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2nd July 1875.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st June 1875, No. 353:—

I HAVE the honor to lay before Government for their consideration letter No. 649, dated 13th June 1875, from the Agent of the Madras Railway, giving cover to a copy of communication from the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the proposed discontinuance, from the 1st July 1875, of the practice of giving credit to private traders.

2. The Chamber consider that the proposed measure will be vexatious to traders, who are prepared to furnish guarantee deposit rather than be troubled with constant small cash payments.

3. The subject was fully discussed at a Meeting held at Royapoorum upon the 17th instant, and, in his reply* to the Chamber, Mr. Elwin explained the reasons,

which prevented him from complying with their request.

4. There can be no doubt that it is the desire of the Government of India to put an end to the system which has hitherto been followed.

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, 18th June 1875, No. 649.

WITH reference to previous correspondence on the subject of allowing credit to private traders and to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to enclose herewith, for submission to Government, a copy

of the letter from the Chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, which was read at the meeting of the Committee held in my office yesterday.

2. I also enclose a copy of the reply, which in accordance with the decision arrived at by the Committee, I have to-day made to the Chamber, which I trust will be approved of by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

From CLEMENT SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 13th May 1875.

WITH reference to your intimation of an order having been passed by the Government precluding you from giving credit in any case, and to your notice that all Ledger Accounts will be closed from the 30th proximo, I am desired by the Chamber to point out that such a change will not only introduce an element of risk of loss to merchants from the necessity of entrusting daily to conicopillays various sums of money, but is also calculated to cause delay in the despatch and delivery of goods. The Chamber readily admit the desirability of the Railway Company guarding itself against loss, but they contend that all requisite protection can be secured by requiring merchants to deposit Government securities with you as a guarantee of the punctual payment of claims, on the same principal as obtains, and has been found to work very well, at the Custom House. The Chamber may safely assume that at a time when the Company and the Government are animated by a desire to foster traffic, there is no desire to introduce a rule that would be vexatious to those who are prepared to furnish you with guarantee deposits rather than be troubled with constant small cash payments. Should you entertain any doubt regarding the

intention of the Government, perhaps you will be so obliging as to submit the Chamber's suggestion for the consideration of the Governor in Council, and it would be gratifying to the Chamber if you are able to lend their proposal your powerful support.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to CLEMENT SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, dated Madras, 18th June 1875, No. 2,083.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that your letter of the 13th ultimo, upon the subject of the proposed closing of Ledger Accounts, was submitted to a Meeting held in my office yesterday, at which the Government officers were present as well as the officers of the Railway.

2. The arguments you adduce against the closing of the accounts were carefully considered by the Committee, and it was felt that looking at the small number of merchants to whom credit is allowed, and to the large transactions which are already daily carried out with the Railway by means of cash payments by merchants to whom credit is not, and never has been allowed, the inconvenience which the Chamber consider will result from the enforcement of cash payments has been somewhat over-estimated.

3. The orders which have been passed upon this subject are so explicit that there is no doubt of what the intention of the Government is, and I may inform you that the proposed alteration is intended to affect all Government departments as well as private traders, from which it is evident that the change is not designed merely to protect the Company against risk of loss but also to obviate the apparent necessity for having large amounts outstanding in the accounts, which has been one of the many inconveniences attendant upon the system of Ledger Accounts.

4. The difficulty would not therefore be met by the deposit of securities as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, and I regret that I have no alternative but to close the accounts on the 30th instant, in accordance with the intimation which has already been given.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1875, No. 1,844

RAILWAY, No. 2.

The Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in the views expressed by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 6109

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE.

Madras, 18th June 1875.

From

Robert M. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager, M. R. Company

To

Lieut Colonel J. A. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of allowing credit to private traders and to the Orders of Government noted in the margin I have the honour to G.O. No 945 dated 10th April 1875 enclose herewith for submission to Government G.O. No 1350 dated 12th May 1875 a copy of the letter from the Chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce which was read at the Meeting of the Committee held in my office yesterday. I also enclose a copy of the reply which, in accordance with the decision arrived at by the Committee, I have today made to the Chamber, which I trust will be approved of by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

I have the honour to be,
Yours most obedient servant

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 353 Madras 21 June 1875.

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To Lt. Col. J. Mullins R.E.

~~Colonel G. W. Walker, R.E.,~~

Offg. Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honour to lay before Government for their consideration letter No 649, dated 18 June 1875, from the Agent of the Madras Railway, giving cover to a copy of communication from the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the proposed discontinuance, from the 1st July 1875, of the practice of giving credit to private traders.

2. The Chamber consider that the proposed measure will be vexatious to traders who are prepared to

C. No 945
April 1875

Mr. 4095
July 1875
B. 126
Regarding credit
being allowed to
private traders

to furnish guaranteed deposits rather than be troubled with constant small cash payments.

3. The subject was fully discussed at a meeting held at Rangoon upon the 17th instant, and, in his reply to the Chamber, ^{No 2083} Mr. Elwin explained the reasons which ^{18 June 1895} prevented him from complying with their request.

4. There can be no doubt that it is the desire of the Government of India to put an end to the system which has hitherto been followed.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Yours most obedt servt.
Wm. Stewart L.H.A.E.
Genl. Engrs. for Railways

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No: 4075

From
 The Consulting Engineer,
 for Railways,

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 P. W. Department,
 Fort Saint George.

Dated 21 June 1875

Recd. 22 June 1875

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from the Agent Madras

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in regard to the proposed

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practice of giving copies

to private traders

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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the Cons. Eng. for
 Railways } (No. 353 of 21st June 1875)

of no 1844 of 2nd July 75

The Honble the
 Governor in Council
 concurs in the views
 expressed by the Agent
 and Manager of the
 Madras Railway.

For

W. 25/6

Cons. Eng. for Railways

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Credit Note System (Ry.)

Concerning with the views
expressed by the Agent &
managers Mr. Ry. regarding
the discontinuance of the
practice of giving credit
to private traders.