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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 2372-73 Press
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Dated 26. 9. 1873. 195 .

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No. 402. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th September 1873, No. 470 :—

In reply to the Order of Government, dated the 4th July 1873, No. 1,727, I have the honour to forward letters* from the Agents of the Railway Companies in this Presidency, giving their opinions as to the best form for the weekly traffic return.

2. Upon the Madras Railway it is considered that the subject is one which might well be referred to the proposed conference between the Government Examiners and the Railway Auditors; but the Officers of this Company seem to prefer the form now used by them to any other. The form now in use upon the East India Railway seems to be preferred by the authorities of the Great Southern of India Railway and of the Carnatic Railway.

3. In my opinion the form at present used by the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway is the best. If in addition to the information now given in it, the *up* and *down* passenger traffic could be separately shown, it would form a very complete statement of the results of each week's traffic.

* From Agent, Madras Railway, No. 635, 22nd August 1873.
Do. Great Southern of India Railway, No. 5,182, 30th August 1873.
Do. Carnatic Railway, No. 279, 4th September 1873.

From W. BARTON-WRIGHT, Esq., 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, 22nd August 1873, No. 635.

With reference to your letter, No. 628, of the 16th July 1873, I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the Chief Auditor's letter, No. 781, dated yesterday, upon the subject of the forms of the weekly traffic returns.

2. I quite concur in Mr. Church's remarks.

3. The enclosures forwarded with your letter are herewith returned.

From F. CHURCH, Esq., Chief Auditor, to W. BARTON-WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, dated Madras, 21st August 1873, No. 781.

In reply to the Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 628, dated 16th ultimo, it appears to me that the consideration of the form in which the weekly audited traffic returns should hereafter be rendered is a subject which might well be referred to the proposed conference between the Government Examiners and the Railway Auditors.

2. Meanwhile, I may state that the form now in use on the Madras Railway is that introduced by the Government of India in 1863, (see Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 448, dated 15th July 1863,) and gives, in my opinion, all the information which can be desired in a return rendered so frequently as once a week.

3. The arrangement of the information given also appears to me to be as useful and convenient as the forms in use on the other railways.

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, 30th August 1873, No. 5,182.

I have the pleasure to return, herewith, the forms of weekly traffic statements sent with your letter, No. 358, of the 23rd instant, and in reply thereto to send you the following expression of opinion from the Chief Auditor of this Company in which I concur :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th September 1873.

"I think that the weekly traffic returns should rather be a statement of results than a minute analysis of them, more particularly when, as it seems to me, a great part of their utility is dependent upon prompt compilation. Holding this opinion I think the form used on the Bengal Railways preferable to that generally adopted in this Presidency.

"I notice, however, in the East Indian return, which accompanied the Consulting Engineer's letter, that a division is made between 'local' and 'foreign' traffic, and even this (unless done for convenience sake) I would dispense with. This information is not recorded in the half-yearly Revenue Accounts, and does not appear to me to be needed.

"The comparison between the receipts of one with a previous half-year is in the Bengal returns extended to the whole term instead of being confined, as in the Madras return, to the short period for which the statements are compiled, and this is an improvement which, whatever form is settled upon for general adoption, should certainly be retained."

From J. T. FISHER, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th September 1873, No. 279.

In returning the enclosures of your letter, No. 244, dated 1st instant, I have the honour to state that, with the exception of a slight variation in the classification form of goods in the weekly statement of traffic used on the Great Southern of India Railway, the Madras Railway and our forms are similar, but if the Government consider a change desirable, I should prefer the statement of the East Indian Railway as supplying the fullest information in an intelligible shape.

No. 403. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1873, No. 2,372.

RAILWAY, No. 54.

ORDERED that these reports be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India and that the forms received with their letter, No. 871 G. R., dated 7th June 1873, be returned.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 404. (DOCKET No. 2,373, dated 26th September 1873.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker
Spare Copies.

Madras Railway Company
Chief auditor's Office
Madras, 21st August 1873

No 781.

The Acting Agent & Manager
Madras

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Consulting Engineer's letter ato 628 dated 16th ultimo it appears to me that the Consideration of the form in which the Weekly audited Traffic Returns should hereafter be rendered is a subject which might well be referred to the proposed Conference between the Government Examiners and the Railway Auditors. Meanwhile I may state that the form now in use on the Madras Railway is that introduced by the Government of India in 1863 (Vide Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer's letter ato 448 dated 15th July 1863) and gives in my opinion all the information which can be desired in a return rendered so frequently as once a week.

The arrangement of the information given also appears to me to be as useful and convenient as the forms in use on the other Railways.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) Fitzgerald Shuck
Chief auditor

(True Copy)

for Manager & Agent

Agent & Manager.

No. 630

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 22d August 1873.

From

William Barton Wright Esqr
Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Company

To

Lieut. Colonel J. M. M. Shaw Stewart R. E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 628 of the 16th of July 1873 I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the Chief Auditors letter No 981 dated yesterday upon the subject of the forms of the Weekly Traffic Returns

2. I quite concur in Mr Shurehs Remarks

3. The Enclosures forwarded with your letter are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Ag. Agent & Manager

Copy 22/8/73.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 27th September 18 73

Read 29th " "

No. 1135

Forwarding copy of a letter from Messrs Parry & Co dated 26th instant, with enclosure, on the subject of the Traffic Returns required by the Government.

Recorded 30th Sept 1873

No. 5782

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 30th August 1873

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

SIR,

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt humble
Servt
Agent

No 5782

From

The Agent
E.I.R. Co

To The Consulting Engr.
for Railways

Dated 20th Dec. 1873
Rec'd 24th Dec. 1873
P.P.

Requesting the favour of weekly Reports & Returns

Dec 1873 3.

CARNATIC RAILWAY CO. (LIMITED)
AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 4th September 1873.

No. 279

FROM

E. J. Fisher Esqr.

AGENT AND MANAGER, CARNATIC RAILWAY CO.,
Madras

TO

Lieut-Col. J. Strachan Stewart R.E.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

E. J. Fisher
Agent & Manager.

Railway Department

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 654

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosure

I have the honor to reply to the Order of Government dated the 1st July 1873 No 1929, & have the honor to forward herewith letter from the Agents of the Railway Companies in this Presidency, giving their opinions as to the best form for the weekly Traffic Returns.

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From

The Agent and Manager,

CARNATIC RAILWAY COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

MADRAS.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

DATED 1st July 1873

RECD. 4th July 1873

No. 279

Enclosure The auditor's letter of the 30th ultimo

Traffic Returns &

which the Madras Railway

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Your Most Obedient Servant

Madras

6 September 1875

Lieutenant R.E.

Superintending Engineer for Railways

P. W. Pays Letter

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

From No. 4934.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 6 } Sept. 1873.
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Ens: 7- No. 490

Submitting cor-
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of the Railway Companies
in the Presidency giving
their opinions as to the
best form for the Book
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Pl. with order

P. W. No. 2372 R.D.

Ordered that these reports be
forwarded for the consideration
of the Govt of India and that
the forms received with their
letter No 874 dt 7 June 1873
be returned.

P.G. No. 2373 dt

P.E for Rys
Govt of C. India
4/10/73.

Copy of the above forwarded
to the Govt of India

Encl

Signed at C. India 4/10/73 with
3 Forms.

No. 402.404.

Rly Letter dt 8/9/73

Ofc 4934

Govt. of Fiji & Straits.

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Forward copy of Reports on the Subject of the last Return for Weekly Traffic returns & also more Sent with letter No 871 SR of 1893.

Agents

to the Govt of Fiji

with the Returns with their letter No 871 SR of 1893.