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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

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No. 83. Read the following letter from R. K. WILLIAMS, Esq., Officiating Examiner of Railway Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th August 1873, No. 634 :—

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 2,011, of the 13th instant, to state that the action of this office in not passing the accounts of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year ended the 31st December last in the absence of some of the Capital forms, was founded upon the Order of Government, No. 1,520,* dated the 5th June 1871.

* Government of India, No. 879 R, of the 20th May 1871.

2. It may not be out of place for me to explain as briefly as possible the circumstances of the case.

3. The order appears to have been first applied to the accounts for the half-year ended the 31st December 1871, and caused considerable delay with them.

4. This delay led to Government of India No. 910 G. R., of the 22nd June 1872, in which an exception was authorized in the case of the accounts of that half-year, and it was requested that steps might be taken for the timely receipt in future of the requisite returns in order that delays might be avoided. And in the Government of Madras Order upon this letter, No. 1,692, of the 13th July 1872, the Consulting Engineer was directed to communicate with the Agent of the Company in this view. The Agent was addressed by the Consulting Engineer accordingly, and a copy of the letter was endorsed to this office by the Consulting Engineer, with a request that it might be borne in mind that the half-yearly Revenue Accounts were not to be accepted on the part of Government until the information regarding the Capital portion had been received and the forms duly filled up.

5. On the 24th March a portion of the accounts for the half-year ended the 31st December last was received from the Agent, with a letter stating that certain forms had not been received from England, but the cause was not explained.

6. On the 2nd April the forms required to complete the accounts not having come forward, the Agent was informed that, in the absence of them, the accounts could not be passed.

7. The accounts for the half-year ended the 30th June 1872 having been submitted complete within the prescribed time, it was naturally expected in this office that the particulars required to complete the accounts for December 1872 would come to hand in a few days; but on the 23rd of April nothing having been heard from the Agent, he was again addressed inquiring when the forms might be expected, and urging upon him the desirability of his Board being asked to supply the requisite information sufficiently early to prevent similar delays in future. The intention of this inquiry was, if the Agent knew nothing of the forms, or there was likely to be much further delay, to communicate with the Consulting Engineer with a view to the matter being submitted to Government.

8. On the 24th April, however, the forms were received from the Agent. The books of this office were then completed, and the requisite returns sent for-

applied

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th September 1873.

ward to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, in compliance with
Government Order, No. 1,067,* of the
Government of India, No. 126 A.—G. R., of 7th April 1873, and on the 29th April
3rd March. the Company's Accounts were passed
on to the Consulting Engineer for his signature.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1873, No. 2,208.

RAILWAY, No. 15.

ORDERED that the explanations submitted in this letter be forwarded to the
Government of India, with reference to
their letter, dated 17th July 1873, No. 372 A.—G. R.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 85. (DOCKET No. 2,209, dated 5th September 1873.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 634

EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS' OFFICE

Madras, 20th August 1873.

From

THE EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

To

Col. G. W. Walker, R.E.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Cotacaimund.

SIR,

I have the honor, with refer-
ence to Government Order No. 2011 of the 13th
instant, to state that the action of this Office
in not passing the accounts of the Great
Southern of India Railway for the half-year
ended the 31st December last, in the absence
of some of the capital forms, was founded
upon the Order of Government No. 1520, dated
the 5th June 1871.

* Govt. of India No.
1879 N of the 20th
May 1871

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4. This delay led to Government of India No 910 G. R. of the 22nd June 1872 in which an exception was authorized in the case of the accounts of that half-year and it was requested that steps might be taken for the timely receipt in future of the requisite returns in order that delays might be avoided. And in the Government of Alaska Order upon this letter No 1692 of the 13th July 1872 the Comptrolling Engineer was directed to communicate with the Agent of the Company in this view. The Agent was addressed by the Comptrolling Engineer accordingly and a copy of the letter was endorsed to this Office by the Comptrolling Engineer with a request that it might be borne in mind that the half-yearly Revenue Accounts were not to be accepted on the part of Government until the information regarding the Capital portion had been received and the forms duly filled up.

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6. On the 2nd April the forms required to complete the accounts not having come forward the Agent was informed that in the absence of them the accounts could not be passed.

7. The Accounts for the half-year ended the 30th June 1872 having been submitted complete within the prescribed time, it was naturally expected in this Office that the particulars required to complete the accounts for December 1872 would come to hand in a few days, but on the 23rd of April, nothing having been heard from the Agent, he was again addressed enquiring when the forms might be expected and urging upon him the desirability of his Board being asked to supply the requisite information sufficiently early to prevent similar delays.

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On the 24th April, however, the forms were received from the Agent. The books of this Office were then completed and the requisite returns sent forward to the Accountant General, P. W. D., in compliance with Government Order No. 1067 of the 7th April 1873, and on the 29th April the Company's Accounts were passed on to the Consulting Engineer for his signature.

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No. 126
G. R.
March

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.

R. Williams
Offg. Examiner Railway Accounts
Madras.

No 83

Comp. 2/11/73

Noting the grounds for not passing the accounts of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year ended 31st December 1872.
No. 2208-2209 5th 6/11/73

To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Sd/- J. W. Department
Dated 20th August 1873
Received 28th 80
No. 634

Railway Accounts,
Madras.

From
The Examiner,

No. 2208 4 Rudy

Ordered that the explanations submitted in this letter be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their letter dated 17 July 1873, to G. R.

Docket No. 2209 1/

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.
G. W. W.

26/2 L.C. order 10/9/73

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 5 Sept 1873, No. 2208.

2209

NO. 83-82, 1885

stating the grounds
for not passing the
accounts of the Great
Sⁿ of India R^y for
the half year
ended 31st Decr/72

Accounts Railway.

The explanation of the
Examiner of Railway Accounts
for not passing the accounts
of the Great Sⁿ of India
Railway for the half year
ended 31st Decr/72, ordered
to be forwarded to the Govt
of India -

Forwarding copy of orders
passed on letter from the
Examiner of R^y Accounts