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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 351. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th March 1874, No. 190 :—

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th March 1874, No. 279.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, No. 269, with which you forwarded to me a copy of the Proceedings of the Government of India, No. 406 G. R., dated Fort William, the 20th February, having reference to the alleged inconveniences to which native passengers are subjected when travelling on the Madras Railway.

2. I have carefully considered the question with the Traffic Manager, and can unhesitatingly assure the Government that native passengers, as a rule, are treated with the utmost consideration on this Railway. I say this after personal observation during a period of twelve years.

3. With regard to the suggestion that water Brahmins should be employed at our stations, I would remind you that refreshments for native passengers are supplied at nearly every station on the line, and that drinking water, the best which is procurable in the neighbourhood, is to be had at all stations.

4. At two of our stations, viz., Raichore and Jollarapett, water-pandals have been erected and are attended to by Brahmins, but as I am led to believe that the majority of high-caste natives neither eat nor drink during a journey, it appears to me that it would be a useless expenditure to employ water Brahmins even at our principal stations.

5. Then with regard to the suggestion that urinaries should be attached to second-class carriages, it appears to the Traffic Manager and myself that such a provision would be undesirable in every way for, unless such conveniences are used with great care, they will be found very objectionable if not injurious to health.

6. I venture to remind the Government that a very large expenditure has been incurred during the last few years in the provision of latrines and urinaries at all our stations, and I think I am warranted in saying that every reasonable comfort has been provided for our native passengers, and when I say this I do not desire to take credit for such a state of things, as I am aware that our principal passenger income is derived from the conveyance of natives.

7. If, however, the Government is of opinion that water Brahmins should be employed at the stations on this Railway, I will have an estimate of the cost prepared and submitted for sanction.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated the 17th instant, No. 728.

2. I agree with the Agent that native passengers are, as a rule, treated with great consideration on the Madras Railway.

3. I do not think the Company can be called upon to maintain Brahmin watermen at their stations. Such a measure would be attended with great expense, and would benefit only a small section of the community.

4. The provision of urinaries in second-class carriages is not, in my opinion, required. Conveniences of this kind are provided at every station, and it is only

employed at our stations I would

within the last few months that they have been introduced, at great cost, into first-class carriages. I do not consider it unreasonable that the public should be expected to pay for the use of such expensive luxuries.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 952. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1874, No. 1,313.

RAILWAY, No. 42.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their letter of the 20th February 1874, No. 406 G. R., and with an expression of the concurrence of this Government in the view therein contained, except as regards urinals, the Government being of opinion that all new rolling stock for each class should, if possible, be so constructed as to admit of a little closet in the corner of the vehicle.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 953. (DOCKET No. 1,313, dated 16th May 1874.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 279.

MADRAS RAILWAY. 32

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 27th March 1874.

From

R. A. Elwin Esqre
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Lt Colo. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant & 2 Enq with which you forwarded for information a copy of the Proceedings of the Government of India & 406 G. R., dated Fort William the 20th February having reference to the alleged inconveniences to which Native Passengers are subjected when travelling on the Madras Railway.

2. I have carefully considered the question with the Traffic Manager and can unhesitatingly assure the Government that Native Passengers are treated with the utmost consideration on this Railway. I say this after personal observation during a period of 12 years.

3. With regard to the suggestion that water-Brahmins should be employed at our stations I would

remind you that refreshments for Native Passengers are supplied at nearly every station on the line, and that drinking water, the best which is procurable, in the neighbourhood is to be had at all stations.

4. At two of our stations viz Ranchoor and Tollavapetta water Pandals have been erected and are attended to by brahmins but as I am led to believe that the majority of high caste Natives neither eat nor drink during a journey it appears to me that it would be a useless expenditure to employ water brahmins even at our principal stations.

5. Then with regard to the suggestion that matrons should be attached to second Class Carriages it appears to the Traffic Manager and myself that such a provision would be undesirable in every way for unless such commences are used with great care they will be found very objectionable if not injurious to health.

6. I venture to remind the Government that a very large

expenditure has been incurred during the last few years in the provision of latrines and urinaries at all our stations, and I think I am warranted in saying that every reasonable comfort has been provided for our Native Passengers and when I say this I do not desire to take credit for such a state of things as I am aware that our principal passenger income, is derived from the conveyance of Natives.

If however the Government is of opinion that water-breakmen should be employed at the stations on this Railway, I will have an estimate of the cost prepared and submitted for sanction.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Alex W. Smith
Agent & Manager.

No. 199.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings dated the 17th instant, No. 723.

2. I agree with the Agent that native passengers are, as a rule, treated with great consideration on the Madras Railway.

3. I do not think the Company can be called upon to maintain Brahmin watermen at their stations. Such a measure would be attended with great expence, and would benefit only a small section of the Community.

4. The provision of urinaries in second class carriages is not, in my opinion, required. Conveniences of this kind are provided at every station, and it is only within the last few months that they have been introduced, at great cost, into first class carriages. I do not consider it unreasonable that the public should be expected to pay for the

Dated 27 August 1874
Rec'd 27 Aug. 1874

Offering observations with regard to the alleged inconvenience to which Native Passengers are subjected on the Railway.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

From

The Agent and Manager, MADRAS RAILWAY.

No. 199 Dated 27 August 1874.

Rec'd 27 Aug. 1874

Submitting, with reference to your Proceedings of the 17th instant, No. 723, my observations on the subject of the alleged inconvenience to which Native Passengers are subjected on the Railway.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
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Agent & Manager.

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Lieutenant

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30th March
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Lieut Col RE
Asst. Engineer for Railways.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
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To
The Secretary to Government
of Madras
Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition addressed to the Government of Madras by the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, and to state that I have carefully considered the suggestions contained therein.

2. I am of opinion that the Nilgiris are entitled to the same consideration in the matter of railway carriages as the Hills in Mysore, and that the Government of Madras should be moved to apply to the Secretary of State for India in Council to sanction the construction of a certain number of carriages for the Nilgiris on the model of those now in use on the Mysore State Railway.

3. The petitioner suggests that the carriages should be built with a view to the comfort of ladies and children, and that they should be provided with a lavatory, a water-closet, and a compartment for servants. I do not think that the Government of Madras would be justified in incurring the expense of providing all these conveniences, but I would recommend that the carriages should be built with a view to the comfort of ladies and children, and that they should be provided with a lavatory and a water-closet.

4. I would also recommend that the carriages be fitted with the Westinghouse automatic break, and that they be provided with a break-van.

5. I would further recommend that the carriages be built with a view to the comfort of ladies and children, and that they should be provided with a lavatory and a water-closet.

I have &c.

Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort St. George
The 30th March 1874

Dated 30th March 1874
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Letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated 19th March 1874, and enclosure.

Letter to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated 30th March 1874.

Letter to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 30th March 1874.

Letter from the Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 30th March 1874.

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India with a request that the suggestions contained therein may be carefully considered.

Ordered that a copy of the above proceedings be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris for information.

Ordered that a copy of the above proceedings be forwarded to the Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

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Read the following :—

From The Secy Egmore Railway (New Entries No 197 dated 30th March 874)

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Superintendent of Lands with reference to their letter of the 20th Feby. 1874 No 266 G.R., and with an expression of the concurrence of this Government with the views therein contained (except as regards Triplicane) the Government being of opinion that it

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Nos. 55 to 230.

Forwarding copy of Proceedings passed on Petitions submitted by the Conductors for Extension of Service with regard to the alleged inconveniences of the Native Probationary Rule subjected to them.

Reading on the Madura Railway.

Ordered that the Petitions received from the Conductors of the Madras Railway Company, complaining of the alleged inconveniences which they suffer in consequence of the Rule recently framed by the Company