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No. 319. 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, 25th September 1873, No. 513.

ADVERTING to the Order of Government, dated the 18th July 1873, No. 1,843, I have the honour to state that I have discussed with the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies the subject dealt with in the letter from the Government of India, No. 950 G. R.

2. I suggested to the Agent of the Madras Railway that a concession in favour of Government, in the carriage of stores, might be made as follows:—either (1) that all stores carried for* Government should be charged at the rate fixed for the class immediately below that in which they are now carried for the public; or (2) that, with the exception of explosive articles, all stores carried for Government should be placed in the same class, say, class 1, and be carried at a uniform rate, say, of 12 pies per ton per mile; or (3) that for all stores carried for Government a reduction of 10 per cent. should be made in the rates charged to the public. The accompanying letter* from Mr. Barton Wright will show that he does not consider himself at liberty to make any further concession in favour of Government until he has received instructions from his Directors, with whom he has undertaken to communicate upon the subject. The result shall be reported to Government.

* No. 750, 23rd September 1873.

3. As regards the Great Southern of India Railway, the accompanying letter* from Mr. Betts will show that he is willing to agree on behalf of the Company, that, in future, for all consignments of stores belonging to Government, weighing 25 tons and upwards, a reduction of 10 per cent. upon the classified mileage rates in force for the time being shall be made. Mr. Betts has also informed me that, if considered preferable by Government, he is willing, as an alternative measure, to agree to either of the first two suggestions named in the previous paragraph of this letter.

* No. 5,145, 8th August 1873.

From W. B. 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, 23rd September 1873, No. 750.

WITH reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, and in continuation of my letter, No. 601, dated the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I propose to refer to my Board the suggestions which have been offered as to a reduction being made in this Company's charges for the conveyance of Government stores and horses.

From Consulting Engineer, No. 713, 7th August 1873.
Order of Government, No. 1,923, 31st July 1873.
From Consulting Engineer, No. 730, 12th August 1873.
" " " 736, 14th " "
" " " 753, 19th " "

2. Under the contract between the Secretary of State for India in Council and this Company, the Government is entitled to certain advantages with regard to the conveyance of mails, post-office officials, etc., whilst as regards the conveyance of troops, horses, munitions of war, and other stores, the contract provides that they shall be carried "at the lowest rate for the time being chargeable for the carriage of such animals, goods, and merchandize;" the only further condition

made on the part of the Government is couched in the following terms :—"The several privileges of conveyance and carriage hereby stipulated for, being at all times to be used and enjoyed in preference to and priority over the public use of the said line of railway for conveyance and carriage.

3. Any further concession in the matter of charges for conveyance would be, in my opinion, a departure from the terms of the contract, and before taking action on a point of such importance I must obtain the instructions of my Directors.

4. I will communicate with you again upon this subject so soon as I receive a reply from London.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 8th August 1873, No. 5,145.

YOUR letter No. 302 of the 30th ultimo.

This Company, when conveying large consignments on account of Government, has recognized the well known commercial custom alluded to by Mr. Haliburton, viz., that those dealing on a large or wholesale scale are accorded terms which could not advantageously be conceded to individuals bringing only a small and fluctuating traffic. Witness, for instance, the reduced rate charged for the conveyance of the railway material consigned to the Hyderabad State Railway, and the rates charged for the conveyance of laterite for the Public Works Department.

2. The traffic passing over this line of other commodities on Government account is of a very small and fluctuating character, and the ordinary rates are therefore charged for its conveyance.

3. I am willing to agree to an arrangement of the following nature for future service. For all consignments weighing 25 tons and upwards a reduction of 10 per cent. upon the classified mileage rates in force for the time being.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1873, No. 2,556.

RAILWAY, No. 54.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,557, dated 18th October 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 18*th October* 1873.

No. 321.

No. 2,557.

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. 55.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter, No. 950 G. R., dated 18th June 1873, requesting that the subject of the rates to be charged for the transport of Government Stores may be discussed with the Railway Authorities with a view of ascertaining what concessions they are disposed to allow, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to inform you that the matter has been considered by the Consulting Engineer in communication with the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways. The result is contained in the correspondence which I am now to forward for the information of the Government of India.

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. 5145 GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 8th August 1873

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

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The traffic passing over this line of other commodities on Government account is of a very small & fluctuating character, and the ordinary rates are therefore charged for its conveyance. I am willing to agree to an arrangement of the following nature for future reference. For all consignments weighing 20 tons and upwards, a reduction of ten per cent upon the classified mileage

rates in force for the time being.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Lieutenant Colonel
Agent.

No. 700

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 23rd September 1870.

From

W. A. Wright Esqre
Actg Agent and Manager, of the M & C

To

Lieutt Col. Hall & Hon Stewart &c
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to the Correspondence noted in the margin and in continuation of my letter No 601 dated the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I propose to refer to my Board the suggestions which have been offered as to a reduction being made in this Company's charges for the Conveyance of Government Stores and Horses.

2. Under the Contract between the Secretary of State for India in Council and this Company, the Government is entitled to certain advantages with regard to the Conveyance of

H'Exon Const Engr No 713 - 7th Augt 73
Order of Govt " - 1923 - 31st July "
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The Agent
G.I.P. Ry.
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For Auditing Engr
for Railways

Dated 8th Augt 1870.
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3. Any further concession in the matter of charges for Conveyance would be, in my opinion, a departure from the terms of the Contract and before taking action on a point of such importance I must obtain the instructions of my Directors.

4. I will Communicate with you again upon this subject & soon as I receive a reply from Condon -

Have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Servant

Ag. Agent & Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 187

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Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 513

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL 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,

Adverting to the Order of Government dated the 18th July 1873, No. 1843, I have the honour to state that I have discussed with the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies the subject dealt with in the letter from the Government of India No. 950 G. R.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Dated 23rd of Sept 1873

Recd. 24.

H. No. 737

Regarding a reduction in the Company's charges for the conveyance of Govt. Horses and Stores.

P.W. 5283/73.

the carriage of stores, might be made as follows: either (1) that all stores carried for Government should be charged at the rate fixed for the class immediately below that in which they are now carried for the public; — or (2) that, with the exception of explosive articles, all stores carried for Government should be placed in the same class, say class 1, and be carried at a uniform rate, say of 12 pice per ton per mile; — or (3) that, for all stores carried for Government, a reduction of 10 per cent should be made in the rates charged to the public. The accompanying letter* from Mr. Barlow Wright will show that he does not consider himself at liberty to make any further concession in favour of Government until he has received instructions from his Directors, with whom he has undertaken to communicate upon the subject. The result shall be reported to Government.

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* N° 4950 — 23rd September 1873.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Madras
25 September
1873

Lieut. R.E.
Cons. Engineer for Railways.

No. 2556 P.W. Dept

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th September 1873
Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Forwarded No 3130/25th Septr 1873

Ordered that the
papers be forwarded to the
Government of India.

To The Cons. Engr for
Railways
S.G. dated 27/10/73

H.E. No. of
No. 2557

To The Secretary to the
Government of India.

Sir,

Adverting to your
letter No 950 G.P. dated
18th

P.W. Dept 1873 Nov
Railway Department.

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
To The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

No. 5283.

Dated 26 September 1873.
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No. 518

Forwarding Letters
from the Agents of the
S.M.R. Co. & G.I.P. Ry Co re-
garding the Guarantee
for Interest &c &c
by rail.

No 2556 dated 25th Sept 73
Do do Cons 26th Sept 73

No. 2557 dated 18th Oct 73

18th June 1873 requesting that the subject of the rates to be charged for the transport of Government Stores may be discussed with the Railway Authorities with a view of ascertaining what concessions they are disposed to allow, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to inform you that the matter has been considered by the Consulting Engineer in communication with the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways. The result is contained in the Correspondence which I am now to forward for the information of the Government of India.

I have &c

S.C. Arbuthnot
Secy to the Govt of Madras
27/10/73

No. 5283

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engr for Railways and The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

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G. O. 18 Oct 73, No 2556-2557.

Nos. 319-320 & 321

Stores. Letter from the Secretary of State transmitting correspondence on the subject of the rates to be charged for the transport of Govt. Stores by rail, ordered to be forwarded to the Govt of India.

Forward Correspondence on the subject of the rates to be charged for the transport of Govt Stores by rail.

No 319-21.

R. 3 Dec 1873

Letter to Govt 26 Dec 1873