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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1872.*

No. 271. Read the following letter from the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and the Consulting Engineers for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow, dated Fort William, 16th January 1872, No. 59—63-G. R.:—

I AM directed to forward the accompanying extract from a letter No. 683, dated the 29th September 1871, from the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens at Saharunpoor, to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, on the subject of the high rate charged for the conveyance of shrubs and plants by rail, and, at the instance of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, to request that the Railway Authorities may be induced to adopt a lower tariff for these articles, and to convey them at first-class rates.

2. The matter is of some importance to the country from a horticultural point of view, and the Governor-General in Council has no doubt that the suggestion made will be dealt with by the Companies in a liberal spirit.

Extract from a letter No. 683, dated 29th September 1871, from Superintendent, Botanical Gardens, North-Western Provinces, to Officiating Under Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces.

“Many persons have indented largely on the gardens for plants; but on the high rate of carriage charged by the Railway Authorities being brought to their notice, they have declined to receive them. In the goods tariff, shrubs and plants, as stated, are inserted in class 4th, seeds in class 1st, and “vegetables perishable” in class 2nd. Plants when properly packed weigh very heavy, and thus the freight charged for their transmission to a distance is much more than parties are willing to give. Were they placed in class 2nd, or in the same class as vegetables perishable, parties indenting for plants would willingly pay this rate, and, until this be done, the Railway Authorities will find that the goods train will not be generally used by parties indenting for plants. The reduction of freight, therefore, is, in my humble opinion, well worthy of the consideration of the Railway Authorities.”

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1872, No. 445.

RAILWAY, No. 30.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Enclosure to P. W. Dept. Nos. 59—63 R of 1872.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY.

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY,
AND THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR
GUARANTEED RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, LA-
HORE, AND LUCKNOW.

Nos. 59—61 R.

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Comm. to the Con. Insp. for Railways.

No. 461 S.

On the question of a reduction in the
charge for the carriage of shrubs and plants
by railway.

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To
The Acting Consulting
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Carriage & Plants by
Railways. Letter from the Govt
of India regarding reduction in
the charge for the carriage of
plants & plants by Railways.
Cons. & the request for Rs. 1.