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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1872.*

No. 284. Read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 22nd January 1872, No. 103—G.R. :—

I AM directed to forward a copy of the correspondence marginally noted, and to request the issue of the necessary orders under the authority of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, requiring the Railway Companies to accept Government Currency Notes, irrespective of the Circles of Issue, when tendered *bona fide* in payment of Railway charges.

2. I am to observe also that as all notes received by the Railway Companies have to be paid into the Government Treasury, it must be immaterial to the Companies what circle they belong to, as long as they are received at par under Financial Department Notification No. 4,284 of 22nd October 1869, and it is most improbable, under these circumstances, that they will desire to inflict needless annoyance on their customers.

From the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta, 13th December 1871, No. 557.

I HAVE the honour to submit, in original, letter No. 712, dated 24th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Paper Currency, Madras, inquiring whether Station Masters on the lines of Railway in India are bound to accept Government Currency Notes, irrespective of the Circles of Issue, when *bona fide* tendered by travellers in payment of their Railway fares.

2. The orders on the subject are contained in Financial Notification No. 4,284, dated 22nd October 1869, and Financial Resolution No. 786, dated 10th February last; as all such notes are received at Government Treasuries as traffic earnings there seems no reason why any objections should be raised to the orders of Government as contained in the Resolutions under reference, and I would suggest that the Board of the Great Southern Railway be addressed on the subject.

From the Officiating Assistant Accountant-General in charge of Paper Currency Department, to the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, dated Fort St. George, 24th November 1871, No. 712.

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Acting Commissioner, to inquire whether, under paragraph 3 of letter from the Financial Secretary to the Officiating Accountant-General, North-West Provinces, dated 11th July 1865, No. 1,219, Station Masters on all the lines of Railway throughout India are not bound to accept foreign circle notes "when *bona fide* tendered by travellers in payment of Railway fares."

2. The circumstances that have led to this inquiry being made are a report by the Officiating Deputy Accountant-General that, while on his present tour, he was a witness to the refusal by a Station Master at Tanjore to accept a Calcutta Note in payment of a passenger's fare between that place and Trichinopoly, and the receipt of a letter (copy herewith) from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways in reply to one asking him to take such steps as will ensure implicit compliance on the part of all Station Masters in this Presidency with the instructions laid down in the Financial Secretary's letter referred to in paragraph 1.

3. I am desired to point out that, under Major Prendergast's view, it practically becomes impossible for travellers to cash foreign circle notes at Railway stations.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1872.*

From the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Officiating Assistant Accountant-General in charge of Paper Currency Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1871, No. 994.

BEFORE acting on your letter No. 699 of the 21st instant, I shall feel obliged by your informing me if the interpretation you put on Circular No. 12, dated 27th July 1865, is based solely on the Financial Secretary's letter No. 1,219 of 10th July 1865.

2. The Railway Companies are thereby authorized to receive foreign notes, but it appears to me very doubtful if they are compelled to do so.

3. The Agent of the Great Southern Railway may say, "I am aware I am not precluded from accepting a note of another circle in payment for a fare, as in the case of merchandize, but I would rather not take one, even for a passenger's fare, and decline to receive it."

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1872, No. 451.

RAILWAY, No. 32.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with a view to the Agents of the Railways in this

Presidency being requested to issue the necessary instructions for the acceptance of Government Currency Notes, irrespective of the Circle of Issue, when tendered in payment of Railway charges.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways,
,, Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Fort St George S. 1 3
Accountant Genl's Office
Paper Currency Dept
24th Novr 1871.

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From

Mr. Donald Craig
Offg Asst Accountant Genl in charge of
Paper Currency Dept.

To

The Head Commissioner of Paper Currency
Calcutta.

I have the honor, by direction of the Ag Commr, to enquire whether, under para 2 of letter from the Financial Secy: to the Offg Accountant Genl, N.W.P., of 11th July 1865, No 1219, Station masters on all the lines of railway throughout India are not bound to accept foreign circle notes "when bona fide tendered by travellers in payment of railway fares."

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Railway Dept.

N^o 994.

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Madras 23rd Nov 1871-

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From

Major H. L. Prendergast R. E.

Ag. Bong Bong for Railways.

To

W. Donald Esq

Offg Asst^t Accountant Genl in charge of
Paper Currency Dept
Fort St George.

Before acting on your letter, N^o 699, of
the 21st Inst^t, I shall feel obliged by your informing me
if the interpretation, you put on Circular N^o 12, 8/27th
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No 557.

From

The Head Commissioner of Paper Currency

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Finl Dept.

Calcutta 13th December 1874.

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The orders on the subject are contained in Finl Notification No 4284 of 22nd October 1869, & Finl Resolution No 786 of 11th February last, as all such notes are received at Govt Treasuries as traffic earnings there seems no reason why any objections should be raised to the orders of Govt as contained in the Resolutions under reference, & I would suggest that the Board of the Great Southern Railway be addressed on the subject -

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All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 103 G. R.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
~~GUARANTEED~~ RAILWAYS.

To
The Secretary to the Government
of Madras
Public Works Department (Railway)

Fort William, 22 January 1872

Sir,

From Financial Dept.
No. 400/5 Jan'y 1872
and inclosures.

I am directed to forward a copy
of the correspondence marginally noted, and
to request the issue of the necessary orders,
under the authority of His Excellency the
Governor of Madras in Council, requiring
the Railway Companies to accept Govern-
ment currency notes, irrespective of the
circles of issue, when tendered bona fide,
in payment of Railway charges.

2. I am to observe also that as all
notes received by the Railway Companies
have to be paid into the Government
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Sd/- J. H. & Son.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
Wm. P. N.

Assistant Secretary

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No. 284

Communicating
copy of certain circulars
-providence & requesting
that notice may be
issued regarding the
Railway authorities
accept of any Govt
currency note when
tendered for the
in payment of Railway
charges. 1871-17 & 1872

Noted 22nd 3/2/72
Recd 29th 3/2/72
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From.
The Government
of India

Mr. 1872-1873
No. of Govt of India
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Public Works Deptt
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following
from the Govt of India (H.C. N^o 103 G. O. of 22 Jan 1872)

Communicated to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways with a view to
the Agents of the Railways
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Financial Deptt
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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Acting Consulting
Engineer for Railways

Dated

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G. O. 17 Feb. 1872, No. 457.

Nos. 284 & 285

Govt. Currency Notes. Letter
From the Govt. Secy to the
Honble Secy of Correspondence
requesting that orders may
be issued requiring the Rail-
way authorities to accept of
any Govt. Currency note
when tendered bona fide
in payment of the charges,
and to the Comdant for
the same.

to 31 March 1872

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