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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government. Public Works Department.
10th March 1871.

No. 260. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Railway,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 26th January 1871, No. 1:—

HEREWITH is transmitted, for your information and guidance, copy correspondence* with the Madras Railway Board, relative to the issue in this country of payments on account of men in the service of the Company in India;

* Letter to Mr. J. Byrne, dated 1st Dec. 1870.
Do. to do. „ 10th Jan. 1871.
Do. from do. „ 11th „ „
No. 2,642.

also copy of my despatch to the Government of Bombay, No. 38, of 18th August 1869, on the same subject.

From M. E. GRANT-DUFF, Esq., to J. BYRNE, Esq., dated India Office, London, 1st December 1870.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, No. 2,616, and to acquaint you in reply that an order has been passed for payment to the Madras Railway Company of the sum of £385-19-7, being for purposes specified which have been sanctioned.

2. The Accountant-General will inform you when this amount may be received.

3. I am, however, to transmit herewith a copy of a despatch† which the Duke of Argyll has addressed to the Government of Bombay on the subject of family payments, and to state that,

† No. 38, dated 18th August 1870.

if it be considered desirable by the Board to continue to draw the money for such payments from this office, the course directed in that despatch must be followed in future.

From W. T. THORNTON, Esq., Secretary, Public Works Department, to J. BYRNE, Esq., dated India Office, London, 10th January 1871.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, No. 2,636, and to acquaint you in reply that an order has been passed for payment to the Madras Railway Company of the sum of £1,016-18-5, being for purposes specified which have been sanctioned.

2. The Accountant-General will inform you when this amount may be received.

3. I am, however, to draw your attention to the fact that no reply has been received to the letter from this office of the 1st December last regarding family payments, and to state that no further issue on that account will be made until a reply has been received.

From J. BYRNE, Esq., Secretary, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 33, New Broad Street, London, E. C., 11th January 1871, No. 2,642.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 1st ultimo and 10th instant, the former enclosing copy of a despatch addressed by the Duke of Argyll to the Government of Bombay on the subject of family payments directing that remittances for any purpose through private banks be discontinued, and that payments in this country be carried to account in the books in India at the rate of 1s. 10d. per rupee, and adding that, if the Board consider it desirable to continue to draw money for such payments, the course directed in that despatch must be followed in future.

2. In reply I am directed to inform you that the attention of the Agent and Manager is being called to the above subject, with a view to his discontinuing the present system of adjusting the home payments, which was adopted on the suggestion of the Madras Government Officer in 1861, and will now no longer be pursued.

Fort St. George.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th March 1871.*

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Railway,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Bombay, dated India Office, London, 18th August 1869, No. 38.

With reference to your Excellency's despatch of the 25th February last, No. 7, I transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, from which it will be seen that the practice of remitting the amount representing the ordinary home expenditure chargeable to Revenue has been discontinued.

2. The remittances still made by the Agent, by means of bank bills, represents the proportion of wages, chargeable to Revenue, paid in this country to the wives and families of the Company's servants in India. It is explained by the Board that this has been done in order that the men might obtain the benefit of the exchange of 2s. the rupee; but as I agree with you that it is desirable that the contract rate should be adhered to in all cases where money is transferred from one country to the other, I have directed that remittances for any purpose through private banks be discontinued, and that payments in this country be carried to account in the books in India at 1s. 10d. the rupee.

From T. R. WATT, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated No. 3, New Broad Street, London, E. C., 12th July 1869, No. 117.

HAVING submitted to the Board your letter of the 1st instant, I am instructed to explain that it is not the Agent's practice to draw out of the Government Treasury the amount representing the home expenditure chargeable to Revenue, and to remit the same to this country. The amount representing the home establishment expenditure chargeable to Revenue was on one or two occasions remitted home by the Agent, but in compliance with the desire of the Government, he ceased to do so with the half-year ended 30th June 1868.

2. The amount which the Agent now remits by bank bill represents the proportion of the wages chargeable to Revenue paid here to the wives and families of engine drivers and other servants. It is a great boon to the men to be enabled to make these allotments of their wages payable at home. From the first they have been allowed to do so, at the rate of exchange of 2s. a rupee, and to alter that now would lead to great confusion, and would interfere with the regular remittance of their necessary family payments. The proportion of the wages so remitted to the 31st December last amounted to Rupees 66,075-5-7, representing 6,607l. 10s. 8d., but it would have required Rupees 72,082-2-11 to have produced the same sum in sterling, at the contract rate of exchange. Under these circumstances, the Board trust that the Agent may still be allowed to remit the money in question direct, rather than through the Government Treasury.

No. 261.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1871, No. 720.

RAILWAY, No. 33.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for the information and guidance of the Railway Agents in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Edw. E. C. Shunker.

Railway
No. 1.

India Office,
London, 26th January 1871.

My Lord,

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I have the honor to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

[Signature]

His Excellency,
The Right Honourable,
The Governor in Council,
Fort St. George.

* To Mr. J. Rymer, dated
1st Decr 1870.
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10th Jan'y 1871.
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11th Jan'y 1871, No. 2542.

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India Office,
London, 1 December 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Instant, No 2616, and to acquaint you in reply that an order has been passed for payment to the Madras Railway Company of the sum of £385. 19. 7 being for purposes specified which have been sanctioned.

The Accountant General will inform you when this amount may be received.

I am, however to transmit herewith a copy of a Despatch which the Duke of Argyll has addressed to the Government of Bombay on the subject of Family payments and to state that if it be considered desirable by the Board to continue to draw the money for such payments from this Office the course directed in that despatch must be followed in future.

(Sig^d) M. E. Grant Duff

J. Byrne Esq^r

No 38, dated 18th Aug. 1870.

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India Office,
10th January 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2nd instant N^o. 2636, and to acquaint you in reply that an order has been passed for payment to the Madras Railway Company of the sum of £1,016.18.5 being for purposes specified which have been sanctioned.

The Accountant-General will inform you when this amount may be received.

I am, however, to draw your attention to the fact that, no reply has been received to the letter from this Office of the 1st December last regarding family payments and to state that no further issue on that account will be made until a reply has been received.

I am &c
(sig^d), W. J. Thornton
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P. Works Dept

W. Byrne Esq

Madras Railway Company
33 New Broad Street
London E.C. 11th Jan^y 1871.

No 2642.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 1st ultimo and 10th instant the former enclosing Copy of a Despatch addressed by the Duke of Argyll to the Government of Bombay on the subject of family payments directing that remittances for any purpose through private Banks be discontinued and that payments in this country be carried to account in the Books in India at the rate of 7/10 per rupee, and adding that if the Board consider it desirable to continue to draw money for such payments the course directed in that Despatch must be followed in future.

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The Under Secretary of State for India
India Office

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I am &c
(sig^d), Julian Byrne
Secretary.

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India Office,
London, 18 August 1869.

Railway.
No. 38.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
in Council, Bombay.

No. 117,
dated 12th
July 1869.

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is explained by the Board that this has been done in order that the men
might obtain the benefit of the exchange of 2s. the rupee; but as I agree
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in all cases where money is transferred from one country to the other, I
have directed that remittances for any purpose through private banks be
discontinued, and that payments in this country be carried to account in
the books in India at 1s. 10d. the rupee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,
(Signed) ARGYLL.

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ENCLOSURE.

No. 117 of 1869.

The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company,
No. 3, New Broad Street, London, E.C.,
12th July 1869.

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I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. R. WATT.

The Under Secretary of State
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Forwarding a
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No 720: 10 March 71
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Govt. of Madras.

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