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No. 331. 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. 512:—

In reply to the Order of Government, dated the 31st July 1873, No. 1,923, I have the honour to enclose letters as per margin, from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies.

From Agent, Madras Railway Company, No. 601, 12th August 1873.
From Agent, Great Southern of India Railway Company, No. 5,171, 21st August 1873.

2. It will be seen that upon both lines the rate charged for the conveyance of horses belonging to Government is 3 Annas per mile per truck load of five horses. This is at the rate of 7·2 Pies per horse per mile, and is considerably less than the charge quoted by the President of the Special Stud Commission. Dealers' horses are however carried upon the Madras Railway at the same terms, and I accordingly asked the Agent whether he could not suggest some reduction by which Government horses would be placed upon a more favourable footing than those belonging to dealers. In reply, he has informed me that before making any proposal of the kind, he must lay the matter before his Directors and take their instructions. This Mr. Barton Wright has undertaken to do, and to acquaint me with the result, which shall be duly reported to Government.

3. With regard to the suggestion that the present pattern of horse-boxes should be altered, so as to give free circulation of air, the Madras Railway authorities point to the fact that the horse-boxes lately built afford much more room and ventilation than those of the old pattern; and that the vehicles in which five horses are carried for Government and for dealers at the reduced rate of 3 Annas per mile, are open-sided covered trucks, which allow of free ventilation, and which seem to approach the kind of vehicle suggested by the President, Special Stud Commission.

4. Upon the Great Southern of India Railway the same kind of open-sided covered trucks are now used; and the Agent states that when new stock is built for the narrow gauge system, consideration shall be given to the suggested improvements.

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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, 12th August 1873, No. 601.

In reply to your letter, No. 713, dated the 7th instant, I have the honour to inform you that under the circumstances explained in the enclosed copy of the Traffic Manager's letter, No. C 635-542 of the 11th instant, I do not think that this Company can make any further reduction in their charges for the conveyance of Government horses. The rates charged to the Government at present on the Madras Railway are considerably lower than those charged to the public.

2. As you are aware the horse-boxes which we have recently built are considerable improvements as regards room and ventilation upon the old style of horse-boxes.

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From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 11th August 1873, No. C 635-542.

*Charges for Government Horses.*

With reference to the Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 713, dated 7th instant, forwarding a copy of the Order of Government, No. 1,923, dated 31st July, I beg to inform you that the

charge made to Government for the conveyance of horses on this line is already very much lower than that made to the public, as will be seen from the following figures :—

The charge made to the public for five horses (if one property) is 5¼ Annas per mile, or Pies 13·2 per mile per horse, but the charge made to Government is 3 Annas per mile for five horses, or Pies 7·2 per mile per horse.

The charge made to the public by the Great Indian Peninsula and East Indian Railways is 7 Annas per mile for five horses, or Pies 16·8 per mile per horse.

It is true that Government horses are conveyed on this line in open covered trucks, while those for the public are conveyed in closed horse-boxes, but the open covered trucks afford much more ventilation, and seem to approach the kind of conveyance for horses suggested by the President, Special Stud Commission, in paragraph 15 of his letter No. 550, dated 7th May 1873.

3. It is scarcely possible, in my opinion, to make any further reduction for the conveyance of Government horses.

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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, 21st August 1873, No. 5,171.

YOUR letter No. 327, of the 7th instant. For horses conveyed in truck loads from the Government Remount Depôt we charge a much less rate than that quoted in the letter from the President, Special Stud Commission. The rate over this Company's line is 3 Annas per mile per truck load of five horses, which rate I consider to be very low.

2. We shall soon commence to build new stock for the narrow gauge extension, and consideration shall then be given to the suggested improvement in the present pattern of horse-box.

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No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1873, No. 2,563.

RAILWAY, No. 57.

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

(Here enter No. 2,564, dated 20th October 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 20*th October* 1873.

No. 333. No. 2,564.

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. 58.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit the accompanying correspondence containing the views of the Railway Agents on the proposals made in the papers transmitted with your letter No. 1,019—23 G. R., dated 24th January 1873, for reducing the rates now charged for horse trains, and for effecting improvements in the present pattern of horse-boxes. Under the circumstances explained His Excellency the Governor in Council is not of opinion that it would be expedient to press for any reduction of existing rates in this Presidency.

2. In regard to the pattern of horse-boxes it will be observed that on the Madras Railway the vehicles used for the conveyance of Government horses are provided with sufficient means of ventilation, while on the Great Southern of India Railway the subject will receive attention when stocking the narrow gauge lines now under construction.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spure Copies.

x From Agent. So. R. Co. No 601 — 12 augt 1873

C. Sec. to Govt. P.W.D. No 571 — 21 augt 1873

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 512

From

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

*Consulting Engineer for Railways,*

To

COLONEL C. W. WALKER, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government,*

*Public Works Department,*

*Fort Saint George.*

SIR,

In reply to the Order of Government, dated the 31st July 1873, No 1928, I have the honour to enclose letters* as per margin, from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railway Companies.

2. It will be seen that upon both lines the rate charged for the conveyance of horses belonging to Government is 3 annas per mile per truck load of five horses. This is at

no need; and the Agent states that
when new stock is built for the
narrow gauge system, consideration
shall be given to the suggested
improvement.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Madras 2nd Lieutenant R.E.
25th Oct 1873 Consg Engineer for Railways

2nd
Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept
25-10-73

P.W. 1873 Department
Ry. Branch for Oct.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. 5282.

From The Consulting Engineer for Railways, 1873.

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

Dated 28 October 1873.

Rec'd. 29 October 1873.

No. 512

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Government, a letter from the Agent of the S.I. Ry. Co. regarding the reduced rates for

Fe 25 to 3-25 Oct - 28 Oct 73

P.W. Dept

No. 2563

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

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways } No. 512 dated 25 September 73

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
S.C. dated 29/10/73

No. 2564

To The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to submit the accompanying correspondence containing the views of the Railway Agents on the proposals made in the paper transmitted with your

No 5282

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Dated

Recd. Encl. 6

G. O. 20th Oct 1873. No 2563-2564

Nos. 331-332 & 333

Railway. Passing orders on letter from the Consulting Engr. &c. &c. forwarding his proposals for redressing the rates for horse trains and for effecting improvements in the present pattern of horse bogies.

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No. 331-33.

R. 6 Oct 73
Recd 27-9-73.