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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

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No. 232. 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, 24th October 1873, No. 563 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of the letter marginally noted, embodied in the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th August 1873, No. 2,045, I have the honour to report that, prior to November 1872, no separation was made in Abstract I of the Revenue Account, between construction material conveyed for the Great Southern of India Railway Company and that conveyed on other accounts. Out of the 41,391 ton miles entered in the Revenue Account for the half-year ended 31st December 1872, 24,336 were for material for the Nizam's State Railway despatched in October, and charged at the ten pies rate. Small consignments of stores for the Company's construction account are conveyed at the minimum goods rate, and stores consigned by tradesmen and others who contract to deliver at certain points for fixed prices are charged at the ordinary rates. The quantities so carried for contractors are very small, and as such stores are open to rejection, it would not be advisable to carry them at the four pies rate. It would be inconvenient to have different rates for approved and rejected stores; and, as the quantities are small, I see no objection to their being carried at the ordinary goods rates. In cases where large contracts are undertaken, a special arrangement, for the conveyance of the required stores at the four pies rate, can be made.

No. 1,289 G. R., dated Simla, 24th July 1873.

2. In the Revenue Account for the half-year ended 30th June 1873, the rate for construction material works out to 9·6 pies per ton mile, and the Agent explains that the amount of Rupees 800-7-7 is made up by the carriage of small parcels of stores of the descriptions mentioned in the previous paragraph. The rate of four pies per ton mile is understood to apply to truck loads of material, the minimum charge (unless other goods are loaded in the same vehicle) being six tons per truck. Small consignments of stores are subject to the minimum charge of one rupee, as are all consignments of ordinary goods, and the Agent quotes the following case to show how this rule works. A package of stores weighing 477 lbs. is sent from Negapatam to Trichinopoly, and entered at the minimum charge of one rupee. This works out to a rate of about eleven pies per ton mile; and, as there are many of these small consignments, the average rate for the half-year is considerably affected by them.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter under reply, I have the honour to report that the error pointed out by the Government of India arose from a misconception of paragraph 3 of letter, dated 13th May 1872, No. 683 G. R., embodied in the Proceedings of Government, dated 29th May 1872, No. 1,344. This paragraph was read to mean that only salaries which are subject to apportionment between Capital and Revenue should be shown in Form XV., and that such salaries as are wholly chargeable to either account should be omitted. From subsequent letters it is gathered that the intention of the Government of India was that the salaries of all departments should be entered in the distribution statement, but that *salaries only* should be shown, all other items being excluded. The concluding

portion of the paragraph referred to states that "the amounts apportioned to Revenue should, therefore, correspond with the charges for general superintendence in the abstracts of expenses." As, however, the minor head "Office expenses" under the sub-head "Superintendence" in the Maintenance, Locomotive, and Carriage and Wagon abstracts, and the minor head "Supervision" under the sub-head "Police" in the abstract of "General charges," include office contingencies and stationery as well as salaries, I beg to point out that the amounts to be entered for these departments in Form XV., comprising salaries only, cannot be made to correspond with the totals for general superintendence in the abstracts of expenses. In the Revenue Accounts for the half-year ended 30th June 1873, a statement has been appended to Form XV. explanatory of these differences.

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1873, No. 2,782.

RAILWAY, No. 34. ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,783, dated 17th November 1873.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 17*th November* 1873.

No. 234.

No. 2,783.

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. 35.

SIR,—With reference to the letter from the Government of India, dated 24th July 1873, No. 1,289 G.R., I am directed to forward herewith one from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, furnishing explanation regarding the rate charged for the conveyance of materials on construction and other accounts, as shown in the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half-year ending 31st December 1872, and the misconception under which the erroneous entries pointed out by the Government of India in Form XV. were made.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 563.

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,

With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter marginally noted, embodied in the Proceedings of Government dated 16th August 1873 No. 2044, I have the honour to report that, prior to November 1873, no separation was made in Abstract I, of the Revenue Account, between Construction material conveyed for the Great Southern of India Railway Company, and that conveyed on other accounts. Out of the 41,391 tons miles entered in the Revenue account for the half-year ended 31st December 1872, 24,336 were

for

No. 1289 G.R. dated Simla 24th July 1873.

for material for the Nizam's State Rail-
-way despatched in October, and
charged at the new, fifes rate. Small
consignments of stores for the Company's
construction account are conveyed at
the minimum goods rate, and stores
consigned by tradesman and others
who contract to deliver at certain
points for fixed prices are charged at
the ordinary rates. The quantities so
carried for contractors are very small,
and as such stores are open to rejec-
-tion it would not be advisable to carry
them at the 4 fifes rate. It would be
inconvenient to have different rates
for approved and rejected stores; and
as the quantities are small, I see no
objection to these being carried at the
ordinary goods rates. In cases where
large contracts are undertaken, a special
arrangement for the conveyance of the

required

required stores at the four fifes rate can
be made.

2. In the Revenue Account
for the half-year ended 30th June 72
the rate for construction material works
out to 9.6 fifes per ton mile, and the
Agent explains that the amount of
Rs. 800:7:7 is made up by the carriage
of small parcels of stores of the de-
-scriptions mentioned in the previous
paragraph. The rate of four fifes per
ton mile is understood to apply to truck
loads of material, the minimum charge
(unless other goods are loaded in the
same vehicle) being six tons per truck.
Small consignments of stores are
subject to the minimum charge of
one rupee, as are all consignments of
ordinary goods; and the Agent quotes
the following cases to show how these

rule

rate works. A package of stores weighing 477 lbs is sent from Negapatam to Trichinopoly, and entered at the minimum charge of one rupee. This works out to a rate of about eleven pies per ten miles, and as there are many of these small consignments, the average rate for the half-year is considerably affected by them.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter under reply I have the honour to report that the error pointed out by the Government of India arose from a misconception of paragraph 3 of letter dated 13th May 1872, No. 683, J. R. - embodied in the Proceedings of Government dated 29th May 1872, No. 1344

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This paragraph was read to mean that only salaries which are subject to apportionment between Capital and Revenue should be shewn in Form XV, and that such salaries as are wholly chargeable to either account should be omitted. From subsequent letters it is gathered that the intention of the Government of India was that the salaries of all departments should be entered in the distribution statement, but that salaries only should be shewn, all other items being excluded. The concluding portion of the paragraph referred to states that "the amounts appertained to Revenue "should therefore correspond with "the charges for General superinten-

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-dence in the abstracts of expenses.
As however the minor head "Office
expenses" under the sub-head
"Superintendence" in the Maintenance,
Locomotive, and Carriage and Wagon
abstracts, and the minor head
"Supervision" under the sub-head
"Police" in the abstract of "General
Charges", include office contingencies
and stationery as well as salaries,
I beg to point out that the amounts
to be entered for these departments
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only, cannot be made to correspond
with the totals for General superv-
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In the Revenue Accounts for the
half-year ended 30th June 1873,
a statement has been appended
to Form XV, explanatory of
these differences.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Madras
24th October
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Wm Stewart Lt. Col. RE,
Consulting Engineer for Rys

P. W. Dept. Forwarded
No 2782
Copy of the Madras Government
Order date 15th
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Read the following

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department

Ordered that the following
letter be sent
No 2782

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to
request that Government
will be pleased to move
the Government of India
to direct the Secretary of
State to forward
an estimate of the
amount of the
Engineering
Establishment
required for
Surveying

C. E. for Rys
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

From No. 5789

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 24th October 1873.
Recd. 25th

No. 563.

Forwarding
observations regarding
the rate for the carriage
of construction
materials on the
G. S of I. Ry.

No. 2782-2783-17th Nov/73.

On 232

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Explanation regarding the rate charged for the Conveyance of materials on Construction & other Accounts, as shown in the Revenue Account of the Great Southern of India Railway for the half year ending 31st Dec 1872; ~~the principle which~~ ~~has guided the Company~~ ~~in charging the said~~ ~~sum to the Debit~~ and the misconception under which the erroneous Entries pointed out by the Govt of India in Form XV were made.—

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S.C. order with previous No. 25/11/73

No. 5789

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Accounting Offr for Railways

& To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl

G. O. 17th Nov. 2782.
2783.

Nos. 2324 2338 2334

Revenue Account. Passing

Submitting letters from the Govt Engrs. affording explanation with reference to certain entries in the Revenue Accounts of the G. S. & I. Ry for the 2d half of 1872.

Orders on letters from the Govt Engrs. affording explanation with reference to certain entries in the Rev Accts. of the G. S. & I. Ry for the 2d half of 1872.