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24th March 1874.*

No. 641. 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, 6th March 1874, No. 136 :—

WITH reference to the Order of Government, dated 3rd February 1874, No. 247, I have the honour to forward
* No. 443, dated 4th March 1874. the enclosed letter* from the Agent of the Carnatic Railway, and to offer the following remarks.

2. I have for years past been of opinion that the second and third class passenger rates on this line are too high, and so long ago as April 1872 I addressed the late Agent on the subject. Mr. Fisher while agreeing with me on this point did not feel justified in recommending a general reduction, as he considered that if the third-class fare were reduced to 3 pies, a considerable time must elapse before the extra number of passengers carried would compensate for the reduction, and as the Revenue Account of the line had been unsatisfactory for several half-years, he was unwilling to incur even a temporary loss. Every opportunity has, however, been taken to reduce the third-class rate on holiday occasions, and reduced through rates to certain stations on the Madras Railway have also been in force. On the 1st September 1871, the third-class fare from Conjeveram to Madras, 62 miles, was fixed at 1 Rupee, being at the rate of 3.1 pies per mile. These reductions have undoubtedly been advantageous, and as the profits of the line are now steadily increasing, I would strongly advocate a reduction in the ordinary fares of both the second and third classes.

3. Mr. Betts, the present Agent and Manager, considers that it will be well to defer any alteration until the amalgamation with the Great Southern of India Railway shall have been effected. In the meantime he undertakes to propose, for the consideration of the Directors, that the scale of passenger fares be uniform for the entire system of the South Indian Railway Company, which will, practically, meet the views herein expressed.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the Carnatic Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th March 1874, No. 443.

YOUR letter No. 33 of the 6th ultimo. The time is so close at hand when this Company's line will be amalgamated with that of the Great Southern of India that I consider it will be well to defer an alteration of the passenger fares until the new Company is brought into existence.

2. I will propose, for the consideration of the Directors, that the scale of passenger fares be uniform for the entire system of the South Indian Railway Company.

No. 642. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1874, No. 820.

RAILWAY, No. 74.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council has no doubt of the beneficial results of a reduction of the passenger fares on the Carnatic Railway, and will await a reply to the reference which the

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Agent proposes to make to the Directors on the subject of introducing an uniform scale of fares after the amalgamation of the two Companies. Meanwhile the papers will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 821, dated 24th March 1874.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 24th March 1874.

No. 643.

No. 821.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

RAILWAY, No. 75.

SIR,—With reference to your letter
No. 42 G. R., dated 9th January 1874,
suggesting a reduction of the fare of the

lowest passenger class carried on the Carnatic Railway, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying correspondence, from which it will be observed that, having in view the present transition state of the Company's affairs, the Agent is unwilling to take any immediate decided steps in the matter, but that Mr. Betts undertakes to recommend for the consideration of the Directors the adoption of an uniform scale of charges after the amalgamation of the two Companies shall have been effected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Carnatic Railway Company.

AGENT'S OFFICE

No. 443

Negapatam 4th March 1874.

From

The Agent

CARNATIC RAILWAY

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir

Your letter No. 33 of the 6th Instant.
The time is so close at hand when this Com-
pany's line will be amalgamated with that
of the Great Southern of India that I consider
it will be well to defer an alteration of the
passenger fares until the new Company is
brought into existence.

I will propose for the consideration of
the Directors that the scale of passenger fares
be uniform for the entire system of the South
Indian Railway Company.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

William B. B. B.
Agent.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 136

From

LIEUT.-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,

Port Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed letter from the Agent of the Carnation Railway, and to offer the following remarks. I am of opinion that the second and third class passengers

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Feb 1894.

From
The Agent
Carnation Railway
To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Date 11th March 1894
No. 136
J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways
Port Saint George

rates on this line are too high, and
so long ago as April 1872, I
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agreeing with me on this point
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and he considered that if the third
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elapse before the extra number
of passengers carried would com-
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 for the entire system of the South Indian
 Railway Company which will practically
 meet the views herein expressed.

Madras 7th March 1874
 Your most obedient servant
 J. B. B. L. C. R. E.

For Cons. Eng. for Railways
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort Saint George.
 Dated 6th March 1874
 No. 136.
 The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways,
 Madras.

From the
 Railways

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Read the following:-

From the Cons. Eng. for Railways
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 proposes to make to the
 Directors on the subject
 of introducing an uniform
 scale of fares after the
 amalgamation

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papers will be forwarded
for the information of
the Government of India.
H. E. 821 d.

To The Secretary to the
Government of India. Consulty Engr for India,
Desp with S. C. 27/3/74

With reference to
your letter No. 42 S. C.
dated 9th January 1874
suggesting a reduction of
the fare of the lowest
passenger class carried
on the Carnatic Railway
I am directed by His
Excellency the Governor
in Council to forward
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the accompanying corres-
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panies shall have been
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Desp with S. C. 27/3/74
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To The Comr. Engineer
for Railways
and
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

Dated

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G. O. 24¹⁸⁷⁴ No. 820-821

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Forwarding correspondence
on the subject of the
reduction of the fare
of the lowest passenger
class in the Camatic
Railway.

Camatic Railway

Ordered that the
papers on the subject
of the reduction of the
fare of the lowest passenger
class in the Camatic
Railway be forwarded
to the Government of
India —