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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th July 1875.*

No. 224. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 22nd June 1875, No. 359 :—

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways,
dated Madras, 21st June 1875, No. 661.

With reference to G. O., No. 1,494, dated the 31st of May 1875, wherein it is ruled that so long as Railway Officers elect to receive cheques in payment of railway fares and freight they do so upon their own responsibility, I have the honor to state that, if this is really the intention of the Government, I shall have no alternative but to instruct all departments to refuse to accept cheques from any one.

2. I notice that the Agent of the South Indian Railway has already issued orders to this effect, such action having, I conclude, been occasioned by the receipt of the order of Government above referred to. I think there can be no doubt that if Railway Companies generally refuse to accept the cheques of their approved and known customers the greatest inconvenience and dissatisfaction will be occasioned.

3. My doubt as to what is the intention of Government on this subject is caused by the fact that the abovementioned order does not appear to be consistent with orders previously issued. For instance, in the letter from the Government of India printed with G. O., No. 1,403, of the 21st May 1875, it is stated that "as regards private traders the transactions should be placed on a similar footing (that is the Credit Note system of payment) if the adoption of a strictly cash system of payment for freight cannot conveniently be insisted upon.

4. In paragraph 2 of your letter, No. 305, dated the 11th of March last, a "Credit Note" is very properly defined as a "Cheque," and in the 4th paragraph of the same letter you state that "a few firms might however be allowed the convenience of payment by Credit Note."

5. I request that you will be so good as to obtain and communicate to me the orders of Government upon this subject as early as possible.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to the following Proceedings :—

13th April 1875, No. 986.

21st May " " 1,403.

31st " " " 1,494.

2. I agree with Mr. Elwin that, if Railway Companies refuse to accept cheques from approved and known customers, great inconvenience and dissatisfaction will be the result. It is however difficult to see how Railway officials can continue to accept cheques, if they are to do so upon their personal responsibility, as implied in the letter from the Government of India, No. 1,232 R., dated the 15th May 1875.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th July 1875.*

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1875, No. 1,923.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed. ■

(Here enter No. 1,924, dated 6th July 1875.)

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 6th July 1875.

No. 226.

No. 1,924.

FROM

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

TO

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

RAILWAY, No. 21.

SIR,—In forwarding the accompanying correspondence which has been elicited in connection with your letter No. 1,232 R., dated 15th May 1875, I am directed to request a further expression of the views of the Government of India on the question raised by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras,

21st June

1875.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esq.

Agent and Manager.

M. R. Company.

To

Lieut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1494 dated the 31st of May 1875 wherein it is ruled that so long as Railway Officers elect to receive cheques in payment of Railway fares and freight they do so upon their own responsibility I have the honour to state that if this is really the intention of the Government I shall have no alternative but to instruct all Departments to refuse to accept cheques from any one.

2. I notice that the Agent of the South Indian Railway has already issued orders to this effect, such action having I conclude been occasioned by the receipt of the Order of Government above referred to. I think there can be no doubt that if Railway Companies generally, refuse to accept the cheques of their approved and known customers

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customers the greatest inconvenience and dissatisfaction will be occasioned.

3. My doubt as to what is the intention of Government on this subject is caused by the fact that the above mentioned Order does not appear to be consistent with Orders previously issued. For instance, in the letter from the Government of India, printed with G. O. No 1403 of the 21st May 1875 it is stated that "as regards private Traders the transactions should be placed on a similar footing (that is the Credit Note system of payment) if the adoption of a strictly cash system of payment for freight, cannot conveniently be insisted upon.

4. In paragraph 2 of your letter No 305 dated the 11th of March last a "Credit Note" is very properly defined as a "bheque", and in the 4th paragraph of the same letter you state that "a few firms might however be allowed the convenience of payment by Credit Note".

5. I request that you will be so good as to obtain and communicate to me the orders of Government upon this subject

subject as early as possible.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. J. Wm.

Agent and Manager.

Madras 22nd June 1875.
No. 359

Submitted for the con-
sideration of Government, with
reference to the following Proceedings

13th April 1875. No. 986

21st May 1875. . 1403

31st May 1875. . 1494

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to accept cheques from approved
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will be the result. It is however
difficult to see how Railway
officials can continue to accept
cheques, if they are to do so
upon their personal responsibility
as implied in the letter from the
Government of India, No. 7232 R,
dated the 15th May 1875.

W. M. M. M.
R. C. C.

Com. Ex. for Railways

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date

21st June 1875

Recd.

22nd

No.

1661

Regarding the receipt
of Cheques by Railway
Officers in the absence
of Railway stores
and of freight.

W. M. M. M.
R. C. C.

J. Railway Javers and
Freight

60/3 April 175. 270-272

10 May - 375-376

31st - 561-562

21 May 175. 377-378

O. W. 175 Dept.

See Cons. Eng. for 175

Madras

To the Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Dept.
Fort St. George

Dated 22
Received 23 June 175
E. I. No. 359

Submitting letter
from the Chief-Eng. 175
requesting permission
to continue the system
of receiving cheques by
M/2 Officers in payment

No 224

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Public Works Dept.

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From

The Cons. Eng. for } No. 359 of 22 June 175
Railways

G.O. No. 1923 of 6th July 175

Ordered that the
Govt. of India be ad-
dressed.

Cons. Eng. for Rys.
S-cd. 20-7-75

No. 1924 of 6th July 175
To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

In forwarding the
accompanying corres-
pondence which has been
elicited in connection
with your letter No. 1232 A
dated

dated 15th May 1875,
I am directed to require
a further expression of
the views of the Govt of
India on the question
raised by the Agent
and Manager of the
Madras Railway

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of 1923 of 1875-

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Govt. of (1875) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
Mr. C. J. Phipps
Secy. Govt. of India

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. No. 1923
1924

Not. 224-225-

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Cheques in payment of fares &
freight. - Passing orders on
Endorsement from the Consulting
Engr; submitting letter from the
Agent & Manager, Madras
Railway Co; on the subject
of the continuance of the system
of receiving — by P. G.
officers.