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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

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No. 33. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) dated Simla, 20th October 1873, Nos. 515—20 A.—G. R:—

Rules for guidance of local officers in accepting the Revenue Accounts of Guaranteed Railways.

Read—

Note by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 960 G. R., dated 16th September 1873.

RESOLUTION.—As some misunderstanding appears to exist in regard to the rules that should guide Government Examiners in accepting the Revenue Accounts of the Guaranteed Railway Companies, the Government of India is pleased to lay down the following instructions for the guidance of the local authorities and account officers concerned.

2. Before passing the Revenue Account of any Guaranteed Railway, the Government Examiner should satisfy himself—

I.—That the best endeavours have been made to include in the Revenue Account all the transactions relating to the half-year concerned.

II.—That advice has been received by the Government officers of all the transactions included in the Revenue Account, so that there may be all the requisite information for completing the Government books simultaneously with those of the Railway Company; it being necessary that the Examiners' books should be a counterpart of the Railway Company's Indian books.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay.
The Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Officers marginally noted for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1873, No. 2,904.

RAILWAY, No. 8.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner of Railway Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No 2013

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras DIVISION.

To The Secretary

to Government, Madras Public Works Departt.

Dated Madras the 28th of November 1873.

SIR,

With reference to Madras Government order No: 2705 dated 5th November 1873 I have the honor to forward copies of the letters noted in the margin, addressed by me to the Chief Auditor of the Madras Railway Company.

Letter	No 1034	dated 19th July 1873.
Letter	No 1102	dated 29th July 1873.
Letter	No 1153	dated 5th August 1873

2 I have informed the Chief Auditor that heavy Stores are never despatched by, or consigned to, me and that Bills for the carriage of Stores should be presented either to the Officers by whom they were delivered for despatch, or to the Officers to whom they were consigned. It is manifestly wrong to debit the amounts of Bills to the "Telegraph Department". Telegraph Stores are frequently sent by, or consigned to, Officers over whom I have no control.

3 If the Railway Company will bring to my notice a instance of serious delay in the settlement of a Bill presented to any Telegraph Officer in this Division I shall inquire into the

the case without delay. &

3 The balance of Rupees 23-13 — entered in the Statement received under the G. O. above referred to is not due by me or by any of my Subordinates. The stores the carriage of which amounted to this balance were despatched by Officers of the Bangalore Division of Telegraphs. This fact was communicated to the Chief Auditor on the 12th September last.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obed. Servt,

J. Brooke

Superintendent of Telegraphs

Madras Division

No. 1034

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras DIVISION. of Telegraphs

To

Fitzgerald Church Esquire

Chief Auditor Madras Railway

Dated Madras the 19th of July 1873.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, No: 13/3099, I have the honor to state that as a general rule, disbursements on account of works done or of carriage of stores are not made by this Office. The cost of carriage of stores sent from or to Madras or other Stations is either disbursed by the Store Branch of this Department, or by executive Officers, and charged to certain estimates. I have no direct control over the Departmental Store Branch. Funds for works to be executed under estimates are placed to the credit of executive Officers and not to mine.

2 Bills for the cost of carriage of Stores should invariably be presented to the Officer who delivers or who orders the delivery of the stores for transmission. That Office is responsible for the checking of the bills in the first instance, and for their settlement.

3 I quite concur in the opinion that cash payments should be made when practicable. Executive Officers, generally speaking, have Treasury credits against the estimates under which work is being executed, and great delay in the settlement of bills should very seldom take place. It happens occasionally that a disbursing Officer is not at a station from which stores are sent for the work on which he is engaged. In such a case some delay would be unavoidable

4 I have been informed by executive Officers in this Division that they frequently experience considerable difficulty in getting bills for the carriage of Stores by Rail. I understand that, up to the present, bills for Stores sent to Madras from Stations on the N- West Line some months since have not been presented to the Assistant Superintendent. Goorty Sub Division, Telegraphs, under whose orders the stores were despatched.

5 I regret the inconvenience which you experience, and if you will be so good as to report to me any instance of unreasonable delay in the settlement of any bill presented to an Office of this Division the case shall be promptly enquired into.

I have &c
Sd/ J. Burke
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

No: 1102.

From The Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras Division
To

Fitzgerald Church Esquire
Chief Auditor Madras Railway

Sd,

Madras 29th July 1873.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 25th instant (received on the 28th), No: B/3302, I have the honor to observe that there must be some mistake regarding the verbal agreement to which you refer. A Superintendent of a Division has no accounts, and as disbursements are not made from my Office there could be no advantage

advantage in sending me bills for the carriage of material delivered to your Company by Store or Sub Divisional Officers. As stated in my letter of the 19th instant funds for the execution of Telegraph works are placed to the credit of Executive Officers, and it is by such Officers, or by Officers of the Store Branch of this Department, that Telegraph material is delivered for transmission by Rail.

2 I should be very glad if the cost of carriage of stores could be always prepaid. Executive Officers of this Division fully understand that charges for the carriage of Stores should be adjusted with as little delay as possible. It happens, occasionally, that Stores are at one end of a Railway and that the Executive Officer requiring them is at the other end. In that case the simplest and most convenient course would be - to send the stores bearing. It also happens that Station Masters at Small Stations are unable to make out bills correctly - they make mistakes regarding the unit of weight, class &c - and the despatching (executive Officer) prefers to be furnished with bills from the Head Office of the Railway.

I have &c
Sd/ J. Burke
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

No: 1153

From The Superintendent of Telegraphs Madras Division
To

Fitzgerald Church Esquire
Chief Auditor Madras Railway

Sd

Sir,

Madras 5th August 1873

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, No: B/3426, I have the honor to state that I have been informed that the stores referred to under Bills No: 17, 19 and 20 have been delivered for despatch by the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Madras Telegraph Store Depôt. He states that the Bills have never been sent to him, and he now requests to be furnished with them, or with duplicates. I regret I am not in a position to give you any definite information regarding Bill No: 16. The stores referred to therein appear to have been despatched from Bangalore. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Superintendent of that Division.

2. It is absolutely necessary that the name, or official designation, of the Officer who delivers stores for despatch, or to whom stores are delivered, should appear on the face of every Bill.

I have &c.
Sd/ J. Burke
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

/True copies/

J. Burke
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

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From

SUPERINTENDENT,

DIVISION.

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Sd/ J. Burke
Supt of Telegraphs
Madras Division
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Rly Reg. Accts
Madras with Sd Copy
No 3/12/73.

Commencement of Railway Accounts.

Engineer for Railways and Canals
Railway Accountant
Guindy.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Government of India, No. 2984, dated the 20th October 1873, communicating the Revenue Accounts of the Guaranteed Railways, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish the Government with a statement showing the date on which the Railway under your charge was opened for traffic.

I have, &c.,
Sd/ H. Forbes
Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department
No 6062.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
Guaranteed Railways.

To

Nos. 515—20 A/C-R.

Dated Simla, October 20, 1873.

Received 4th November/73.

Rules for guidance of local officers in accepting the Revenue Accounts of Guaranteed Railways.

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Govt. of [1873] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engrs for Railways

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 2nd Decr No. 2904.

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Rules. Prv. of the Govt of Ind in Communicating Resolution laying down rules for the guidance of Govt. Examiners in accepting Revenue Accounts of Guaranteed Railway Companies, &c. Com[d] & the Officers Concerned.