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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Government of India
Military Department.
Simla, the 12th November/73

Transport Railway.

No. 6680

To.

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Military Department
Simla.

Transport Railway.

Quartermaster Genl's Office
Simla 27th October 1873.

Sir,

In returning, as requested, the enclosures of Military Department Endorsement No. 1029 Transport Railway, dated 29th August 1873, relating to the Conveyance by Troop Extra Trains of private baggage in excess of the quantity allowed free, I am directed by the Right Honble the Commander-in-Chief to state, as follows:

2. Under the operation of paragraph 102, Transport Regulations; part II, a waggon has to be specially attached to all Troop Extra Trains for the Conveyance of the "private baggage" in excess of the Regulations; the 2 break vans being reserved for the authorized quantity of "free baggage."

3. It is also ruled in the foregoing paragraph that private baggage is to be conveyed by —

Troop

Troop Extra Trains at the Government contract rate, but it is observed from the report of the Chairman of the Board of Agency, East Indian Railway, that the full rate for such waggons has hitherto been charged to the Troops, irrespective of the quantity of baggage which may have been put into them.—

4. The Commander-in-Chief is aware that the Railway Company could scarcely be required to attach a waggon to a Troop Extra Train without charging the full cost for the same, but His Excellency would also remark, that it does not seem fair to charge the Troops for a full waggon when only a few maunds may be really conveyed by the Company.—

5. The rates charged for the baggage of private passengers do not fluctuate according to the weight of luggage which may be in the waggons attached to ordinary trains; and His Excellency is of opinion that Officers and Soldiers travelling by Troop Extra Trains should not be exposed at so serious disadvantage in this respect.—

6 It is believed that the best arrangement would be to permit the waggons to be loaded indiscriminately with public and private baggage; that is all private baggage to be weighed as at present and the cost of the same at the rate of one pie per maund per mile paid to the Railway Authorities by the Officer Commanding the Troops before starting; the amount thus paid being entered in Form D for the guidance of the Account Department in settling the bill of the Railway Company. Such an arrangement would, it is anticipated, cause little or no extra expense to Government, and would doubtless be agreeable to the Railway Authorities, as well as fair to the Troops.—

I am &c.
Sd/ C. J. East Major
for Dy: Quartermaster
General.

No. 428

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department, with reference to the docket thence— No. 1466 G. R. of the 18th august 1873, with a request that the Military Department may be favored— with an opinion on the suggestions of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief:—

By Order
Sd/ W. C. B. Lees Lieut.t Col.
Offg: Dy: Secy to the Govt of India

P.W. 5149/74
P.D. 9 Sept 74
Ch. 15 Sept 74

No 3611

Office of Controller of c Military Accounts
Calcutta 26th June 1874.-

The East India Railway Company having acceded to the proposal contained in the Quartermaster General's letter No. 6680 of 27th October 1873 (one of the enclosures), there would seem to be no objection to the system being carried out as far as this Department is ~~considered~~ concerned.-

With regard to the Draft General order on the subject by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I would beg to suggest paragraph 2 of the same being altered as follows before it is published for general information. The quantity of private baggage so made over to the Railway Officials, and the cost of its conveyance at the rate of 1 pie per maund per mile paid to the Railway Company before starting, are to be entered in Form D for the guidance of the Account Department when settling the Bill of the Railway Company.-

Sdy J. James Col.
Contr of Mily Accts

To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Military Department.

No 2728C

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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Military Department
Calcutta.

Transport
Railway.

Quartermaster Genls Office
Army Head Quarters
Calcutta 16th July 1874.

Sir

In reply to Military Department letter No 545 Transport Railway, of the 8th Instant, I am desired by the Right Honble the Commander-in-Chief to intimate for the information of the Government of India that, as stated in paragraph 2, of this Office letter No 1013C dated 25th May last, His Excellency is desirous that the rule regarding the conveyance by extra Troop trains of private baggage in excess of the regulated quantity, should apply to all Guaranteed Railways in India:—

I am &c
(Sd) Fred Roberts Lt Coll
Offg Quartermaster Genl

No 1813C.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Military Department
Calcutta

Transport Railway

Quartermaster Generals Office
Army Head Quarters
Calcutta 25th May 1874.

Sir

The Agency East Indian Railway Company having consented to adopt the procedure suggested in paragraph 6 of this office letter No 6680 of the 27th October last, respecting the conveyance by Troop extra trains of private baggage in excess of the quantity allowed free, I am desired by the Right Honble the Commander-in-Chief in returning the Military Department communications* marginally cited, to submit a draft General order on the subject for the approval of the Government of India, and to intimate that His Excellency sees no objection to the new system having immediate effect.—

2. The Commander-in-Chief concludes that the system will apply to all lines of railway in India.

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* No 1044 Transport Railway, dated 19th Febry 1874 with annexures
No 667 Transport Baggage, dated 12th May 1874 with annexure

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Sd/ Fred Roberts Lt. Coll.
Offg. Quartermaster General.

General Order by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.-

No.

Transport Railway (Quartermaster Genl.)

With the sanction of the Government of India, paragraph 102 of the Transport Regulations Part II, is reconstructed as follows.

G.O. No. 259 d/ 17th Augt. 1860 Milty. Dept. No. 1874 to the Quartermaster General.-

Para: 102. In the event of a troop train being ordered, provision is to be made by the despatching Officer in concert with the railway Officials for the transit of all private baggage in excess of the regulations. The private baggage having previously been weighed is to be made over to the railway authorities to be loaded indiscriminately with the public baggage in the wagons attached to the extra train.

The cost of the conveyance of the private baggage at the rate of one pie per maund per mile is to be paid to the railway authorities by the Officer commanding the troops before starting, and the amount entered in Form D for the guidance of the Account Department when settling the bill of the railway Company.-

Sd/ Fred Roberts Lt. Coll.
Offg. Quartermaster General.-

P.S. 29 Aug. 74

No. 1386

Transport Railway.

Government of India
Military Department.
Fort William the 25th July 1874.

Office Memorandum.

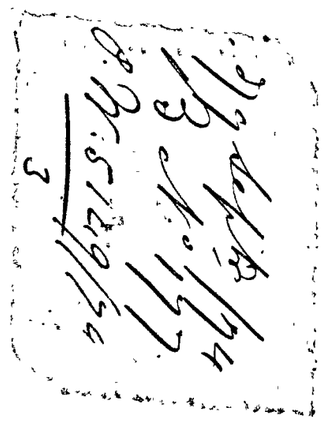
With reference to the communications from the Public Works Department noted in the margin regarding the conveyance by extra Troop trains of private baggage in excess of the regulated quantity, the undersigned is directed to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin and to enquire whether there is any objection to the extension to all Guaranteed railways in India of the arrangement agreed to by the East Indian Railway.-

No. 339 G.R. Guaranteed Railway's d/ the 12th Feby. 1874
No. 933 R. Railways d/ the 4th May 1874

Quartermaster Genl. No. 1813 C d/ 25th May 1874 + annexure
Contr. of Milty. Accts. No. 3611 d/ 26th June 1874
Quartermaster Genl. No. 2728 C d/ 16th July 1874.

Sd/ H.K. Bruce Lt. Coll.
Secy. to the Govt. of India

To The Public Works Department.-



All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 1830 R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~RAILWAY~~ RAILWAY.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(Railway.)

FORT WILLIAM, 4th Augt 1874.

SIR,

I am directed to forward copies of the papers noted on the margin, showing that the East Indian Railway Company have agreed to the establishment of a charge at the authorized rate of one pie per maund per mile for all private baggage conveyed by troop extra trains in excess of the quantity allowed free, and to request that the Railway Companies in Madras may be asked to agree to

Military Deptt No. 428 Transport Railway dated 12th November 1873
Military Deptt No. 1386 Transport Railway dated 23rd July 1874

a similar arrangement.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.
C. Bduard
Major R. E.
Offg. Under Secretary.

RD.

a similar arrangement.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Commr for Rys

Dated

Recd.

G. O. No. 1874, No. 55-E

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Nos. 177-178.

Conveyance of private baggage by Extra Troop Trains - (Rly)

Letter from the Govt of India forwarding copy of papers on the subject of the rate to be charged by the East Indian Rly for conveying private baggage by Extra troop trains and requesting that the Madras Rly Authorities may be asked to make similar arrangements, Comd to the Commr for Rys with instructions -

Dated 4th Augt 1874.

Recd 5th Augt 1874.

Referred to the Govt of India for information.

Dated 18th Augt 1874.

Recd 21st Augt 1874.

Forwarded to the Govt of India with reference to their letter dated 4th Augt 1874 No. 1874 and stating that the Madras Railway Authorities have been requested to make similar arrangements.

Dated 25th Augt 1874.

Recd 27th Augt 1874.

Forwarded to the Commr for Rys with reference to his letter dated 18th Augt 1874 No. 5149 and requesting that the Madras Railway Authorities may be asked to make similar arrangements.

Dated 27th Augt 1874.

Recd 28th Augt 1874.