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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th July 1873.*

No. 199. Read the following letter from Lieutenant W. H. COAKER, R.E., for Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd June 1873, No. 338:—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 22nd April 1873, No. 1,161, I have the honour to forward the correspondence noted in the margin from the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways.

From the Agent of the Madras Railway, dated 20th June 1873, No. 429.
Do. Great Southern of India Railway, dated 15th May 1873, No. 5,035.

2. It will be seen that the Agent of the Madras Railway is in favour of the introduction of the credit note system, on the assumption that the notes are to be payable on presentation in the same way as cheques, and that the system is to be applied "to all departments of Government, in respect of ordnance stores, stationery, Commissariat stores and small details of troops, as well as to extra troop trains." In the Resolution of the Government of India, communicated with the Order of Government, dated 1st November 1872, No. 2,566, the system is made applicable "even in cases of individuals or small detachments," but it is not clear whether it is to apply to the carriage of ordnance stores, stationery, and Commissariat stores.

3. The Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway explains that the system at present followed on that Railway is a credit note system, the bills being paid on presentation by the Commissariat Officer at Trichinopoly. The Agent would deprecate the transfer of the payment of these bills to Madras, but I presume this is not intended, and the bills will continue to be paid by the same officer as at present.

4. I beg to request the orders of Government on the points brought forward by the Agents; also on paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 4th October 1872, No. 531,* as to whether the Railway Companies should be invited to enter into the arrangements which have been made with the East Indian Railway.

From J. W. MELLIS, Esq., for the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th June 1873, No. 429.

ADVERTING to your letter No. 419, dated the 6th ultimo, and to Order of Government No. 2,262, dated the 24th of September 1872, I have the honour to inform you that, in the opinion of the officers of this Company, the introduction of the credit note system as proposed would save account keeping and simplify matters immensely. This is assuming (as appears to be intended) that the notes are to be payable on presentation in the same way as cheques, as if they are to be payable only periodically nothing would be gained by their introduction, as ledger accounts would still be necessary.

2. It is understood that it is intended to apply the system to all departments of Government, in respect of Ordnance Stores, Stationery, Commissariat Stores, and small details of troops, as well as to extra troop trains, to which the form given in the order more particularly refers.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th July 1873.*

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 15th May 1873, No. 5,033.

Your letter No. 193 of the 6th instant. Practically, the system at present followed on this Railway, of payment for the carriage of troops, etc., is a credit note system.

2. Upon the production of a Railway Warrant at a Booking Office the clerk issues tickets in exchange for it. The Warrants are sent from the stations to head-quarters, where they are collected together and presented to the Commissariat Officer at Trichinopoly, who at once pays the amount due.

3. It would be inconvenient to us if the payment of these bills was transferred to Madras.

No. 200.

ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1873, No. 1,795.

RAILWAY, No. 22.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of these papers.

(Here enter No. 1,796, dated 12th July 1873.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 12th July 1873.

No. 201.

No. 1,796.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 23.

SIR,—WITH reference to your letter, No. 182 A. G. R., dated 4th April 1873, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers containing the views of the Railway officials of this Presidency on the subject of the credit note system of payment for the carriage of troops, etc., and to state that as the object in view is to facilitate the adjustment of demands on the Government by Railway Companies, His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the proposed change, and is of opinion that it might with advantage be extended to other departments as suggested by the Agent of the Madras Railway.

2. It is understood that the credit notes will be payable immediately on presentation, otherwise ledger accounts will still have to be maintained; it is also believed that the proposed system does not contemplate Madras as being the only place of payment.

3. I am, in conclusion, to invite attention to paragraph 3 of the Consulting Engineer's letter forwarded with my No. 2,567, dated 1st November 1872.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 5035

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 15 May 1873

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

Your letter No 198 of the 6th Instant.
Practically, the system at present followed
on this Railway, of payment for the carriage
of troops is a credit note system.

Upon the production of a Railway
warrant at a booking office, the Clerk
issues tickets in exchange for it. The
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Officer at Trichinopoly who at once
pays the amount due.

It would be inconvenient to
us if the payment of these bills was
transferred to Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t servant
William B. B. 2
Agent

No. 429

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 20th June 1873.

From

The Acting Agent and Manager, of the M. R. Co.

To

Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter N^o 419 dated the 6th ultimo, and to Order of Government N^o 2262 dated the 24th of September 1872, I have the honour to inform you that in the opinion of the Officers of this Company the introduction of the Credit Note system as proposed would save Account Keeping and simplify matters immensely. This is assuming (as appears to be intended) that the Notes are to be payable on presentation in the same way as cheques, as if they are to be payable only periodically nothing would be gained by their introduction, as Ledger Accounts would still be necessary.

2. It is understood that it is intended

From

Mr. Agent

20.6.73

To Mr. Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated 15th June 1873

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Regarding credit

note system of payment

for the carriage of passengers

P. 97.3622/73.

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intended to apply the system to all
Departments of Government, in respect
of Ordnance Stores, Stationery, Commissions,
- serial stores, and small details of
Troops, as well as to extra Troop trains, to
which the form given in the order
more particularly refers.

Have the honour to be,
Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

J. M. Nellis.

for the Ag. Agent Manager.

Cons Engineer's Office

Railway Department No 338

From Secy Coll. J. H. McShaw-Stewart B.E.

Cons Engrs for Railways

To Colonel G. W. Walker B.E.

Secretary to Government

G. W. Department

Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the order of Government dated 22nd April, 1873, No 1161, I have the honour to forward the correspondence noted in the margin from the Agents of the Madras, and Great Southern of India Railways

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 20th June 1873

Recd 21st July 1873

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Following with reference to the introduction of the metric system in the branch Railway

From Secy Coll. J. H. McShaw-Stewart B.E. dated 20th June 1873. No 1161
G. W. Department
Fort St. George.
Dated 15 May 1873. No 5035.

P. M. 3622/73.

Railways.

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* Embodied in
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N^o 2566.

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made with the East Indian
Railway.

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

D. Moore Secy. R.C.

Madras
23rd July
1873
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for Lines Eng for Railway

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Read the following

From the Engineer, Pys. (H. No 338) 23 June 73

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of these papers.

12 The Eng: Inq
for Railways
15 Military Dept
Dated 18/7/73

To The Secretary to the Government of India
Sir -
With reference to your letter No 182 of 4th April 1873, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers containing the views of the Railway officials of this Presidency on the subject of the credit (to)

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P. Q. 1853
The Secretary to Govt
for Railways
to the Secretary to Govt
for Railways
Dated 23/7
Received 24/8 June 1873
Enc. 2. 272 338.
Submitted letter from
the Engineer, Pys. & P
of Pys. & Pys. in
the interest of credit
note system.

10/10/73-1996.12.12

Note system of payment
for the carriage of goods
Yes, and to state that
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of payment.

I am in conclusion
to invite attention to para
3 of the Consulting Eng^r's
letter forwarded with my
No 2567 dated 1st Nov^r
1872 - L.M.W.

Dated 18/7/73
with No 1795.

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Hon. the Commr. of
for Railways
So the Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 12 July 1873, No. 1795.
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No. 199-200 & 201

Credit Note System -

Copy orders in letter from
for Railways
containing correspondence
the subject of the credit
system of payment
the carriage of troops &c.

To send, with remarks,
opinions on the subject
credit note system of pay-
ment for carriage of troops &c.

No. 199.201.

Order to Govt. of India 173