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No 496. Read the following letter from A. L. VAUX, Esq, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 21st June 1873, Nos 1,019-23 G R —

I AM directed to forward, for consideration and report, copy of a communication from the Military Department on the subject of reduced rates being allowed by Railway Companies for horse-trains, and of improvements in the present pattern of horse-boxes

Memorandum from Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 16th June 1873, No 507

Horses
Remounts

THE undersigned is directed to forward herewith, for consideration in the Public Works Department, copy of paragraphs 14 and 15 of letter No 550, dated the 7th May 1873, from the President, Special Stud Commission, regarding the reduction of charges for special horse-trains, and proposed improvements in the present pattern of horse-boxes, and to request that the Military Department may be informed of the result of any action taken on this matter

Extract, paragraphs 14 and 15, of a letter from the President, Special Stud Commission, No 550, dated the 7th May 1873

"PARAGRAPH 14 —As regards the cost of transit, I beg to invite the attention of Government to the desirability of entering into some arrangement with all the Railway Companies for the conveyance of Government horses at specially favourable rates. At present the State pays the same charges as private individuals for the use of the rail. This certainly should not be, for in Great Britain the Railway Companies carry dealers' horses at considerably reduced rates, and even hunting men have similar advantages. The Government of India in its connection with the existing Railways has peculiar claims to their liberality."

"Last March inquiries were made from the East Indian Railway authorities of the lowest charge for transporting 700 head of stock from Buxar to Ghazeeabad, in either horse-boxes or open covered-cattle trucks. They agreed to charge one anna per mile per head, which was equivalent to Rupees 33-4-0 each. This gives a reduction of 2 annas per mile on every six horses, the charge being 6 annas a mile instead of 8 annas, which latter sum is charged Government generally as well as to any shipper of six horses. More favourable terms doubtlessly could be made, and with the certainty of having to move a large number of horses this and many successive years, and the possibility at any moment of having to move the mounted branches, I think the present time seems appropriate for initiating the question."

"15 The attention of Railway authorities might also be invited to the possibility of altering the present horse-boxes to admit of giving freer circulation of air at will, and of gradually building a new style of box more suitable for this country. Sliding shutters in the door-panels would be an improvement as affording the means of admitting more air when the train is brought to a stand for any time, I mean on the principle applied in first-class carriages, to admit air to upper berth passengers, but with handles outside. Open covered-trucks of a carefully considered pattern would be a great improvement for use especially in the hot weather and rains. Anything tending to the health and comfort of the horses would be a gain, and the Railway Companies as public carriers are bound to consider such matters."

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Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government

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