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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th November 1871.

No. 224. Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th October 1871, No. 471 :—

REFERRING to G. O., No. 2,358, of the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to submit letters from the Agents of the Madras* and the Great† Southern of India Railways regarding the practice obtaining on their lines for the supply of refreshments to Native passengers.

* No. 646, dated 28th October 1871, with enclosure.
† No. 4,234, dated 18th October 1871.

2. On the Madras Railway contracts for selling refreshments at station platforms are put up to public auction.

On the Great Southern of India Railway a small monthly rent is levied at only two of the stations, as the sales at the other places are insignificant.

Both Agents state that they are not aware of any instance of complaint of unwholesome articles being sold at the stations.

3. From my own observation and inquiries that I have made at many stations, I believe that fruits and sweetmeats are sold at a reasonable price, and of fairly good quality. There is a great demand for such eatables, for instance at Arconum, the junction with the North-West Line, and also with the narrow line to Conjeveram. The Contractor pays upwards of Rupees 60 a month for the right to sell on the platforms, and the fact of the value of the right being so high, is strong evidence that the sales are extensive, and consequently that the articles sold are appreciated.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 28th October 1871, No. 646.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 657, of the 24th instant, enclosing G. O., No. 2,358, dated the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Traffic Manager's letter, No. C $\frac{626}{415}$, of this date, explaining the practice on this Railway with respect to the supply of refreshments at stations to Native passengers.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Church that it would be objectionable to try to enforce a fixed tariff.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 28th October 1871, No. C $\frac{626}{415}$.

Refreshments for Native Passengers.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 657, of 24th instant, enclosing Order of Government, No. 2,358, of 16th September.

CONTRACTS for the privilege of selling refreshments to Native passengers on the station platforms are put up to auction, and let to the highest bidder at each station.

2. There have been failures from time to time on the part of contractors to keep to the terms of their contract, but I am not aware of a single instance of complaint of unwholesome articles being sold at high prices.

3. It is believed that prices are pretty well equalized by the competition that now exists among the several stations, as a contractor at one station, by selling a bad article at high rates, would drive customers to the next refreshment station.

4. The objection, in my opinion, to a fixed tariff on refreshments is that contractors would probably be induced to offer an inferior article for sale, and that in the long run passengers would not be so well served as they are under the present system of free trade.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 18th October 1871, No. 4,234.

YOUR letter No. 290, dated the 19th September last, has been referred to the Assistant Traffic Manager, and that officer reports as follows :—"The only stations at which fruit is sold on "the platforms are Tanjore, Needamungalum, Kulithalay, Cuttalay, Caroor, Cudoomudy. From "Needamungalum and Tanjore we receive a small rent per month, but at other stations the sales "are so small that it would not pay the vendors.

"At most of the larger stations fruit vendors ply their trade outside the stations with arrival "or departure passengers.

"I am not aware of any complaint ever having been made of the sale of unwholesome food at "any of our stations, and even if the practice is carried on, I question whether fixing a tariff "would overcome the difficulty.

"The best safeguard against the sale of unwholesome food would be to instruct the Police to "occasionally examine the vendor's stock.

"There are Police Peons attending all our stations during train time and it would be easy "for them to detect anything of the kind complained of."

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1871, No. 2,865.

RAILWAY, No. 32.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 226. (DOCKET No. 2,866, dated 13th November 1871.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter, dated 1st September 1871, No. 1,617-R.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 646.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 28th October 1871.

From

Robert B. Church Esqr

Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Rendelegan ~~C. R.E.~~

acting *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 657 of the 24th instant enclosing G. O. No. 2358 dated the 16th ultimo. I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Traffic Manager's letter No. 620/473 of this date explaining the practice on this Railway with respect to the supply of Refreshments at Stations to Native Passengers.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Church that it would be objectionable to try to enforce a fixed Tariff.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

P. Dr. 57905/71.

Dated 28th October 1871.
Recd. 30th "

No. 626

Refusing to sanction Refreshment Contractors' Letter Proceedings of the 24th inst. regarding the supply of Refreshments at Stations to Native Passengers.

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 28th Octr 1871.

P. D. / 626 / 415.

To

The Agent and Manager,

Dear Sir,

Refreshments for Native Passengers.

Consulting Engineer's letter No. 657 of 24th instant enclosing order of Government No 2358 of 16th Septr.

Contracts for the privilege of selling Refreshments to Native Passengers on the Station platforms are put up to auction and let to the highest Bidder at each station.

There have been failures from time to time on the part of Contractors to keep to the terms of their Contract, but I am not aware of a single instance of complaint of unwholesome articles being sold at high prices.

It is believed that prices are pretty well equalized by the competition that now exists among the several Stations, as a Contractor at one Station by selling inferior articles at high rates would drive customers to the next Refreshment Station.

The objection, in my opinion, to a fixed tariff on Refreshments is that Contractors would probably be induced to offer an inferior article for sale, and that in the long run Passengers would not be so well served as they are under the present system of free trade.

Yours faithfully
Sd/ H. G. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
Sd/ [illegible]
Agent & Manager.

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No. 4231 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, October 18. 1881

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient
William A Betts
Agent

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 471.

From Major W. P. Brandreth R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Referring to G.O. Ct. No. 2358 of the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to submit letters from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways regarding the practice obtaining on their lines for the supply of refreshments to native passengers.

2 On the Madras Railway contracts for selling refreshments at

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Ft. 646 of 28th Oct. 71 with enclosures.

† Ft. 4234 of 18th Oct. 71.

Ft. 2284

From
The Agent
G.I.P. Railway Co.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Dated 15th Nov. 1871.

P.W. 5791/71.

Regarding supply of Eatables at Stations.

at stations platforms are kept up to public auction.

On the Great Southern of India Railway a small monthly rent is levied at only two of the stations, as the sales at the other places are insignificant.

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3. From my own observation, and enquiries that I have made at many stations, I believe that fruits and sweetmeats are sold at a reasonable price, and of fairly good quality. There is a great demand for such eatables, for instance at Trichinopoly, the junction with the North-West Line, and also with the narrow Line to Conjeveram. The Contractor pays upwards of Rs: 60 a month for the right to sell on the platforms, and the fact of the value of the right being so high, is clear evidence that the sales are extensive, and consequently that the articles sold are appreciated.

Madras
30th October
1871

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sg: Louis: Capt for Lt Gn

Forwarded 4 Copies of No. 2865 dated 30th Augt. 1871 from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, submitting the Proceedings on the Arrangements on the Madras Rly. for the Supply of Refreshments to Native Passengers.

Sel. Dr. 71. 260-261

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. 5196.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 30th October 1871.
Received 1st November 71.
No. 471.
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Submitting letters from the Agents of the Madras Rly. & S. I. Railways regarding the practice obtaining on their lines for the supply of refreshments to Native Passengers.

Referred Proceedings No. 2865-2866-13 Nov. 71.

No. 2865.

Ordered that the letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, forwarded by the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 2866, dated 13th November 1871, and the enclosures, be submitted to the Government of India with reference to their letter dated 27th September 1871.

Madras Public Office, 14th November 1871.

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Hon'ble Committee Engrs for Railways

Dated. To The Secretary to the

Recd. Govt of India

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G. O. 13 Nov 71. No 2865-2866

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Passengers. Passing orders on the letter from the Consulting Engr for Rys regarding the existing arrangements on the Madras Rys for the supply of refreshments to native passengers.