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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd December 1872.

No. 3. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st November 1872, No. 640:—

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India, No. 1,708 G. R., communicated with the Orders of Government, dated 6th November 1872, No. 2,608, I have the honour to state that, in preparing the half-yearly reviews of the Revenue Accounts of the Railways in this Presidency, it has been the practice to deduct from the expenses of the several departments the amounts which figure in Abstract K. of the Revenue Account as sundry receipts before proceeding to distribute the expenses of the departments among the different classes of traffic. For instance, in preparing the Revenue Account for the second-half of 1871, the locomotive charges, which according to the Revenue Account amounted to Rupees 5,96,825, were reduced to Rupees 5,39,743; the difference, Rupees 57,082, being made up of two items, Rupees 56,178 realized by the hire of locomotives, and Rupees 904 derived from the sale of condemned and useless revenue stores. Other deductions were made from the expenses of other departments.

2. This practice, which appears to me to be fair and reasonable, was grounded on the fact that the sums which appear in Abstract K. do really represent so many set-offs to the expenditure of the various departments, as shown in the Revenue Account. For instance, the sum of Rupees 56,177, hire of locomotives, is a direct set-off to the expenditure incurred by the Locomotive Department in working and maintaining engines required for ballasting and other works on Capital, and for working over a short length of foreign line, and the amounts received as rents for dwelling-houses and refreshment-rooms are set-offs to the expenses incurred in maintaining these buildings. Then the expenditure distributed among the different classes *is* the total *net* expenditure.

3. I would further point out that the object of the successive distributions, carried out in Tables M.II. to M.IV., is to arrive at the comparison given in Table M.V., between expenditure on, and receipts from, each unit of traffic carried over one mile; and, seeing that the sundry receipts, as per Abstract K. are not represented in the first column of Table M.V., it appears to me that the comparison is vitiated by including in the second column of this table ratable proportion of expenditure against which these receipts may fairly be set off.

4. I request that I may be favoured with the orders of Government as to the course which is to be followed in the preparation of future reviews, in dealing with the sums shown in Abstract K. of the Revenue Account.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1872, No. 2,810.

RAILWAY, No. 2.

ORDERED that this letter be forwarded for the instructions of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,811, dated 2nd December 1872.)
(True extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner of Railway Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *2nd December* 1872.

No. 5.

No. 2,811.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

SIR,—Adverting to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 1,708 G. R., dated 25th October 1872, I am directed to forward the accompanying letter in which the Consulting Engineer for Railways requests instructions as to the manner in which the amounts shown in Abstract K. of the Revenue Account are to be dealt with in the preparation of future reviews of those Accounts.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 640-

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.;

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India, No. 1708. 6 R. communicated with the orders of Government dated 6th November 1872, No. 2608, I have the honour to state that, in preparing the half-yearly Reviews of the Revenue Accounts of the Railways in this Presidency, it has been the practice to deduct from the expenses of the several departments the amounts which figure in Abstract K of the Revenue

Revenue account as sundry Receipts before proceeding to distribute the expenses of the departments — among the different classes of traffic. For instance in preparing the Revenue account for the second half of 1871, the Locomotive charges, which according to the Revenue account amounted to Rs: 5,96,825, were reduced to Rs: 5,39,743; the difference Rs: 57,082 being made up of two items. Rs: 56,178 realized by the hire of locomotives, and Rs: 904 derived from the sale of condemned and useless Revenue stores. Other deductions were made from the expenses of other departments.

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to the expenses incurred in maintaining these buildings. When the expenditure distributed among the different classes is the total net expenditure.

3 I would further point out that the objects of the various distributions, entered in Tables M.III & M.IV, is to reduce at the comparison given in Table M.V, between expenditure on and Receipts from each unit of traffic carried over one mile; and, seeing that the Sunday Receipts, as per Abstract K, are not represented in the first column of Table M.V, it appears to me that the

the comparison is vitiated by including in the second column of this table a total proportion of expenditure against which these Receipts may fairly be set off.

4 I request that I may be favored with the orders of Government as to the course which is to be followed in the preparation of future Returns, in dealing with the items shown in Abstract K of the Revenue Account.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Chas: Elwyn for Railway

Madras
21st November
1872

Encl.
Abstract
As Marginal Memo.

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Dated 3rd Dec 1872

From

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

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Ordered that the
letter be forwarded for
the instruction of the
Govt of India.

N.E. No. 4.

J. Thornton
Secy to the
Govt of India

Cmnlg: Engr: for Rys:
Ex: Engr: Accounts
Dated 3/12/72

Sir,

Adverting to para-
graph 2 of your letter
No 1708 G.R. dated 23rd
October 1872 I am
directed to forward
the accompanying
letter in which the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways requests for
instructions

Rec'd 6th November 1872 No 84-85

P. W. 1872 Despatch.
Prog sent for Desp

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1872.
From No. 5709.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 2nd November 1872.
Recd. 22

No. 640-

Submitting ob-
servations & requesting
instructions on the pre-
paration of half yearly
returns of Rly: accounts
(abstract &c-)

No 2810-2811-2nd Dec 1872

instructions as to the
manner in which the
amounts shown in
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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engr for Railways and To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 2nd Dec. 1872, No. 2810-2811.

Nos. 3-485

Revenue Accounts. Taking orders on letter from the Govt. of India regarding instructions as to the manner in which the amounts shown in Abstract K of the Rev. Accts. are to be dealt with in the preparation of future reviews of those accounts.

Forwards letter from the Govt. of India regarding instructions as to the manner in which the amounts shown in Abstract K of the Revenue Accounts are to be dealt with in the preparation of future reviews of those