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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
13th April 1875.*

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No. 270. 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, 7th April 1875, No. 196 :—

In enclosing certain letters\* which have passed between this office and the Agent of the South Indian Railway, upon the subject

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| * From Agent, No. 447, 11th March 1875. | the South Indian Railway, upon the subject |
| To " " 182, 23rd " "                    | of the acceptance, by Station-masters and  |
| From " " 487, 29th " "                  | Booking Clerks, of cheques drawn upon      |

private banks in payment of fares or freight charges, I have the honor to request that the Government of India may be moved to state their views and to issue orders for guidance.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 11th March 1875, No. 447.

Will you please let me know the wishes of Government with regard to the acceptance, by clerks in charge of stations, of cheques in payment of fares and freight due to the Railway Company?

2. The practice hitherto has been to accept such cheques from people who are well known and of good repute, and to charge a percentage thereon to cover the cost of transmitting the cheque and of realizing its value. On some few occasions cheques have been returned from the Bankers, but eventually the money has been realized, and no loss has been sustained.

3. I understood from Mr. Macdonald, when he was here a short time since, that on the Bengal line with which he was formerly connected, Station-masters are precluded from accepting cheques.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, dated Madras, 23rd March 1875, No. 182.

With reference to your letter, No. 447, dated 11th March 1875, I have the honor to inform you that I agree with the Examiner, to whom your letter was sent for opinion, that the correct procedure is to accept only coin and notes and cheques of a public officer on his public banking account in payment of fares and freight, and that nothing should, as a rule, be received at the stations which the Government Treasury is unable to accept and credit as earnings.

2. Mr. Macdonald does not recollect any specific order of Government on the point.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 29th March 1875, No. 487.

Your letter No. 182 of the 23rd instant. As no specific order of Government has been passed regarding the non-acceptance at Railway stations of cheques on private banks in payment of fares or freight charges due, I wish to suggest, for your consideration, the advisability of orders being obtained thereon, before the regulation be put in force. To some extent no doubt inconvenience would be caused by the refusal to receive such cheques, and I wish, therefore, to be fortified with the instructions of Government beforehand,

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No. 271.

ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1875, No. 986.

RAILWAY, No. 36.

THE subject will be referred for the  
consideration of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 987, dated 13th April 1875.)

(True Extract.)

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

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
FORT ST. GEORGE, 13th April 1875.

No. 272.

No. 987.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

*Secretary to the Government of Madras,*

*Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

*Public Works Department.*

RAILWAY, No. 37.

SIR,—I am directed to submit the  
accompanying correspondence in respect to  
the acceptance, by Railway Companies,  
of cheques in payment of fares and freight, and to request that the views of the  
Government of India on the subject may be elicited.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 196.

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,

I am enclosing certain letters which have passed between this office and the Agent of the South Indian Railway, upon the subject of the acceptance, by Station Masters and Booking Clerks, of cheques drawn upon private banks in payment of fares or freight charges, I have the honour to request that the Government of India may be moved to state their views and to issue orders for guidance.

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Have the honor to

Sir

Your most obedt servt.

Wentworth L. P. R. & C.

Cons. Engineer for  
Railways

Madras  
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. 2284

From  
The Consulting Engineer,  
for Railways,

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

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1875  
Recd. 8<sup>th</sup>

No. 196.

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Requesting  
to issue <sup>orders</sup> for  
guidance on the  
subject of the  
acceptance of cheques  
drawn upon private  
banks in payment  
of fares.

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No. 487

South Indian  
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAN, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1875

THE AGENT,

South Indian  
Great Southern of India Railway,

The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways  
Madras

SIR,

Your letter No 132 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant.  
As no specific order of Government has been  
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railway stations of cheques on private  
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beforehand.

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant  
William B. C. H.

Agent

Railway Department.

Cons. Engineer's Office  
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No. 182.

To

The Agent

North Indian Railway.

Sir,

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Yours

The Agent

To

J. J. Reilly  
for Consulting Engineer

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> } March 1875  
Recd 27<sup>th</sup>

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Regarding  
cheques in payment  
of Railway fares and  
freight.

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Mr. Macdonald does not  
recollect any specific Order of Govern-  
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Ad. W. H. Coaker Lt. R.E.  
for Gov. Engineers for  
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Lt. Col. R.E.

Gov. Engineers for  
Railways

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Mr. 2284/5  
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No. 447

South Indian  
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 11 March 1875

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To

The Consulting Engineer  
for Railways  
Madras

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 Your most obedient servant  
 William B. B. Esq.  
 Agent

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 Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:-

From the Comptroller  
 for Railways } (M.S. No 196 dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1875)

G.O. No: 986 of 13<sup>th</sup> April 1875

The subject will  
 be referred for the considera-  
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Comptroller for Mys  
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To  
 The Secretary to the  
 Government of India  
 P. Works (Railways)

Sir,

I am directed to sub-  
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 correspondence in respect  
 to the acceptance, by  
 Railway Companies, of  
 Cheques in payment  
 of fares and freight,  
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From

The Agent:-

"The Comptroller's Copy"

for Railways

G.O. No 196-13-4-75-

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> 49

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Central Engineer  
Railways.

Secretary to Govt.  
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Pay. Cos. of cheques in pay-  
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