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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th July 1874.*

No. 580. 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, 29th June 1874, No. 375:—

In continuation of my letter, dated 19th January 1874,* No. 36, I have the honor to forward a letter† from the

* Proceedings of Government, dated 21st February 1874, No. 432.
† No. 317, dated 14th April 1874.

Agent of the Madras Railway, giving cover to a report from the Traffic Manager on the results of attaching third-

class carriages to the two trains running between Coimbatore and Beypore during the half-year ending 31st December 1873. The report first submitted was for a period of four months, viz., from July to October, and the results showed an increase of 5,736 in the numbers of second and third class passengers, and of Rupees 244 in receipts. During the months of November and December, however, there was a large falling off both in numbers and receipts, the net result for the half-year being a decrease of 6,428 in the total number of passengers carried, and of Rupees 4,309 in receipts.

2. It is difficult to believe that, under ordinary conditions, the effect of offering to the public the benefit of a lower fare should be a falling off in the numbers carried; and I beg to enclose

• No. 1,440, dated 1st June 1874.

a letter* from the Collector of Malabar,

in which Mr. MacGregor attributes this decrease to the effect of the excessive prevalence of small-pox throughout the district upon the attendance at the two great feasts of the year, both of which occur during the months of November and December. The traffic generally doubtless suffered from the same cause.

3. The statistics of this traffic are still being recorded, and I hope soon to be able to submit a report for the half-year now ending, in which there is every reason to suppose the results will compare more favorably.

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, 14th April 1874, No. 317.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, No. 189 of the 25th of February 1874, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the Traffic Manager's letter, No. C/26-146, of the 13th instant, together with the statement therein referred to, showing the result of the passenger traffic between Pothanore and Beypore for the months of November and December 1873.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 13th April 1874, No. C/26-146 A. and M.
Second and third class Passenger Traffic between Pothanore and Beypore.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 189, dated 25th February, I beg to forward a comparative statement showing the result of the passenger traffic between Pothanore and Beypore for the months of November and December 1873. It will be seen that there was a falling off in the total number of passengers carried in 1873 of 14,336, and in money of Rupees 4,585.

The number and receipts of each class for the six months ending December 1872 and 1873 is shown below:—

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Receipts from Passengers.

Period.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1872	1,331	2,06,777	79,443	1,00,873
1873	1,908	8,240	90,964	96,063
Increase in 1873	577	17,337	11,521	4,309
Decrease in "	...	...	...	...

Comparative Statement showing the Number and Amount of each class of Passengers and Return Fares Traffic between Pothanore and
Beyyore for the months of November and December 1872-73.

	1872.				1873.			
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
November.								
Passengers ...	24 96 11 0 6,996	3,509 8 0	33,089	39,109	43	780	29,874	30,697
Return Fares.	11 76 4 0	...	...	11	12	6 10	...	18
December.								
Passengers ...	33 139 14 0 7,001	3,599 0 0	29,561	36,594	73	1,160	31,493	32,726
Return Fares	20 114 12 0	5 17 9 3	62	77	35	16	74	125

(Signed) F. CHURCH,
Chief Auditor.

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27th July 1874.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-
STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Calicut, 1st June 1874, No. 1,410.

I HAVE the honor to inform you, with reference to the subject of your letters of the 21st
April and 20th May 1874, Nos. 359 and 459, that so far as I can learn, the falling off in passenger
traffic is to be attributed to the effect of the excessive prevalence of small-pox on the attendance at
the two great feasts of the year, which mainly affect passenger traffic, i. e., those of Palghaut and
Guruvayur.

2. The former of these occurs in the middle of November, and the latter either late in
November or early in December. Both were this year noticed as being very ill-attended, especially
that of Guruvayur, the most important of the two, which was almost deserted. The traffic generally
has doubtless suffered from the same cause.

3. I gather from the return accompanying your second letter that it is entirely in the two
last months of the year that the decrease occurs, and I think this may be taken as a satisfactory
explanation.

4. I presume that the passengers booked at Coimbatore for the west are included in the
return for 1873. Up to February 1873 these all booked at Pothanore.

5. So far as the figures for the months of July, August, September, and October may be
accepted, they appear to favor the presumption that, by the policy maintained up to 1st July, the
Railway Company had succeeded in forcing 60,000 passengers per annum to travel by a class other
than that which they would naturally have adopted, in driving away 12,000 passengers altogether ;
besides this they forced many to travel at a different time of day to that which suited them, the
number being unknown in consequence of statistics for the two trains not having been supplied.

6. I have no doubt, therefore, that you will insist on very minute details of the passenger
traffic being prepared and thoroughly canvassed before admitting arguments in favor of a return
to the previous system.

No. 581. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1874, No. 2,017.

RAILWAY, No. 60.

ORDERED to be recorded and com-
municated to the Government of India
with reference to their letter No. 1,254-R,

dated 8th June 1874. The further report promised will be awaited. But there is
no question of a return to the previous system.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 582. (DOCKET No. 2,018, dated 27th July 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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Comparative statement showing the number and amount of each class of passengers and Return fares Traffic between Vancouver & Reppond for the month of November & December 1872 & 1873.

	1872										1873									
	1st Class		2nd Class		3rd Class		Total		1st Class		2nd Class		3rd Class		Total		1st Class		2nd Class	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
November																				
Passengers	24	96 11	6996	3509	8	32089	155427	39109	1914610	43	2915	780	4449	2987415625	30697	16365				
Return Fares	11	76 14					11	76 4	12	112537	6	19610								
December																				
Passengers	32	139 14	7001	3599		2956114625	12	36594	1836410	73	4305	1160	56110	314931551812	3276	16560				
Return Fares	20	114 14	5	1792	52	9749	77	29910	35	32142	16	4758	74	9097	125	459				
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 Dy. Traffic Manager.

1873 Chief Auditor

J. H. Wells.
 for the agent & manager

No. 317

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 14th April 1874.

From

To
The Agent and Manager of the M.R.
Lieut Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt Servt
J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
Agent & Manager.

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Malabar Collectors Office 6
Calicut. 1st June 1874

N^o 1440

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MAADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 14th April 1874.
Recd. 15th April 1874.

Forwarding copy of traffic
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Manager
Collector

M.S.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 375

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Port Saint George.

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Enclosure 2.

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Your most obedient servant

Wentworth D. Esq.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras

29 June 1874

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* No. 1440 dated 1 June 1874.

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To
The Chief Engineer,
Genl. Dept. of Public

Encl. 4.
G. O. 17 July 1874, No 2016
Nos. 586-592.

Trans. Atlantic Ry.

Letter from the Engineer
submitting one from the Genl.
giving some to a report from
the Chief Engineer in the
results of attacking 3rd class
carriages to the two trains
running between Columbus
and New York during the fall year
ending 31st Decr/73 ordered
to be forwarded to the
Chief of Public Works for the
purpose of the further report

P. M. 1874 Dept.
Railway Department.

No. 3983.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 29th June 1874.
Recd. 30

No. 375.

Submitting letter from
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Transmitted available -

Forwarding copy of
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