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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
19th March 1875.

No. 497. 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, 4th February 1875, No. 143:—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of this Government, Nos. 2,551 and 81 of the 9th September 1874 and 8th February 1875, respectively, I have the honor to enclose a communication* from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, No. 229 of 2nd March 1875, in which the delay noticed by the Government of India in the adjustment of the claims of that Company for the half-year ended 31st December 1873, against Government Traders, Foreign Railways, &c., is explained. The extension of the credit note system to all Government departments without delay was solicited in my letter, dated 25th ultimo, No. 122.

2. The subject of the absence of improvement in the goods traffic of this line continues to engage the attention of the members of the Committee appointed in the Order of Government No. 314 of the 1th February last.

From F. CHURCH, Esq., Chief Auditor, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 1st March 1875, No. B-1,807.

In reply to the reminder from the Consulting Engineer, No. 183, dated 9th ultimo, asking for a reply to his No. 903, dated 25th September last, I beg to inform you that the delay in the settlement of the outstandings against Government Departments arises chiefly from the system in force of not paying our bills until every voucher is supplied. It will be well understood that so many vouchers passing from hand to hand are sometimes lost or mislaid which ties up the settlement of a large account it may be for the want of a single voucher. The above remark is applicable to the old system. The new system of credit notes, as stated in my letter No. B-1,677, dated 16th ultimo, has been so very partially introduced in the Commissariat and other Departments, and by Government officials generally, that we must await its more perfect adoption before we shall have the prompt payment which the credit note system is intended to provide.

2. The delay attending the settlement of traders' accounts arises, as in all cases where credit is given, from the opportunity which is thereby provided for exception to be taken to bills or items therein, giving rise to a very large amount of correspondence, whilst, it is submitted, there is no very forcible reason why the Railway Companies in this country should part with goods before they receive the carriage due.

3. We find certificates of sums due to and from foreign railways, provided the account is not disputed, take five or six weeks after the date to which they relate, for adjustment.

No. 229.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways

(Signed)

R. B. ELWIN,

Agent and Manager

MADRAS,
2nd March 1875

No. 498.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1875, No. 779.

RAILWAY, No. 61.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1875.

2. It is observed that measures are being taken for perfecting the credit note system by which prompt payment by Government Departments will be ensured.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 499. [(Docket No 780, dated 19th March 1875)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India with reference to paragraph 3 of their letter No. 1,958-R, dated 17th August 1874, and to reminder dated 25th January 1875.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 143

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.

SIR,

29 of
March
1875.

Adverting to the Proceedings of this Govt. Nos. 2551 and 81, of the 19th September 1874, and 8th February 1875, respectively, I have the honour to enclose a communication from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, in which the delay noticed by the Government of India in the adjustment of the claims of that Company for the half year ended 31st December 1873 against Government, Graduated Foreign Railways, &c., is explained. The extension of the credit note system to all Government departments without delay was

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servant,

Madras 4th Feby 1875
for Genl Secy for Railways
Wm Condon Esq
Genl Secy for Railways

From the Comptroller
for Railways } (N^o 143 dt 5th March 1875)

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letter N^o 1958 R dt 17 Augt 1874
and to minutes dated 26th
January 1875.

22-3-75 Esqr

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GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

Comdg. Engineer
Railways.

Letter to Govt.

Re: India

G. O. No. 1074/1875, No. 779
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No. 477-499-

Forwarding copy of
order passed in papers
submitted by the
Comdg. Engr. for the
purpose of furnishing
explanation as to the
cause of the delay in
the settlement of the
outstanding of the
Madras Ry. Co.
against Govt. Dept.
for the half year.

Re: India
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Papers submitted by
the Comdg. Engr. for
explanation relative to the
delay in the submission
of the Madras Ry. Co.
and payment of claims
against Govt. Dept. for
the half year ended
31st Dec/75, ordered to be