since your Memo No. 30 of the 24th January last was written it has been stated in the House of Commons by the Post Master General that the Post office was precluded by its contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company from sending by post any articles which was not now transmissible without making a payment commensurate to the increased burden which would be thus imposed.

The present expenditure on account of the postal service with India largely exceeded the revenue derived from it, and under these circumstances it was not the intention of the Government to extend the advantage of the parcel post to India.

I am of opinion that an arrangement between the Peninsular & Oriental Company and the Indian Railway Companies for the transmission of small parcels between England and India at a uniform through rate would be a convenience to the public, and on behalf of this Company I shall be prepared

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated

16th March 1891.

Recd

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No. 153.

Replying with reference to the proposed arrangement for the working of parcels between England and India.

P. R. 2828/1

prepared to enter into an arrangement
of the nature alluded to in the papers
which accompanied your memorandum.
I am further of opinion that the
Postal Department should not under-
take the conveyance of parcels between
any towns which are now placed in
railway communication with each
other

I have the honor to be

Very
Your most obedient servant

William A. B. C.

Agree

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

From

To

No. 272-
Captain G. J. Macleod
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Colonel J. Caspary
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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18 March 1891
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10 April 1891

I have the honor to forward letters from the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways, regarding arrangements for the through booking of parcels between England and India, with reference to G.O. No. 212, dated 25th January 1891.

2 The Agent of the Madras Railway is prepared to consider a scale of charges to be allowed to

no 8497
The Agent
W. J. V. B.
The C. J. Consulting Eng.
for Railways
Date 26th April 1891
Received 3. 1891
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We note the
frustration of small
parcels between England
and India

to the Railways, and to recommend an arrangement to the Board of Directors.

The agent of the Great Southern Railway, will also be prepared to enter into an engagement; but points out that the present Contract with the P. and C. Company does not admit of the transmission of parcels and states his opinion that the Post Office should not convey parcels between towns on the line of Railway.

3. I have no doubt, that an arrangement for the through booking of parcels between England and India would be

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a great boon to the public, but the terms of agreement have still to be considered by the Railway Companies; and at present, it can only be communicated to the Government of India, that the Agents of the Railways in the Presidency express their concurrence in the general proposal.

Madras
15th June
1851

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours Most Obedt Servt

C. Smith Captl &c

Off Bone: Care for 1 day

Public Works Department
 No. 1774
 Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 5 July 1871

Read the following

From The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.

H.E. No. 272 of 17th June 1871

Ordered that these
 papers be forwarded to
 the Govt of India.

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 The Dy. Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.
 Dated 6/7/71.

H.E. No. 475 of 5 July 1871

The Secy. to the
 Govt of India

A.A.

Sir. With reference to
 Mr. Under Secretary Vane's
 letter of the 13th January
 1871, No 70-B, transmitting
 an extract from the
 Proceedings of the Board
 of Railways.

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 The Secy. to the Govt of India

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.

No. 2828.

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

Dated 17th June 1871.
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Letters from the agents
 of the Madras & Ceylon
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Govt of India

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Agent-General
for Railways
and

For the Secretary to the Govt
of India

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