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21st January 1874.*

No. 268. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-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, dated Madras, 8th December 1873, No. 657 :—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 17th September 1873, No. 2,295, I have the honour to forward a letter* from the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, reporting the results of the change of classification in the goods tariff on that line introduced on 1st November 1872.

2. The Agent compares the goods traffic for the half-years ended 30th June 1872 and 30th June 1873. During the former the old rates were in force, and it will be seen that although the receipts from goods traffic in that period exceeded those in the first half of the current year by Rupees 17,617, the falling off in the latter period is more than accounted for by a decrease of Rupees 19,142 under salt, and of Rupees 13,514 under stone and laterite, commodities which are not affected by the alteration of the goods classification. On the other hand, under the heading sundries, which includes the miscellaneous articles formerly placed in the higher classes, there is an increase of Rupees 23,182.

3. I concur with Mr. Betts in the opinion that the change has worked satisfactorily.

4. A list of articles which forms exceptions to the one anna rate is herewith forwarded for the information of Government.

From W. S BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th December 1873, No. 5,292.

Your letter No. 416, of the 25th September last. The alteration in the goods classification list came into force on the 1st November 1872.

2. The change at first would not be generally known, and, therefore, I pass over the traffic carried in the two following months, November and December 1872.

3. During the half-year ending the 30th June 1873, the goods traffic thus compares with the corresponding period of the previous year :—

Class.	HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE 1872.		HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE 1873.	
	For Miles.	Receipts.	For Miles.	Receipts.
		RS.		RS.
Special	807,899	31,409	613,532	26,226
First	1,420,247	87,319	1,694,379	1,05,424
Second	368,840	26,327	133,991	9,658
Third	178,213	16,483	57,726	5,365
Fourth	37,898	4,683	13,333	1,655
Fifth	22,771	4,446	23,395	4,722
Total...		1,70,667		1,53,050

4. These figures show upon the gross receipts a falling off, during last half-year, of Rupees 17,617 ; but this falling off is more than accounted for by the failure of the supply in the Government Depôt of salt, a decreased quantity of upwards of 4,000 tons and a decreased revenue of Rupees 19,142 was the result of the salt traffic over the Railway during the six months ending 30th June last, in comparison with the corresponding period of 1872.

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5. Another item of decreased receipts, not at all affected by the alteration of the goods classification, was under the heading of laterite and stone. This amounted to Rupees 13,514.
6. The best test to take, to arrive at a decision regarding the simplification of the classification list, is the heading of sundries. Under this heading is included the miscellaneous articles formerly placed under the higher classes, and which are now carried at the reduced rates. In the six months ending 30th June last, the figures thus work out
- | | Tons | Rs. |
|---|--------|--------|
| In the six months ending 30th June 1872, they were... | 11,181 | 43,208 |
| Increase in 1873 period ... | 5,176 | 20,026 |
| 7. In my opinion the result of the change has proved satisfactory, and there can be no doubt it has drawn traffic to the rail which formerly was carried by the road. | 6,005 | 23,182 |

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY NOTICE.

On and from the 1st November 1872, the following reduced rates for the conveyance of Goods will be made.

SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH CLASS GOODS.

With the following exceptions all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th class goods booked at any station on the Great Southern of India Railway to any other station on the same line will be charged at 12 pies per ton per mile, or 1st class rates.

EXCEPTIONS.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Acids, explosive. | Engravings. | Ordnance stores. |
| Alabaster. | Fire works. | Opium. |
| Ammunition. | Fire arms. | Organs. |
| Ammunition carriages. | Fuse, detonating. | Paraffine oil. |
| Anatomical models. | Galvanic batteries. | Petroleum. |
| Aquaforis. | Girders, iron. | Pianos. |
| Articles of ivory, etc. | Glass sheets. | Pictures and picture frames. |
| Arms, fire. | Do. mirrors, etc. | * Piece goods (country packed) |
| Army accoutrements. | Do. windows. | (Company's risk). |
| Do. clothing. | Globes, etc. | Precious stones. |
| Baggage, Military. | Government stores. | Rhea fibre. |
| Bank Notes. | Guns, pistols, etc. | Rifles in cases. |
| Bed and bedding. | Guns and gun carriages. | Saltpetre. |
| Billiard and Bagatelle tables. | Howdahs. | Stationery. |
| Books. | Instruments, Surveying and | Spirits of Turpentine. |
| Cannons. | Drawings. | Do. of Wine. |
| Carbolic Acid. | Do. M. S. and P. | Silk, manufactured. |
| Carts, ambulance. | Ivory, Elephant teeth. | Do. Warps. |
| Cashmere shawls. | Kerosine oil. | Do. Raw. |
| Camp Equipage or tent and | Looking glasses. | Surveying Instruments. |
| tent poles. | Luggage. | Sulphuric Acid. |
| Chandeliers. | Matresses. | Surgical Instruments. |
| Chemicals, explosive. | Machinery. | Telegraph Office Stores. |
| Cigars, Europe. | Marble, polished or wrought. | Do. Batteries. |
| Clocks and watches. | Medicine and Medical Stores. | Do. Materials. |
| Cloth, silk bordered. | Military stores. | Tents and tent poles. |
| Cloth, different kinds. | Do. accoutrements. | Telescopes. |
| Cotton. | Do. baggage. | Thermometers. |
| Commissariat Stores. | Maps and plans. | * Twist (country packed) |
| Corah silk (Company's risk). | Matches. | (Company's risk). |
| Crackers. | Mercury. | * Twist, silk, Company's risk. |
| Dhoolies and palkies. | Mirrors. | Vitriol. |
| Drawings or paintings. | Muskets in cases. | Wool. |
| Elephant teeth. | Office Records. | |

The above exceptions are to be classified and charged in accordance with the existing classification of goods.

* Note.—Corah silk, piece goods (country packed), twist (loose packed), and twist, silk, booked at this special rate will only be carried at "owner's risk," and senders must in all cases be required to sign a special risk note. If conveyed at "Company's risk" to be classified and charged according to classification.

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Furniture damageable, glass and glass ware, China and China ware. Will be conveyed at the following rates, viz, at "owner's risk," 4 Annas per wagon per mile. At Company's risk, double rates.

(Signed) WILLIAM S. BETTS,
Agent and Traffic Manager.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1874, No. 135.

RAILWAY, No. 37.

ORDERED that this report be forwarded for the information of the Government of India with reference to their letter, dated 20th August 1873, No. 1,467 G. R.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 270. (DOCKET No. 136, dated 21st January 1874.)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Ammunition	Fire Arms	Organs
Ammunition Carriages	Fuse detonating	Paraffine oil
Anatomical models	Galvanic Batteries	Petroleum
Aquafortis	Girders Iron	Pianos
Articles of Ivory, &c.	Glass sheets	Pictures and picture frames
Arms fire	do Mirrors, &c.	* Piece Goods (country packed)
Army Accoutrements	do Windows	Company's risk
do clothing	Globes, &c.	Precious stones
Baggage Military	Government Stores	Rheafibre
Bank Notes	Guns Pistols, &c.	Rifles in cases
Bed and Bedding	Guns and Gun Carriages	Saltpetre
Billiard and Bagatelle tables	Howdahs	Stationery
Books	Instruments Surveying and Drawings	Spirits of Turpentine
Cannons	do M. S. and P.	do of wine
Carbolic acid	Ivory Elephant Teeth	Silk Manufactured
Carts Ambulance	Kerosine oil	do Warps
Cashmere Shawls	Looking glasses	do Raw
Camp Equipage or Tent and Tent poles	Luggage	Surveying Instruments
Chandeliers	Matresses	Sulphuric Acid
Chemicals explosive	Machinery	Surgical Instruments
Cigars Europe	Marble polished or wrought	Telegraph Office Stores
Clocks and Watches	Medicine and Medical Stores	do Batteries
Cloth Silk bordered	Military Stores	do Materials
Cloth different kinds	do Accoutrements	Tents and Tent poles
Cotton	do Baggage	Telescopes
Commissariat Stores	Maps and Plans	Thermometers
Corah Silk (Company's risk)	Matches	* Twist (country packed) Co.'s risk
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Furniture damageable, Glass and Glass Ware, China and China Ware, ~~and~~ ^{will be conveyed at the following rates, viz. at "owners risk," four (4) Annas per Wagon per Mile. At Company's risk double rates.}

WILLIAM S. BETTS,
Traffic Manager.

No. 5292

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 4th December 1873.

From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

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Madras.

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Most Obedient Servant

Wm. A. B. B. B.

Agent.

No. GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM,

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From

THE AGENT,

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

SIR,

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 657.

From

DEPT. 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,

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G.O. S. R.

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Recd 1st December 1873

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8th December
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Wentworth L. C. & Co.
Cons. Engineer for Railways.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Consulting Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government,
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