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14th March 1873.*

No. 325. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) dated Fort William, 25th February 1873, Nos. 103—107 A. G. R.:—

Copy of the following forwarded for information and guidance to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and to the Consulting Engineers at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.

By Order,
(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Government of India, to the Secretary of State for India, dated 1st November 1872, No. 211.

We have the honour to forward herewith a copy of certain correspondence regarding a remittance made by the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company to their Board in London through private agency, and to request that we may be favoured with an expression of the views of Her Majesty's Government as to the correct procedure to be followed in similar instances for the future. Being of opinion that the action of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in the case under reference was in direct contravention of the orders of Her Majesty's Government (Despatch No. 38-R. of the 18th August 1869, to the Government of Bombay,) prohibiting remittances being made for any purpose through private banks, we instructed our officers to see that these orders were invariably acted upon. It will be seen, however, from the correspondence forwarded herewith, that the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company and the Government of Bombay are disposed to take a different view as to the correct interpretation of the orders above referred to, and we beg, therefore, that we may be favoured with an authoritative decision on the point at issue.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 31st December 1872, No. 164.

In reply to your Excellency's Despatch of the 1st November 1872, No. 211, I have to explain that the instructions referred to in my despatch to the Government of Bombay of the 18th August 1869, were issued in order to prevent any remittance operation between the Government and the Guaranteed Railway Companies being transacted at any other rate of exchange than that provided for in the contracts.

2. Formerly, the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Board was in the habit of drawing money periodically from the treasury of this office in order to enable them to make payments in this country to the families of their employes in India, repaying the same from time to time as money for the purpose, deducted from the men's pay in India, was remitted by the Agent, but allowing to the men the benefit arising from difference of exchange. I gather from the papers which accompany

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your despatch, that the existing practice is for the men to draw their full pay in India, and to entrust a portion of it to the Agent for remittance to the Board for payment to their families. This is a private arrangement between the men and the Company with which, I apprehend, it is not within the competence of Government to interfere further than by causing it to be distinctly understood that the remittances are made at the men's own risk, and that no funds over which Government has control will be available to make good any loss that may ensue in consequence. It is especially desirable that the men should be left under no misapprehension on this point.

No. 326.

ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1873, No. 818.

RAILWAY, No. 32.

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

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

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