

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st January 1872.*

No. 597. Read the following letter from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th January 1872, No. 21 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,481 of the 28th September last, I have the honour to submit letters from the Agents of the Madras, the Great Southern of India, and the Carnatic Railways, showing the state of the station accounts with respect to traffic earnings due on the 30th June 1871, and also reporting on the practice obtaining as regards control in the matter of station accounts.

2. The amount standing unadjusted against stations on account of traffic earnings, up to 30th June 1871, was as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Madras Railway on the 1st November 1871 ...	1,803	7	1
Great Southern of India Railway, 4th Oct. 1871...	24	10	0
Carnatic Railway, 31st August 1871 ...			Nil.

3. On the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways the Station Masters, so far as accounts are concerned, are under the direct control of the Audit Department, and on removals from one station to another an official always has his accounts adjusted.

4. On the Carnatic Railway although there is no definite rule to that effect yet the Station Masters are made to understand that they are liable for all deficiencies which will be recovered by retrenchment from their salaries.

From the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd October 1871, No. 211.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 228, dated 30th ultimo, enclosing G. O., No. 2,481 of the 28th idem, and in reply to the latter I beg to inform you that our outstanding balances at stations, up to the 30th June 1871, were all recovered and paid in during the subsequent two months.

2. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of the G. O. under notice, I have to state that it is our practice to advise Station Clerks of errors, and if they are not paid in due course, or if outstandings are not collected, the amount is understood to be liable to be deducted from their salaries; but if an absolute rule to this effect is laid down, I think it will be necessary to pay the Station Clerks proportionally to such a responsibility. The salaries paid to them on this railway at present are certainly not such as can be expected to cover all risks of loss from errors of judgment, or even from mistakes which might almost amount to neglect, and I am of opinion that it will be less costly to leave with the Agent a discretionary power in such matters.

3. I see no objection to the Station Masters and Clerks being directly accountable to the Audit Office in so far as account matters are concerned.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th October 1871, No. 424.

I HAVE to inform you, in reply to your letter No. 301 of the 30th ultimo, that this Company has not sustained any loss of the nature alluded to in Government of India letter No. 531-A. R. of the 16th idem.

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2. The items of a prior date to the 30th June last which still remain unpaid at stations, are as under :—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Negapatam ...	17	3	0	} Consignments on hand.
Tanjore ...	0	8	0	
Trichinopoly ...	1	12	0	
Caroor ..	0	12	0	
Trichinopoly ...	4	7	0	} Consignee has been absent from station; will be collected this week.

So far as accounts are concerned the clerks at stations are directly under the control of the Audit Department, and no clerk in charge of a station is permitted to leave the service, or be transferred to another post, without his accounts being examined and adjusted.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th November 1871, No. 709.

As requested in your letter No. 606, dated the 30th of September last, with which you forwarded a copy of G. O., No. 2,481, of the 28th idem, I have the honour to enclose a statement showing the amounts standing at the debit of stations on account of traffic earnings at the 1st November 1871, and the half-years for which the balances were due. At the present time the whole amount is considered to be recoverable.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Order, I beg to state that on this railway the Auditor corresponds with and gives instructions to Station Masters direct upon matters of account, and the station returns, etc., are rendered to the Audit Office without passing through the Traffic Manager's hands. So far the Station Masters and Clerks are under the direct control of the Auditor, who reports to the Traffic Manager instances of neglect of instructions which call for special interference.

3. With reference to the suggestion that a rule shall be laid down that no official in charge of traffic monies or accounts shall be removed from one station to another without a "No-demand Certificate" from the Audit Office, I am of opinion that such a rule would hamper the hands of the Traffic Manager, and probably occasion loss and expense to the Company, while the result would be practically no improvement on the present system under which officials in the Traffic Department about to be removed from one station to another are "balanced up" by the Traffic Manager or his divisional Assistant.

Statement showing the amounts standing unadjusted against Stations on account of Traffic Earnings.

	BALANCE, 30TH JUNE 1870.			BALANCE, 1ST NOVEMBER 1871.		
	Amount.			Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Half-year ending 30th June 1870	29,982	12	0	0	9	3
	BALANCE, 31ST DECEMBER 1870.			BALANCE, 1ST NOVEMBER 1871.		
	Amount.			Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Half-year ending 31st December 1870	23,418	1	2	416	1	5

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Statement showing the amounts standing unadjusted against Stations on account of Traffic Earnings.—(Concluded.)

	BALANCE, 30TH JUNE 1871.			BALANCE, 1ST NOVEMBER 1871.		
	Amount.			Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Half-year ending 30th June 1871	53,202	5	7	1,803	7	1

(Signed) F. CHURCH,
Chief Auditor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. MELLIS,
For Agent and Manager.

No. 598. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1872, No. 290.

RAILWAY, No. 80.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter, dated 16th September 1871, No. 531-A. R.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 599. (DOCKET No. 291, dated 31st January 1872.)
COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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CARNATIC RAILWAY CO., (LIMITED)

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 3rd October 1871

No 211

FROM

J. J. Fisher Esq.

AGENT AND MANAGER, CARNATIC RAILWAY CO.,
Madras.

TO

Maj. H. S. Spending Esq. R.E.

AG. CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 228. dated 30th ultimo enclosing G. O. No 2481 of the 28th idem, and in reply to the latter, I beg to inform you that our outstanding balances at stations up to the 30th June 1871. were all recovered & paid in during the subsequent two months.

2. With reference to the 2nd para of the G. O. under notice I have to state that it is our practice to advise station clerks of errors, and if they are not paid in due course, or if outstandings are not collected, the amount is understood to be liable to be deducted from their salaries, but if an absolute rule to this effect is laid down, I think it will be necessary to pay the station clerks proportionally to such a responsibility. The salaries paid to them on this Railway at present, are certainly not such

such as can be expected
of loss from errors of judgment, or even
from mistakes which might almost
amount to neglect, and I am of opinion
that it will be less costly to leave with the
Agent a discretionary power in such mat-
ters..

I see no objection to the Station
Masters clerks being directly accountable
to the Audit Office in so far as account
matters are concerned..

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

for J. Fisher
Agent & Manager

From

The Agent and Manager,

CANNIA RAILWAY COMPANY,

(LIMITED)

MADRAS.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

DATED 3rd Dec 1891

FROM

No. 211

P. M. 20/12

In the adjustment
of Station & Clerks
Salaries

NEGAPATAM, *Post* 4th 1891

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Acting Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

I have to inform you in reply
to your letter No. 301 of the 30th ult
that this Company has not sustained
any loss of the nature alluded to
in Govt. of India letter No. 831. A.R.
of the 16th idem..

The items for prior date to the
30th June last which still remain
unpaid at stations are as under

Negapatam Rs. 17.3.0.	} Consignments on hand
Tanjore " 8.0	
Tuckiampoly 1.12.0.	
Baroor " 12.0.	} Consignments have been absent from Station will be collected this week.
Tuckiampoly 4.7.0.	

So far as accounts are concerned the
Clerks at Stations are directly under
the control of the audit department,
and no Clerk in Charge of a Station
is permitted to leave the service, or be
transferred to another post without
his

his accounts being examined
and adjusted.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obedt Servt
William H. Battey

Appt.

Informing that no
objection is made to
the audit letter to 531
has been sustained by
the Company

P. H. 240/12

Noted 27th October 1871

The Agt. Consulting Engg
for Railways

To
The Agt.
W. H. P. O.

No. 4211

No. 709

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 27th November 1871.

From

Robert D. Elwin Esq
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Major H. L. Prudengast R.E.
Ag. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

As requested in your letter
of 6th dated the 30th of September last, with
which you forwarded a copy of G. O. No. 2481
of the 28th idem. I have the honor to enclose
a statement showing the amounts standing
at the debit of stations on account of Traffic
earnings at the 1st November 1871, and the Half
Years for which the balances were due. At
the present time the whole amount is consider-
ed to be recoverable.

With reference to paragraph 2
of the Order, I beg to state that on this Railway
the Auditor corresponds with and gives
instructions to Station Masters direct upon
matters of Account, and the Station Returns
&c. are rendered to the Audit Office without
passing through the Traffic Manager's
hands. As far as the Station Masters and
Clerks are under the direct control of the
Auditor, who reports to the Traffic Manager
instances of neglect of instructions which
call for special interference.

3. With reference to the suggestion that
a Rule shall be laid down that no official
in charge of traffic monies or accounts shall
be removed from one station to another
without a demand Certificate from the
Audit Office, I am of opinion that such
a Rule would hamper the hands of the Traffic
Manager and probably occasion loss and
expense to the Company, while the result
would be practically no improvement on the
present system - under which officials in
the Traffic Department about to be removed
from one station to another are balanced
up by the Traffic Manager or his Divisional
Assistant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

J. H. Mellis.
for the Agent and Manager.

Madras Railway

Statement showing the amounts standing unadjusted against stations on account of Traffic Earnings

Balance 30 th June 1870	Balance 1 st November 1870
Amount	Amount
29,982 12	9 3

Half year ending 30th June 1870

Balance 31 st December 1870	Balance 1 st November 1871
Amount	Amount
23,418 12	416 15

Half year ending 31st December 1870

Balance 30 th June 1871	Balance 1 st November 1871
Amount	Amount
53,202 57	1803 71

Half year ending 30th June 1871

J. Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor

True Copy/
J. W. Mellis
for the Agent and Manager

1870

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. N. 24072

Date 27th Oct 1870.
Recd. 28th " 1870.

No. 709

Enclosing a statement showing the amounts standing unadjusted against stations on account of traffic earnings on the 1st Oct 1871.

P.N. 240/12
Dated 11th Sept 1871

Railway Department.

No. 21

From

Captain G. J. Smith, R.E.,
Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel S. Carpenter, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

On letter from
Government of India the 28th September last.
N^o 531 dated
16th September 1871.

With reference to G.O. N^o 2481 of
the 28th September last. I have the honour
to submit letters from the Agents of the
Madras the Great Southern of India and
the Carnatic Railways showing the state of
the Station accounts with respect to traffic
earnings due on the 30th June 1871 and
also reporting on the practice obtaining re-
gards control in the matter of station ac-
counts.

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The amount standing unad-
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-justed against stations on account of
traffic earnings up to 30th June 1871
was as follows:-

Madras Railway on the 1st Nov/71 Rs. 1803. 7.1
G. S. of S. Railway 4th Oct 24. 10.0
Carnatic Railway 31st Aug. nil

3. On the Madras and the
Great Southern of India Railways the
station masters so far as accounts are
concerned are under the direct control of
the Audit Department and on removals
from one station to another an official
always has his accounts adjusted.

4. On the Carnatic Railway
although there is no definite rule to that
effect yet the station masters are made
to understand that they are liable for
all deficiencies which will be recovered
by retrenchment from their salaries. -
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Madras
15th January
1871

Have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

C. Smith Captain, R.E.,
Dy. Genl. Engineer for Railways

I am not certain
 as to the State of
 affairs with respect to
 traffic earnings of the
 several Divs.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,

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

To

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 Received 17th January 1872.
 Dated 16th January 1872.
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort St. George.

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

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. J. B. Cunningham Esq.
Secretary to the Govt.
of India
Enc. 4

G. O. 51st May 1872, 12. 90.
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Nos. 597-598-599

Public Works. Paper
order on letter from the
Secretary to the Govt.
of India regarding
the state of the station de-
scribed with respect to traffic
the works of the General P.W.

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