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No. 190. Read the following endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd March 1875, No. 417:—

MADRAS RAILWAY.

*Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram Terminus,
on Wednesday, the 17th March 1875.*

PRESENT:

Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Cong. Engineer for Railways.
Lieutenant W. H. COAKER, R.E., Deputy do. do.
Mr. R. G. MACDONALD, Examiner of Railway Accounts.
Mr. T. H. GOING, Acting Chief Engineer, Madras Railway.
Mr. E. C. BOODLE, Acting Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway.
Mr. H. E. CHURCH, Traffic Manager, do.
Mr. F. CHURCH, Chief Auditor, do.
Mr. J. CRAMP, Chief Accountant, do.
Mr. R. B. ELWIN, Agent and Manager, do.

With reference to an application which was made at the last meeting of the Committee, the Agent and Manager again brought forward the case of Ramakist-nah, the Railway Apothecary lately employed at Cuddapah, who, owing to old age and infirmity, has been obliged to send in his resignation after serving the Company with diligence and fidelity for a period of twenty-one years. The suggestion made at the last meeting of the Committee was that a gratuity equivalent to twelve months' pay, Rupees 1,020, should be made in this case, but it was determined before making any recommendation to Government upon the subject that the practice of some of the other Railway Companies in India with regard to giving gratuities to old and deserving servants should be ascertained.

Mr. Elwin now submitted letters he had received from the Agents of the East Indian, Great Indian Peninsula, and Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railways upon the subject, from which it appeared that there was no fixed principle for dealing with such cases upon those lines, but that each case was dealt with upon its merits as it arose.

Some of the members of the Committee, however, were of opinion that a gratuity of twelve months' pay was more liberal than the circumstances of the case called for, and it was finally determined to recommend, for the favorable consideration of Government, that a sum of Rupees 510, equal to six months of his pay, should be given to Ramakistnah in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Company.

Mr. Elwin undertook to bring the question of gratuities to the notice of the Board of Directors with a view to the settlement of some fixed rule upon the subject.

2. Read letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 305, of the 11th instant, upon the subject of the extension of the credit-note system to private firms having transactions with the Railway Company. In his letter, the Consulting Engineer expressed the opinion that the practice of giving credit to

private firms for freight should be discontinued at once, and in this opinion the officers of the railway generally concurred, explaining that, though ledger accounts were undoubtedly a great convenience to the customers of the railway, they were the source of much trouble and delay in the settlement of accounts, and it was thereupon resolved that the Agent and Manager should give notice to all merchants and others having open accounts with the Company that such accounts would be closed on and after the 1st of July next, from which date cash payments would be insisted upon for the carriage of all goods and merchandise.

3. Read letters from S. Sarawana Mootoo Pillay and Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe and Company tendering to supply the Company with further quantities of Indian coal. Sarawana's coal has been landed in Madras, and is of the same quality as that which has been so favorably reported upon by the Acting Locomotive Superintendent. He offers to supply 1,600 tons at Rupees 21-8-0 per ton delivered into the yard at Royapooram, and as it was considered most desirable that further trials of this coal should be made, the acceptance of this offer was authorized. The English coal now being imported by the Company cost nearly Rupees 32 per ton.

Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe and Company offer to supply 1,500 to 2,000 tons of Bengal coal at Rupees 20-10-0 per ton, but as they have submitted no sample, the Agent and Manager was requested to treat with them for the purchase of a shipment in May or June, if they will guarantee the quality, and will undertake to deliver the coal in the yard at Royapooram at the price named.

4. Authority was also given to purchase 300 teak sleepers from Sarawana Mootoo Pillay, for use at the bridges on the North-West Line, at Rupees 17 per sleeper.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Lieut., R.E.,
for Cong. Engr. for Railways.

(„) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

SUBMITTED for the approval of Government.

2. The payment of six months' gratuity to Apothecary Ramakistnah will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Cases of this nature are becoming frequent, and as it is considered advisable that some general rules should be framed to meet them, the Agent has addressed the Board in the matter.

3. By discontinuing the practice of giving credit to private firms and extending the credit-note system to all Government departments, the keeping of open ledger accounts will be entirely avoided, and a considerable amount of labor in accounting thereby saved, as well as all danger of loss resulting from the non-realization of bills.

(Signed) W. H. COAKER, Lieut., R.E.,
for Cong. Engr. for Railways.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1875, No. 945.

RAILWAY, No. 24.

THE Minutes above recorded are approved.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion that general rules should be framed to regulate the grant of gratuities for approved service, and will await the reply of the Board of Directors to the reference which has been made to them on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Agent and Manager's Office, Royapooram
Terminus, on Wednesday the 17th March 1875.

PRESENT.

Mr. H. H. Shaw Stewart, R.E. Genl. Engineer for Railways
Lieut. W. H. Barker, R.E. Deputy — do — do —
Mr. R. J. Macdonald, Examiner of Railway Accounts
Mr. J. H. Goring, Acting Chief Engineer, Madras Railway
Mr. C. B. Doodie, Esq. Locomotive Superintendent — do —
Mr. H. B. Church, Traffic Manager — do —
Mr. J. Church, Chief Auditor — do —
Mr. J. Gump, Chief Accountant — do —
Mr. A. B. Clain, Agent and Manager — do —

1. With reference to an application which was made at the last meeting of the Committee the Agent and Manager again brought forward the case of Ramakrishna, the Railway Stationary lately employed at Cuddalore, who owing to old age and infirmity has been obliged to send in his resignation after serving the Company with diligence and fidelity for a period of 21 years. The suggestion made at the last meeting of the Committee was that a gratuity equivalent to 12 months' pay - Rs. 1020 - should be made in this case but it was determined before making any

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recommendation to Government upon the subject that the practice of some of the other Railway Companies in India with regard to giving gratuities to old and deserving servants should be ascertained.

Mr. Clavin now submitted letters he had received from the agents of the East Indian, Great Indian Peninsula, and Bombay Baroda and Central India Railways upon the subject, from which it appeared that there was no fixed principle for dealing with such cases upon those lines, but that each case was dealt with upon its merits as it arose.

Some of the members of the Committee however were of opinion that a gratuity of 12 months pay was more liberal than the circumstances of the case called for, and it was finally determined to recommend for the favourable consideration of Government that a sum of Rs 500, equal to six months of his pay, should be given to Ramakishna in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Company.

Mr. Clavin undertook to bring the question of gratuities to the notice of the Board of Directors with a view to the settlement of some fixed rule upon the subject.

2. Read letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways of 30th of the 11th instant upon the subject of the extension of the Credit Note system to private firms having transactions with the Railway Company. In his letter the Consulting Engineer expressed the

opinion that the practice of giving credit to private firms for freight should be discontinued at once, and in this opinion the Officers of the railway generally concurred, explaining that, though Ledger accounts were undoubtedly a great convenience to the customers of the railway, they were the source of much trouble and delay in the settlement of accounts, and it was thereupon resolved that the Agent and Manager should give notice to all Merchants and others having open accounts with the Company that such accounts would be closed on and after the 1st of July next, from which date cash payments would be insisted upon for the carriage of all goods and merchandise.

3. Read letters from S. Sarma and Messrs. Pillay and Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co. tendering to supply the Company with further quantities of Indian Coal. Sarma's Coal has been landed in Calcutta, and is of the same quality as that which has been so favourably reported upon by the Acting Locomotive Superintendent. He offers to supply 1600 tons at Rs. 21/8 per ton delivered into the yard at Rayapooram, and as it was considered most desirable that further trials of this coal should be made, the acceptance of this offer was authorised. The English Coal now being imported by the Company costs nearly Rs. 32 per ton.

Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co. offer to supply 1500 to 2000 tons of Bengal coal at Rs. 20/10 per ton, but as they have submitted

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4. Authority was also given to
purchase 500 tank sleepers from Laramana
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North West line, at Rs. 17 per sleeper.

W. W. W. S. W. C.
for Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

[Signature]
Agent and Manager
Madras Railway

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Submitted for the approval
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Government departments, the
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From the Consulting Engineer for Ry. } T.E. No 170 dated 945²³⁰ March 1875.

The minutes above recorded are approved. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion that general rules should be framed to regulate the grant of gratifications for approved service, and will await the reply of the Board of Directors to the reference which has been made to them on the subject.

G.M.M.

To The Engineer for Ry. & Ex. Ry. Accounts - 12-4-75

P.W. Dept.
Sd/- No: 1942
Subject: Eng. for Railway

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

Dated 23rd
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To
Smt. Engineer
In Railways.

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