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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 422. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 5th November 1872, No. 52 R:—

Conveyance of Government Stores, Troops, and Mails by State Railways.

Read—

Letter from the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, No. 1,219, dated the 14th June 1872, and enclosure.

Read also—

The following Clause No. 19 of the Contract with the Oudh and Rohikhund Railway Company:

Mails and troops.

That the Company will at all times during the said determinable term of 999 years convey on the said railway the Government mails and post bags and the guards and other servants of the Post Office in charge thereof free of charge and when they are on duty all officers and persons in the administration of the Post Office also free of charge and provide free of cost sorting carriages and any other kind of vehicle which the Secretary of State in Council may consider to be requisite for the purposes or convenience of the Post Office and its officials and convey on the said railway when they are on duty the troops in Her Majesty's service both horse and foot and all other persons to whom the provisions of the Mutiny Acts and Regulations for the time being in force for Her Majesty's European and Indian Forces respectively shall be applicable and all Officers and men belonging to the Police Force and all artisans on the business of the Government and all Officers' servants accompanying their masters when on duty and the officers and persons of similar station in life shall be entitled to travel in first class carriages at second class fares and the troops and men belonging to the Police Force and European artisans and Officers' servants in second class carriages at the lowest fares and all the other persons at the lowest fares with two tons of baggage free of charge for every 100 men so carried and the Company will also at all times convey on the said railway all general stores belonging to the Government and all guns, ammunition, horses and other animals used for military purposes and all military stores, carriages, waggons, camp equipage and equipments whatsoever at the lowest rate for the time being chargeable for the carriage of such animals, goods and merchandise, the several privileges of conveyance and carriage hereby stipulated for being at all times to be used and enjoyed in preference to and priority over the public use of the said line of railway for conveyance and carriage.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Examiner of Railway Accounts, Calcutta, recommends that, in accordance with the rule which is in force in other Government Departments, such as the Post Office and Telegraph, the State Railways should be credited with the actual revenue that would accrue if this service were performed for the public, and this view is supported by the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, except as regards the conveyance of Mails and Post Office servants, which he suggests should, as on Guaranteed lines, be undertaken free of charge.

2. In the opinion of the Honourable the President in Council it is not expedient, so long as the existing contracts between Government and the Guaranteed Railway Companies hold good, to prescribe any rules, whereby a different system of dealing with charges for services of the nature referred to would be established on State Railways from that in force on Guaranteed lines; and until further orders, the State Railways should be guided in regard to the carriage of mails and troops by the provisions of the 19th clause of the contract with the Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway Company now read.

3. The Honourable the President in Council, however, considers it desirable that the value of the services thus rendered, either free or at a reduced charge, should be known, and, in future, a statement should be attached to the Half-yearly State Railway Revenue Accounts showing the difference between the charge that would have been made to the public for the services rendered to the Military and Post Office Departments and the payment which has been received.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to the Governments, Administrations, Officers and Departments noted in the margin for information and guidance.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah and Mysore.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
Controllers, Public Works Accounts, Bombay, Central Provinces, and Hyderabad.
Deputy Controllers of Accounts, Punjab Northern (State) Railway, Indus Valley (State) Railway, Rajpootana (State) Railway, and Holkar and Neemuch (State) Railways.
Director-General of the Post Office.
Financial Department.
Military. ,,

To the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, with reference to his letter No. 1,219, dated the 14th June 1872.

And to the Officers marginally noted for information.

Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Lahore and Lucknow.
The Officiating Chief Engineer, Punjab Northern (State) Railway.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Indus Valley (State) Railway.
The Superintending Engineers, Agra and Delhi Districts, Rajpootana (State) Railway, Holkar (State) Railway, and Neemuch (State) Railway.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 423. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1872, No. 2,775.

RAILWAY, No. 68.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

G. H. 1872 Department
No. 5625.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To

CIRCULAR No. 52 RAILWAY.

Dated SIMLA, 5*th November* 1872.

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STATE RAILWAYS.

Conveyance of Government Stores, Troops, and Mails.

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To The Consulting Engr for Railways

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