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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th February 1873.

No. 305. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st January 1873, No. 39 :—

WITH reference to the Order of Government No. 2,625, dated 8th November 1872, I have the honour to submit letters from the Agents of the Madras, the Great Southern of India, and the Carnatic Railways, explaining the practice obtaining on their respective lines in respect to the issue of third class return tickets, and stating their opinions as to the expediency of adopting a fixed third class return service.

Madras Railway, No. 44, dated 18th January 1873.
Great Southern of India Railway, No. 4,804, dated 18th November 1872.
Carnatic Railway, No. 631, dated 14th November 1872.

2. On the three Railways third class return tickets are generally issued on occasions of native festivals. The Agent of the Madras Railway issued third class return tickets as an experiment during the Easter and Christmas holidays last year, allowing a wide margin of time for the return journey; but he, as well as the Agents of the Great Southern of India and Carnatic Railways, is of opinion that as a fixed service the scheme would not at present be remunerative.

3. Mr. Elwin states that on the Madras Railway the fourth, or cooly class, affords passengers an opportunity of travelling on many parts of the line cheaper than they would be able to do with third class return tickets, but I am of opinion that the existence of this cooly class would not interfere with the success of a third class return service if established permanently. The fares for the cooly class are certainly low. But no native with pretensions to respectability would grudge to pay somewhat more to enjoy the better accommodation that a third class carriage affords, especially during a long journey. Moreover, cooly class carriages run only on 302 miles of a railway system extending for a length of some 832 miles.

4. On the Great Southern of India Railway the third class fare has been only recently reduced as an experimental measure to two pies per mile, and I would not recommend any change on this line until the report called for by Government in Order No. 1,808, dated 30th July 1872, has been received and considered.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 18th January 1873, No. 44.

WITH reference to your letter No. 925, of the 12th of November last, with which was enclosed a copy of G. O., No. 2,625, dated the 8th idem, I have the honour to inform you that third class return tickets are issued on this line on all occasions of native festivals. They were also issued from Madras as an experiment during the Easter and Christmas holidays last year, the receipts from them at Easter being Rupees 748-10-0* and at Christmas Rupees 3,668-7-0.† In all cases a very wide margin of time is allowed for the return journey.

* 613 Passengers.
† 2,852 Passengers.

2. I do not think it advisable at present to adopt a fixed third class return service on the Madras Railway, especially as on many parts of the line passengers can travel cheaper by "cooly class" than they would be able to [illegible] third class return tickets.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th February 1873.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 18th November 1872, No. 4,804.

Your letter No. 496, of the 12th instant. Third class return tickets are issued on this Railway upon occasions of all the principal native festivals, but they are not issued for ordinary daily traffic, nor do I think their introduction for such traffic would be attended with financial success. The fare in force on this line is a very low one, 2 pies per passenger per mile.

From the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 14th November 1872, No. 631.

In reply to your letter No. 296, dated the 12th instant, I have the honour to state that it is the practice of this Company to issue third class return tickets on holiday occasions, such as the festivals at Great and Little Conjeveram in March and May; also in connection with the Madras Railway at the monthly and annual festivals at Tirutany, Tirupaty, and Trivelloro, and on other special occasions.

2. I am of opinion that a regular third class return service would not be suitable to the circumstances of this line, more especially with the present train service.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1873, No. 482.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that, with the present very low fare for the cooly class, it is inexpedient to introduce a permanent third class return service.

(Here enter No. 483, dated 14th February 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. S. T. Austin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 14*th February* 1873.

No. 307.

No. 483.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 39.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 1,693 G. R., dated 22nd October 1872, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers describing the present practice on the Railways of this Presidency in regard to the issue of third class return tickets. It will be observed that return tickets are invariably issued either on holidays or native festivals when they are in most demand, but, having in view the very low fares charged both on the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways for the accommodation of the poorer classes of passengers, His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider it advisable to introduce a permanent third class return service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Railway Department. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 39.

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 the Madras Railway Order of Government No. No. 44 dated 18th January 1873. 2625 dated 8th November 1872 G. S. of I. Railway No. 4804 dated 18th November 1872. Carnatic Railway No. 631 dated 14th November 1872. I have the honour to submit letters from the Agents of the Madras, the Great Southern of India, and the Carnatic Railways, explaining the practice obtaining on their respective lines

lines in respect to the issue of third class return tickets, and stating their opinions as to the expediency of adopting a fixed third class return service.

2. On the three railways third class return tickets are generally issued on occasions of native festivals. The Agent of the Madras Railway issued third class return tickets as an experiment during the Easter and Christmas holidays last year, allowing a wide margin of time for the return journey, but he, as well as the Agents of the Great Southern of India and

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and Carnatic Railways, is of opinion that as a fixed service the scheme would not at present be remunerative.

3. Mr. Elwin states that on the Madras Railway the fourth, or cooly, class affords passengers an opportunity of travelling on many parts of the line cheaper than they would be able to do with third class return tickets; but I am of opinion that the existence of this cooly class would not interfere with the success of a third class return service, if established permanently. The fares for the cooly class

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are certainly low; but no native with pretensions to respectability would grudge to pay somewhat more to enjoy the better accommodation that a third class carriage affords, especially during a long journey. Moreover cooly class carriages run only on 302 miles of a railway system extending for altogether 832 miles. On the Great Southern of India Railways the third class fare has been only recently reduced as an experimental measure to two pies per mile and I would not recommend any change on this line until the report called for by Government in Order No. 1808 dated 30th July 1872 has been received and considered.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servt.

Madras
21st January
1873

Wm Mitchell Lt. Col. R.E.
Cons. Engineer for Railways

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No. 44

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 18th January 1873.

From Robert B. Elwin Esqr
Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 925 of the 12th of November last, with which was enclosed a copy of G.O. No 2625 dated the 8th idem, I have the honour to inform you that third Class Return Tickets are issued on this line on all occasions of Native Festivals. They were also issued from Madras as an experiment during the Easter and Christmas holidays last year, the receipts from them at Easter being Rupees 748-10-0 and at Christmas Rupees 3668-7-0. In all cases a very wide margin of time is allowed for the return journey.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
No. 422 of 1873.
From The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
To The Secretary to Government, P. W. Department, Fort Saint George.
Dated 21st January 1873.
Read 23rd January 1873.
No. 482-483-14 "Railways"
Encl: 2.

Submitting letters from the Agent of the Madras, P. & S. M. Rys. recommending the introduction of Third Class Return Tickets on their lines in respect to the time of 2nd class return tickets.

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Consulting Engr for Rys

"body Glass" than they would be able to with Third Class Return Tickets.

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

Agent and Manager

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2nd ultimo, and to inform you that the Directors of this Company have decided to issue Return Tickets at Single Fare and a Quarter between Stations not more than 25 miles apart, and at Single Fare and a Half between Stations more than 25 miles apart, on the Third Class only, and not on the Second Class.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Agent and Manager

To Secretary, Board of Trade.

Public Works Department

No 482

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From The Consulting Engr. } P.W.D. No 39 dated 24th Jany 1873
for Railways.

Ordered that these
papers be forwarded to
the Government of India,
His Excellency the Governor
in Council is of opinion
that with the present very
low fare for the early
class it is inexpedient
to introduce a permanent
third class return service

Ord. Signed

H. L. M.

Sd.

To Chief Engr
for Railways
Dept 17/2/73.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. W. 122/73

Dated 18 } January 1873
Recd. 20. }

No. 44

Regarding the issue of
3rd class Return Tickets
during Native Festivals.

Agenda (3)

To The Secy: to the
Govt of India.

Sir

In reply to your
letter No 1693 G. R dated
22nd October 1872 I am
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PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Dated

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Nos. 305-306 & 307

Third Class Return tickets.

Considering it inexpedient to introduce a permanent Third class Return ~~tickets~~ Service.

Praying orders on letters from the Mysore Forwarding Correspondence explaining the practice obtaining on the Madras Railways in respect to the issue of Third Class Return tickets.