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14th October 1872.

No. 228. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 12th September 1872, No. 1,466-G. R:—

I AM directed to forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the East Indian and Punjab and Delhi Railway Companies have decided to charge for the Viceroy's special trains a somewhat lower rate than that charged to the public, namely, for the Viceroy's special trains Rupees 2-8-0 per mile, with the ordinary fare of each passenger and the usual charge for luggage, etc., instead of Rupees 4 per mile *plus* fares, etc.

From Government of Bengal, No. 24-G., dated 5th January 1870, and enclosures.
To do. No. 121-R., dated 19th January 1870.
From Government of Punjab, No. 1,262-G., dated 24th March 1870, and enclosures.
To do. No. 657-R., dated 20th April 1870.

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Extract Minutes of Meeting No. 61 of 1869, Resolution No. 887.

2. It will be seen that these trains have been put on a footing distinct from ordinary special trains.

Extract from Minutes of Official Meeting No. 61 *of* 1869, *Resolution No.* 887.

Charge for special trains run for His Excellency the Viceroy.

SUBMITTED the following correspondence between the Agency and the Government :—

Docket No. 1,844-G., of 25th August 1869, from Officiating Joint Secretary to Government of Bengal, to Agency.

Letter No. 521-G., of 15th September, from Chairman, Board of Agency, to Government.

Letter No. 2,350-G., of 2nd ultimo, and annexure, from Officiating Joint Secretary to Government of Bengal, to the Agency.

Letter No. 596-G., of 8th idem, from Chairman, Board of Agency, to Government.

Also read the following remarks by the Consulting Engineer to Government of Bengal :—

"That, in his opinion, it is both expedient and proper to discuss a complete distinction between the Viceregal or Government trains and the special trains which are made available to the public at a fixed tariff rate.

"The practice now is for the Viceroy and high Officers of State to travel to and from Simla once a year. The Company has built royal saloon carriages at its own cost, and is in the habit of supplementing these vehicles by their own officers' carriages, or other special arrangements, as a compliment to Government.

"It further marks its sense of the occasion by taxing the professional skill of its officers in working such trains at the utmost speed and under the most perfect management.

"Under conditions like these, further discussion with the Government of India in the Public Works Department on the question of remunerative rates seems uncalled for, and the Consulting Engineer would suggest that the lowest rate charged for royal trains in England might be adopted in this country as indicating conclusively that the Company do not intend to make a profit by the transaction."

887. Resolved that, in deference to the wishes of the Government, the Viceregal train be charged at the rate of Rupees 2-8-0 per mile with the ordinary fare of each passenger and the usual charge for baggage, etc.

No. 120-*R.*, *dated* 19*th January* 1870.

Endorsed by Public Works Department.

Copy, with copy of letter No. 2,462-G., dated 19th November 1869, forwarded for information to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated 19th January 1870, No. 121-R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters No. 2,462-G. and No. 24-G., dated respectively the 19th November 1869 and 5th January 1870, on the subject of the charge to be made by the East Indian Railway Company for special trains for His Excellency the Viceroy, and in reply to state that the Governor-General in Council has received with satisfaction the intimation that these trains have been put on a footing distinct from ordinary special trains, and that the charge for them in future will be Rupees 2-8-0 per mile with the ordinary fare of each passenger and the usual charge for baggage, etc.

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of the Punjab in the Public Works Department, (Railway Branch,) to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 24th March 1870, No. 1,262.

I am desired to forward, for the information of the Supreme Government, a copy of a letter No. 1,040, dated 10th March 1870, received from the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, with enclosure from Traffic Manager, proposing that the rate of Rupees 2-8-0 per mile, with fares and baggage rates added, be in future charged for Viceregal trains, and I am to inquire whether this rate, which commends itself to this Government, meets with the approval of the Government of India.

Memorandum from the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of the Punjab, Railway Department, dated 10th March 1870, No. 1,040.

Undersigned annexes copy of letter from Officiating Traffic Manager, No. 288, dated 7th instant, proposing to reduce the charge for these special trains from Rupees 4 per mile to Rupees 2-8-0, minimum distance 50 miles, the charge for fares in baggage being charged in addition as at present. Wishes to know if the Government will approve of the proposal.

From the Officiating Traffic Manager, to the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, dated 7th March 1870, No. 288.

The East Indian Railway Audit Department having addressed our Audit Department on the subject of a uniform rate being charged for special Viceregal trains, it has been proposed that the charge be Rupees 2-8-0 per mile with fares and baggage rates added.

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Both the Auditor and myself are of opinion that it would be well to adopt this rate, provided Government agrees.

Will you kindly inform me of your wishes in this matter.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Joint Secretary to the Government of the Punjab in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated 20th April 1870, No. 657-R.

In reply to your No. 1,262-G., dated 24th March last, I am directed to communicate the approval of the Governor-General in Council to the rate of Rupees 2-8-0 per mile *plus* fares and baggage rates proposed to be adopted in future on the Punjab and Delli Railways for Viceregal trains.

No. 657½-*R.*

Endorsed Public Works Department.

Copy of the above, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy for information.

No. 229. Order thereon, 14th October 1872, No. 2,410.

RAILWAY, No. 32.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will ascertain whether the Madras and Great Southern of India Railway Companies are disposed to adopt similar fares.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Memo from — Major Genl. S. A. Abbatt Agent Punjab & Delhi Railways.
To J. Ronay, Engr. to the Govt. of the Punjab

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No. 1262 G dated 24th March 1870.

From — Captain L. Conway Gordon, R.E.
Asstt. Secy: to the Govt. of the
Panjab, in the P.W. Deptt.,
Railway Branch.

To — The Secretary to the Govt. of
India, P.W. Deptt.

I am desired to forward, for the information of the Supreme Govt., a copy of a letter No. 1040, dated 10th March 1870, received from the Agent, Punjab and Delhi Railways, with enclosure from Traffic Manager, proposing that the rate of Rs. 2-8 per mile, with fares and baggage rates added, be in future charged for Viceregal trains, and I am to enquire whether this rate, which commends itself to this Govt., meets with the approval of the Govt. of India.

No. 1040 dated 10th March 1870.

Memo from — Major Genl. S.A. Abbott, Agent
Punjab & Delhi Railways
To — Conway Gordon, Esqr. to the Govt. of the P

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No. 288 dated 3rd March 1870.

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No. 657 R, dated 20th April 1870

From — The Govt. of India, P.W. Deptt.

To — Jt. Secy: to the Govt. of the Punjab, in the P.W. Deptt., Railway Branch.

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Endorsed P. W. Deptt.

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No. 1466 R.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~STATE~~ RAILWAYS.

To

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Public Works Department (Railway)

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.
J. Broomfield Lt. R.E.
Offg. Deputy Secretary

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From — Major F. S. Taylor R.E. Joint Secy: to the Govt. of Bengal, in the P.W. Department Ry. Branch. —

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No. 120 R, dated 19th January 1870.

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From.

The Govt of India.

Dated 12th } Sept. 72.
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Enquiring whether the Railway Companies in the Madras Presidency would be disposed to lower rates for the Viceroy's Special trains.

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