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To

Concurrence
Int. Officer

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G. O. *Elwin* No. 2242
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Nos. 44-45

*Forwarding Concurrence
 proposing that the rate
 of interest on special funds
 of guaranteed by Companies
 may be fixed at 4 per cent.
 as in the case of the
 Companies in Bombay.*

*Rate of interest to be
 allowed on the special
 funds of guaranteed
 Companies
 Passing Orders on Concurrence
 submitted by the Concurrence
 Officer regarding the*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
 4th August 1875.*

No. 44. 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, 27th July 1875, No. 419:—

It has recently been arranged that all cash received by the Madras Railway Company as security from their employes, contractors, &c., shall be paid into the Government Treasury to the credit of the "Government of India Railway Special Funds," and this system was brought into effect from the 26th of March 1875, the deposit receipts of Banks now in the Company's possession being realized as they fall due, and the amounts paid into the credit of the Special Fund Account.

2. With reference to the above, I have the honor to lay before Government a

letter* from the Agent of the Madras

Railway, in which Mr. Elwin requests that the rate of interest on Special Funds may be fixed at 4 per cent., as in the case of the Railway Companies in Bombay. The Resolution of the Government of India on

this point, a copy of which is forwarded by Mr. Elwin, has not been received in

this office; and in accordance with Resolution, No. 1,258, dated 30th June 1873, the interest payable upon the balances of all funds deposited in the Government Treasury, Madras, is the same as that paid to depositors in the Government Savings Bank.

3. I agree with the Examiner of Railway Accounts that the Companies have no claim to a higher than the Savings Bank rate; but probably the Government of India may see fit to make the same concession to the Railways in Madras that has apparently been made in Bombay.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 15th July 1875, No. 750.

With reference to your letter No. 96, dated the 21st of January last, I have the honor to inform you that, as a rule, the securities deposited by servants of the Madras Railway Company consist of Government paper. There are however numerous instances in which cash has been so deposited, and has been invested on fixed deposit in the Bank of Madras and other Banks. There are no rules in force to meet the contingency mentioned in your letter.

2. You will no doubt remember that this subject was, in accordance with your suggestion, considered at a Meeting of the Committee held in my office on the 12th of February last, when it was determined that the Examiner of Accounts and the Chief Auditor should be requested to prepare a scheme which would not have the objection to it possessed by the then existing system.

3. It has accordingly been arranged that all cash received by the Company as security from employes, contractors, &c., shall be paid into the Government Treasury at Madras to the credit of the "Government of India Railway Special Funds;" and this has been done since the 26th of March last, the deposit receipts of Banks now in the Company's possession being realized as they fall due and the amounts paid into the credit of the "Special Fund" Account.

4. The rate of interest allowed by the Government upon the balance at the credit of this Fund is 3½ per cent., a rate which places the servants of the Company at a disadvantage as

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compared with the rates of interest allowed by the Banks on money deposited with them on fixed deposit.

5. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be so good as to move the Government to extend to this Company the concession which has been made to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in this respect, and which is explained in Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3,210, dated the 29th of May 1874, a copy of which is enclosed. I beg also that the concession may have retrospective effect with regard to this Company.

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 29th May 1874, No. 3,210.
Read again—

Financial Resolution No. 1,258, dated 30th June 1873, deciding that in future the Savings Bank rate of interest shall be allowed on all monies deposited by the Railway Companies in the Government Treasuries on other than Revenue Account.

Read endorsement of the Public Works Department, No. 259 A.—G. R., dated 8th May 1874, on a letter from the Government of Bombay, forwarding a representation by the Agent, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, against the above decision, and on application from him for the continuance of the present rate of 4 per cent. per annum, at which interest is allowed on Special Fund Balances of that Railway deposited in the Government Treasury.

RESOLUTION.—On reconsideration the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the application with retrospective effect.

No. 617.

MEMORANDUM.

THE undersigned has the honor to return the letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, received under Consulting Engineer's docket No. 1,033, dated 16th instant, with the following remarks.

2. The action taken by the Madras Railway authorities with reference to their employes' guarantee and their Contractors' Securities' Funds is in accordance with the orders* of Government upon the subject as quoted in the margin.
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| * G. O. No. 263, dated 23rd January 1869. | |
| " " 2,382, " 29th September 1873. | |
| " " 2,517, " 15th October | |
| " " 383, " 16th February 1874. | |
| " " 912, " 2nd April 1874. | |

3. The question that has to be decided is, what rate of interest shall be allowed upon the balances of these Funds deposited in the Government Treasury? The Government of India,

* G. O. No. 2,382, dated 29th September 1873.

in apparently the only order* upon the point which has reached this Presidency, fix the interest at the rate paid to depositors in the Government Savings' Bank. The Agent submits copy of a Resolution of the Financial Department of the Government of India showing that the Government of India have increased the rate of interest on Special Funds to 4 per cent. in the case of the Railways in Bombay. No resolution to this effect appears to have been communicated to the Government of Madras. It has not been received either in this office or in that of the Accountant-General, Madras.

4. Probably the Government of India will make the same concession to the Railways in Madras that has apparently been made to the Companies in Bombay. The undersigned cannot see that the Companies have any claim to a higher than the Savings' Bank rate. The deposits are made in the Government Treasury on account of the absolute security from loss thereby afforded, but, even with the risk of loss which is entailed, no private Bank in India gives depositors 4 per cent. on the balance of their current accounts.

MADRAS,

20th July 1875.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Signed)

R. G. MACDONALD,

Examiner Railway Accounts.

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4th August 1875.*

No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1875, No. 2,242.

RAILWAY, No. 7.

ORDERED that these papers be submitted for the orders of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,243, dated 4th August 1875.)

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ld. S. T. Austin.

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17th order

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 4th August 1875.

No. 46.

No. 2,243.

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. 8.

SIR,—I am directed to forward, for the orders of the Government of India, the accompanying correspondence in respect to extending to the Madras Railway Company, with retrospective effect, the concession which has apparently been granted to Guaranteed Railways in Bombay of allowing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on Special Funds deposited in Government Treasuries.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

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Post. of Manager. R.W. Department.
Railway Branch
Examiner's Office

No. 657- Memorandum

The undersigned has the
honor to return the letter from the
Agent and Manager, Madras
Railway, received under forwarding
Engineers' letter No. 3 dated 16th
inst. with the following remarks.

The action taken by the
Madras Railway authorities with reference
to their employees' guarantees and
their Contractors' securities fund,
is in accordance with the orders
of Government upon the subject
submitted in the margin.

The question that has to be
decided is, what rate of interest shall

*
Co. No. 262 of 28-4-69
- 2382 of 29-9-73
- 2517 of 15-10-73
- 382 of 16-2-74
- 972 of 2-6-74

be allowed upon the balance of
these funds deposited in the Government
Savings? The Government of India G.O. No. 22
is apparently the only order upon the 29.9.73
point which has reached this
Presidency, for the interest at the
rate paid to depositors in the Govern-
ment Savings Bank. The Agent submits
copy of a resolution of the Financial
Department of the Government of India
showing that the Government of India
have increased the rate of interest on
special funds to 4 percent in the case
of the Railways in Bombay. No
resolution to this effect appears to have been
communicated to the Government of
Bombay. It is in this office in that
of the Accountant General, Madras.

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gives depositors four percent on
the balance of their current
accounts.

Madras, 2
25 July 1875

H. G. Macdonald
General Manager, Railway Co.,
Madras

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

No. 750

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 15th July 1875.

From

R. D. Elwin Esq
Agent and Manager. M. R. Co.

To

Chief J. H. H. Shaw Stewart, Esq
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 9th dated the 21st of January last, I have the honour to inform you that as a rule the securities deposited by servants of the Madras Railway Company consist of Government Paper. There are however numerous instances in which cash has been so deposited, and has been invested in fixed deposit in the Bank of Madras, and other banks. There are no rules in force to meet the contingency mentioned in your letter.

2. You will no doubt remember that this subject was in accordance with your suggestion considered at a meeting of the Committee held in my office on the 12th of February last, when it was determined that the Examiner of Accounts and the Chief Clerk should be requested to prepare a scheme which would not have the objection to it possessed by the then

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J. H. H. Shaw Stewart
R. D. Elwin
M. R. Co.
15/7/75
J. H. H. Shaw Stewart
R. D. Elwin
M. R. Co.
15/7/75

existing system.

3. It has accordingly been arranged that all Cash received by the Company as security for employees' Contractors ^{now} shall be paid into the Government Treasury at Calcutta to the credit of the "Government of India, Railway Special Funds," and this has been done since the 26th of March last, the Deposit receipts of Banks now in the Company's possession being realised as they fall due, and the amounts paid into the credit of the Special Fund "account."

4. The rate of Interest allowed by the Government upon the balance at the credit of this fund is $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, a rate which places the servants of the Company at a disadvantage as compared with the rates of Interest allowed by the Banks on money deposited with them on fixed deposits.

5. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will be so good as to move the Government to extend to this Company the concession which has been made to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in this respect and which is explained in Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 22,10 dated the 29th of May 1874, a copy of which is enclosed. I beg

also that the concession may have re-
trospective effect with ref. to this company.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. J. S. S. S.
Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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Recd.

No.

N^o 3210, dated 29 May 1876.

Resolution by the Government of India
Financial Department

Read again
Financial Resolution N^o 1258, dated 30 June 1873, deciding that in future the Savings Bank rate of interest shall be allowed on all monies deposited by the Railway Companies in the Government Treasuries on other than Revenue Account.
Read endorsement of the Public Works Department N^o 259 A. G. R. dated 8 May 1876, on a letter from the Government of Bombay, forwarding a representation by the Agent, Great Indian Peninsula Railway against the above decision, and an application from him for the continuance of the present rate of 4 per cent per annum at which interest is allowed on Special Fund Balances of that Railway deposited in the Government Treasury.

Resolution. On re-consideration, the Government in Council is pleased to sanction the application with retrospective effect.

(True copy)

[Signature]
Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Recd 15th July 1876
N^o 750

Noting that the securities of the Savings Bank of Madras are lodged in the Special Funds Account.

Dr 4304/1
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1875-1876

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No 449 Madras 27th July 1875.

From

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

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Lieut. Col. J. Mullins, R.E.,

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

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

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Government of India on this
point, a copy of which is forward-
ed by Mr. Elwin, has not been
received in this Office; and in
accordance with Resolution

* No. 50-15th
July 1875.

Financial
Department
No. 3210-29th
May 1874.

Handwritten signature

Memorandum
enclosed N-
617 dated
2:10 July
1875

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-bly the Government of India may see fit to make the same concession to the railways in Madras that has apparently been made in Bombay. —

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedient servant

Manufactured by L. H. C. & Co.

Genl. Engineer for Railways

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Public Works Dept.

No 2242

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 4 Aug 1875

Read the following

From The Cons. Engineer for Railways (H.C. No 419 of 27 July 1875)

Ordered that these papers be submitted for the orders of the Govt of India.

Cons. Eng. for Rys. 40/2

(H.C. No 2243 dated 4 Aug 75) No 2243- 4 Aug 75 To The Secy. to the Govt of India Public Works Dept.

Sir, I am directed to forward

W. H. D. ...

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30.6/67 383218219
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
From The Consulting Engineer, for Railways, No: 4904.

To The Secretary to Government, P. W. Department, Fort Saint George. Dated 27 July 1875.

No. 419.

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India and from the Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

On 2.8.75 (Date 4/8/75) Receipt & entry 29.7.75

Forward

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ed to Guaranteed Rail-
ways in Bombay of
allowing interest at the
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annum on special
funds deposited in
Govt Treasuries.

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