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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th May 1875.*

No 299. 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, 5th May 1875, No 251 —

In compliance with the instructions conveyed in the Order of Government, dated the 3rd November 1874, No 3,120, I have the honor to report that the orders of the Government of India upon the subject of the house-rent to be paid by the servants of Guaranteed Railway Companies, as laid down in their Circular No 12 of 1869, are fully acted up to upon the Madras Railway, subject to the following modifications —

(a) The rent charged for every building is calculated at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent upon its cost, in order to meet the principle laid down by the Government of India that the rent should be "sufficient to cover the guaranteed interest on the Capital expended in each case, together with the probable cost of repairs" In cases however where the rent so calculated exceeds 10 per cent, of the occupant's salary, 10 per cent only of his salary is charged for rent

(b) In the Proceedings of Government, dated the 29th July 1870, No. 1,824, sanction was accorded to the grant of a personal allowance to the Locomotive Superintendent, and to the Locomotive Foremen then in the Company's service, sufficient to cover the charge for house-rent, so that those officers virtually occupy their quarters rent free Owing to a misunderstanding upon the part of the Locomotive Superintendent, application has not yet been made for special sanction for the personal allowances in question, but this will be done soon. Rent is of course charged in the case of all Locomotive Foremen appointed to that rank subsequent to July 1870

(c) The Assistant Traffic Managers now in the service have been specially exempted, by permission of the Board, from payment of house-rent, and in their case also application will shortly be made for special sanction for personal allowances to cover the charge for house-rent It has been decided that officers of the Traffic Department joining the service hereafter shall not be exempted from payment of house-rent

(d) Station Masters are supposed to be specially exempted from any charge for house-rent Upon the other Guaranteed Railways, and upon English railways generally, it is understood that officers of this class are allowed to occupy their quarters rent free, and it is not considered advisable to follow a different course

(e) In the case of Assistant Engineers belonging to the 2nd and 3rd classes it has been considered advisable to fix a special maximum limit for the charge of house-rent. During the early operations of the Company, some of the bungalows were built upon a somewhat expensive scale, and it is not thought fair that young officers should be called upon to pay the full rent for such buildings, especially as they seem to have come from England with the understanding that free quarters would be provided by the Company It has therefore been determined that, in the case of 2nd and 3rd Class Engineers now in the service, the following sums shall be charged as house-rent —

2nd Class Engineer		Rs
Higher grade		40 per mensem
Lower do		36 "
3rd Class Engineer		Rs
Higher grade		28 "
Lower do		25 "

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Assistant Engineers joining the service hereafter will be called on to pay rent not exceeding 10 per cent upon their salaries.

- 2 Three letters* from the Agent of the Madras Railway bearing upon this question are enclosed for the information of Government. None of the modifications specified in this letter seem to be at variance with the spirit of the rules laid down
- * No 748, 24th Aug 1874
 - „ 450, 1st May 1875
 - „ 452, 1st „ „

by the Government of India, and I recommend that they be allowed to remain in force.

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, 24th August 1874, No 748

With reference to your letter, No 344, dated the 17th of April 1874, I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of the register of bungalows kept in the Audit Office of this Railway

- 2 I also forward copies of Rent Statements for the month of April last obtained from the several departments which show all the detailed information called for in your letter, with the exception of the cost of the various buildings which we are unable to give

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 1st May 1875, No 450

I HAVE the honor to express my regret that your letter of the 6th of January last, No 17, has remained unanswered so long, but I have been under the impression that the subject of it had been disposed of at the meeting of the Committee held on the 13th of January, to which it was submitted in accordance with the request expressed in the last paragraph thereof

- 2 You will remember that at that meeting it was decided that the Assistant Traffic Managers now in the service should be called upon to pay rent, but that an equivalent personal allowance should be made to each of them, which allowance however is not to be made to officers of the Traffic Department joining the service hereafter. An application for an extra Assistant Traffic Manager is now before Government for approval, and when sending that application to the Board I shall, as arranged at the Committee, request that it may be made known to all officers and servants coming out from England under new covenants, that if they should occupy houses belonging to the Company they will be called upon to pay rent not exceeding 10 per cent of their pay

- 3 It was also determined at the Committee with regard to the suggestion that Station Masters should be called upon to pay rent for their quarters, that inasmuch as such a practice is not general on Indian Guaranteed Railways it ought not to be adopted on this line, as the effect would be to make the expenses of our Traffic Department compare unfairly with those of the other Companies

- 4 I regret to find that the resolution of the meeting held on the 7th of July 1870 with regard to personal allowances being made to those officers and servants exempted from paying rent has not generally been put into practice. In the absence of formal sanction having been obtained for the personal allowances, in some instances houses have in such cases been allowed to be occupied "free". A return from each department has however been called for to show every case in which such personal allowances will be required, and I hope to be in a position shortly to apply to you for the necessary sanction

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 1st May 1875, No 452

In reply to the 2nd paragraph of your letter, No 1,074, of the 11th November 1874, I have the honor to state that an exception to the rule you quote was made in the case of the 2nd and

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3rd Class Assistant Engineers, upon the ground that those officers came out to this country with the understanding that they would be provided by the Company with houses rent free. The exception was agreed to at the Committee meeting held in my office on the 13th of January last, but it is only to refer to Engineers now in the service, and, as stated in my letter to you of this date, No 450, the Secretary will be requested to give notice to all officers coming out under new covenants, that if they occupy houses belonging to the Company they will be called upon to pay rent not exceeding 10 per cent of their salaries

No 300 ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1875, No 1,368

RAILWAY, No 36

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded for the consideration of the Government of India —

(Here enter No 1,369, dated 13th May 1875)

(True Extract)

Major, R.E.,

Offg Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

End W J Lewis

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 13th May 1875.

No 301.

No. 1,369.

FROM

MAJOR J O HASTED, R E,
Offg Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

TO

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

RAILWAY, No 37

SIR,—In Government of India
Circular, No 12, of 10th June 1869, it
was laid down, among other provisions,

that a rental sufficient to cover the guaranteed interest on the capital expended, together with the probable cost of repairs should be recovered for all quarters built for the accommodation of servants of Railway Companies. It will, however, be seen from the correspondence now forwarded that the rules in respect to the recovery of rent are not carried into effect in their entirety on the Madras Railway. The exceptions are noted in the Consulting Engineer's letter, and I am to solicit the orders of the Government of India as to whether, under the circumstances represented, existing arrangements may be allowed to continue.

2 I am to submit in original the bungalow register and statements forwarded by the Agent and Manager.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government

Exd W J Lewis

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No. 450

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MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 1st May 1875.

From

R. B. Edwin Esq
Agent and Manager. M & Co.

To

Mr J. H. Stewart Esq
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I have the honour to express my regret that your letter of the 6th of January last at 17 has remained unanswered so long, but I have been under the impression that the subject of it had been disposed of at the meeting of the Committee held on the 13th of January to which it was submitted in accordance with the request expressed in the last paragraph thereof.

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to be in a position shortly to apply
to you for the necessary sanction.

I remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant


Agent & Manager

No. 1452

MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 1st May 1875

From

Robert B. Elvern Esqr.

Agent and Manager M. R. Company

To

Lieut Colonel J. A. Mc Shaw Stewart R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways

SIR,

In reply to the 2nd paragraph of your letter N^o 1074 of the 11th of November 1874. I have the honor to state that an exception to the rule you quote was made in the case of second and third class Assistant Engineers, upon the ground that those Officers came out to this country with the understanding that they would be provided by the company with houses rent-free. The exception was agreed to at the committee meeting held in my office on the 13th of January last, but it is only to refer to Engineers now in the service, and as stated in my letter to you of this date N^o 450, the Secretary will be requested to give notice to all officers, coming out under new covenants, that if they occupy houses belonging to the company they will be called upon to pay rent not exceeding 10 per cent of their salaries.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient Servant.

W. B. Elvern

MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Madras 1st May 1875

N^o 450.

Regarding the payment of rent for houses occupied by the Company's officers

Mr Shaw
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No. 748

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, 24th Feb 1874

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Dr. J. C. E. E.

Agent and Manager of the M & Co

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27 Feb - 6 Well shown & treated, but

Consulting Engineer for Railways

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 24th dated the 17th of April 1874 I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the Report of Dungalawa to sit in the District Office of this Stanley.

I also forward copies of Kent
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show all the detailed information called
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cost of the various buildings, which we are
unable to give

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. G. Brown

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The Agent and Blumfeld

The Consulting Engineer

For Inquiry,

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Regarding the fragments of stone sent by Carpenter to the Service of the Academy.

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Railway Department.

Madras 5 May 1875.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 251

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,

Fort Saint George.

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MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 24th August 1874
Recd 25th 1874

No 251

Forwarding copy of Report
of Bangalore left in the
hands of Mr. and Mrs.
also of Mr. & Mrs. for
about 1874.

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 From the Consulting Engrs.
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 Gov. No. 1368 dated 13th May 1875.
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 for the consideration
 of the Govt. of India
 Consulting Engrs. for
 Railways } (M.O. No. 1369 of 15th May 1875)
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The Secretary
 the Govt. of India
 Sir,
 In Govt. of India
 Circular No. 12 of 10th
 June 1869 it was laid
 down, among other
 provisions

6029 July 1908. 463-464
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 The Consulting Engrs.
 for Railways

The Secretary to Govt.
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 First Assistant Engrs.

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now forwarded that
the parties in respect to
the recovery of rent
are not carried into
effect in their entirety
in the Madras Railway.
The Exchequer are
involved in the County
magistrate's letter and
I am to solicit the
Orders.

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Orders of the Govt.
of India as to whether
under the circum-
stances superseded,
existing arrange-
ments may be allowed
to continue.

I am to submit
in original the Bengal
Register and State-
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the Agent Manager.

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of No. 1368 of 1875 & 6 statements

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Govt. of 1875 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Consulting Engineer

Secy. to Govt. of India

Dated

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Forwarding ^{for orders} papers on the
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Madras Railway Company.

Madras Railway. - Passing
orders on the letter from the
Consulting Engineer submitting
letters from the agent on the
subject of the payment of
house rent by the servants
of the Company.