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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1873.*

No. 397. Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer and Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th February 1873, No. 92:—

WITH reference to the Order of Government, No. 2,610, dated 6th November 1872, I have the honour to submit letter No. 103, dated 10th February 1873, (with enclosure,) from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, explaining that it is not possible to furnish approximate Weekly Traffic Returns which can be relied upon earlier than the thirteenth day from the close of the period to which they relate, as at present.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of letter from the Government of India, No. 1,660, G. R., dated 16th October 1872, I beg to state that the Agent of the Madras Railway now submits one copy of each of the approximate Weekly Traffic Returns direct to the Secretary to the Government of India.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th February 1873, No. 103.

WITH reference to your letter No. 986, dated the 28th of November 1872, I have the honour to enclose you the copy of a letter* from the Chief Auditor on the subject of the preparation of the estimated Weekly Traffic Statements, from which it appears that it is not possible to prepare at an earlier date than at present such approximate Weekly Returns as are now rendered by this Company, but that estimated Returns, which would of necessity be much more unreliable than the Statements at present furnished to the Government, could be prepared within seven days after date.

2. I shall be glad to be favoured with the orders of Government as to the plan which is to be adopted in this respect for the future.

From the Chief Auditor, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 7th February 1873, No. 742.

HAVING given the Consulting Engineer's No. 986, dated 28th November 1872, and subsequent letters on the same subject, much consideration, I have come to the conclusion that whilst it is quite possible to prepare an "Estimate" of a week's traffic, and to submit it six or seven days after date, it is not practicable on our line to give such an approximate statement as that now rendered by us in the above time.

2. Such an "Estimate," as that which I refer to, is now got out by the Traffic Manager, and I was of opinion that something of the same kind might be prepared in the Traffic Audit Office, but on trial it was found that some part of the estimate would have to be at best a "guess," and therefore I am not prepared to recommend that an "Estimate" of the kind should be submitted to the Government of India, when, by the delay of a few days more, a tolerably reliable Statement can be furnished. The choice rests between the submission of a rough "Estimate" in a week, or an approximate estimate in a fortnight, and it seems to me that all the authorities will be agreed that the latter is preferable.

3. I submit the results of three weeks' Estimate as prepared by the Traffic Manager, three weeks' approximate Statements as prepared in the Audit Office, and three weeks' Actuals.

I shall be glad to see

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1873.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

Memorandum of Traffic for weeks ending the 28th December 1872 and 4th and 11th January 1873.

	1872.		1873.			
	Week ending 28th December.		Week ending 4th January.		Week ending 11th January.	
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
A Estimated by Traffic Manager ...	1,24,276	0 0	1,13,071	0 0	1,23,101	0 0
Traffic Audit Office Approximate Statement...	1,24,222	8 5	1,13,950	0 10	1,45,631	5 1
* Audited Revenue Account ...	1,23,964	11 5	1,16,019	6 7	1,45,055	8 4

* Does not include G. S. I. "Forwarded."

(Signed) F. CHURCH,
Chief Auditor.

No. 398. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1873, No. 526.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter of the 13th September 1872, No. 491.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 399. (DOCKET No. 527, dated 17th February 1873.)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.

Secretary to Government

Ext. S. T. Austin.

No. 103

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 10th February 1873.

From

R. D. Edwin Esqre;
Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Lieut Col. J. H. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 986 dated the 28th of November 1872 I have the honour to enclose you the copy of a letter from the Chief Auditor on the subject of the preparation of the estimated Weekly Traffic statements, from which it appears that it is not possible to prepare at an earlier date than at present such approximate Weekly Returns as are now rendered by this Company, but that estimated Returns, which would of necessity be much more reliable than the statements at present furnished to the Government could be prepared within 7 days after date.

2. I shall be glad to be

favoured with the orders of Govern-
ment as to the plan which is to
be adopted in this respect for
the future.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm J. Kern
Agent and Manager.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 92

From

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

Chief Engineer and 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 Order of Government No. 2610 dated 6th November 1872, I have the honour to submit letter No. 103 dated 10th February 1873 (with enclosure) from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company explaining that it is not possible to furnish approximate weekly traffic returns which can be relied upon earlier than the thirteenth day from the close of the period to which they relate, as at present.

With reference to paragraph 3 of letter from the Government of India No.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

P. M. 9/14/73
No. 103
Dated 11-1-73
Recd. 11-1-73

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Enclosing copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer on the subject of the separation of the return about weekly traffic statements.

No. 1660 C. P. R. dated 16th October 1872, I beg to state that the Agent of the Madras Railway now submits one copy of each of the approximate weekly traffic returns direct to the Secretary to the Government of India.

I have the honour to be
Dear Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Madras
17 February 1873

W. Maitland Esq. R.E.
Chief Engineer
and Civil Engineer for Railways

Madras Railway Company
Chief Auditors Office
Madras 7th February 1873

Dear Sir,

Having given the Consulting Engineer's No 986 dated 28th November 1872 and subsequent letters on the same subject, much consideration, I have come to the conclusion that whilst it is quite possible to prepare an "Estimate" of a Truck's Traffic, and to submit it 6 or 7 days after date, it is not practicable on our line to give such an approximate statement as that now rendered by us in the above time.

Such an "Estimate", as that which I refer to, is now got out by the Traffic Manager and I was of opinion that something of the same kind might be prepared in the Traffic Audit Office. But on trial it was found that some part of the estimate would have to be at best a "Guess", and therefore I am not prepared to recommend that an "Estimate" of the kind should be submitted to the Government of India, when by the delay of a few days more a tolerably reliable statement can be furnished. The choice rests between the submission of a rough "Estimate" in a week, or an approximate estimate in a fortnight, and it seems to me that all the authorities will be agreed that the latter is preferable.

I submit the results of 3 weeks estimate as prepared by the Traffic Manager 3 weeks approximate statements as prepared in the Audit Office, and 3 weeks actuals.

Yours faithfully
Signed: Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor

The Agent and Manager

/ True Copy /
W. J. Brown
Agent and Manager

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Madras Railway

Memo of Traffic for Weeks ending the 28th December 1872 and 4th and 11th January 1873

	1872		1873			
	Week ending 28 th Decr.		Week ending 4 th Janry		Week ending 11 th Janry	
* Estimated by Traffic Manager	124,276	.	113,071	.	129,101	.
Traffic Audit Office Approximate Statement	124,222	8 5	113,930	10	145,631	5 1
Audited Revenue Account	123,964	11 5	116,019	6 7	145,085	8 4

* Does not include G. I. L. "Forwarded"

/ True Copy /
Signed: Fitzgerald Church
Chief Auditor
W. J. Brown
Agent and Manager

S. M. 964/93
K. H. 526917 - 28/1/93.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Encls. No. 1873 Referred

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

To

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

Dated

12th February 1873.

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Substantive Encls.

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Mr. Rogers

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*The Consulting Engineer
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Dated

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Traffic Returns. Ex-

planation, submitted by
the Engineer, of the delay in
the submission of the Weekly
approximate Traffic
Returns ordered to be for-
warded to the Govt. of India.

Forward papers ex-
planatory of the delay in the
submission of audited Traffic Returns.