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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 351. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 2nd August 1876, No. 376.

As directed in the Order of Government, No. 846, of the 31st March last, I have the honor to submit the following explanations for certain increases to salaries in the Establishment list of the South Indian Railway for the half-year ended 30th June 1876.

2. *Agent's Salary.*—The provision in that list for the Agent's salary of £2,500 per annum was at the rate of 1s. 10d. per Rupee. The reasons advanced by the Agent for the adoption of this rate are, (1) that in his agreement with the Company, 1s. 10d. per Rupee was the rate of exchange fixed for the payment of his former salary, and in the Order of Government, No. 1,094, of the 19th April 1875, this Government decided that the new contract rate of exchange was not to set aside those fixed in the agreements between the Companies and their servants; (2) that he believed it to be the intention of Government to assimilate the salaries of the Agent and Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway with those of similar officers on the Madras Railway, who draw £2,500 and £2,000 per annum respectively at the 1s. 10d. rate

of exchange; one reason for thinking so being that Government recently* decided that the salary of £2,000 per annum to the Chief Engineer be disbursed to him at the above rate; and (3) that lately, in calculating the increases of £50 to the several classes of Assistant Engineers on his Railway, the same rate was adopted.

3. The above views were communicated by the Agent to his Board of Directors, who in their reply† state that “they have no desire that any invidious and sole exception should be made to your (the Agent's) disadvantage,” and they authorize the disbursement of salary at the rate 1s. 10d. per Rupee entered in the agreement between the Agent and themselves, subject, however, to the sanction of Government.

4. Under these circumstances, and seeing that the salaries drawn by the majority of the officers of the South Indian Railway have been assimilated to those in force on the Madras Railway, I am of opinion that the sanction of the Board may be confirmed, and the salary of the present Agent be fixed at Rupees 2,273 per mensem.

5. As bearing upon the assimilation of the salaries attached to corresponding posts in the two Companies, there is one point, with reference to the rate of exchange, which seems to demand notice. If the salary of the Agent, South Indian Railway, as approved by the Board, is fixed at Rupees 2,273 per mensem, it will nominally be the same as that drawn by the Agent of the Madras Railway; but he will enjoy the

privilege of remitting a certain portion of his salary at the contract rate of exchange, namely, 1s. 11d. per Rupee, whereas the Agent of the Madras Railway can remit the same amount at 1s. 10d. The same remark applies to the modified salaries which were granted to the Engineers of the

South Indian Railway, with a view to place them on the same footing as those employed on the Madras Railway. In Indian currency, the salaries drawn are now the same in both cases; but the Engi-

Proceedings of Government, No. 31, dated 5th January 1876.

Proceedings of Government, No. 290, dated 3rd February 1876.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th August 1876. No. 2,129.*

neers in the service of the South Indian Railway Company can remit a portion of their salaries at the rate of 1s. 11d. per Rupee, instead of 1s. 10d., and are therefore in a better position.

6. *Assistant Locomotive Superintendent.*—The increased rate of salary is in accordance with the contract entered into with this officer, which provides for an annual increment of Rupees 25 till a maximum of Rupees 500 is reached.

7. *Chief Clerk, Locomotive Department.*—This increase was discussed at an official meeting for the authorization of establishments, and sufficient cause for the same being shown, the higher rate of salary was entered. This procedure appears to be in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Order of Government, No. 2,433,* of the 16th October 1872, the appointment not being a superior one.

* *Vide* paragraph 4 of letter from Government of India therein embodied.

8. *Clerks, Locomotive Department.*—The discrepancy pointed out was the result of a clerical error; the salary of the Chief Clerk having been again included with those of clerks at the various stations.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

Extract of letter to the Managing Director in London, dated Negapatam, 18th May 1876, No. 81.

Rate of Exchange, Agent's Salary.

Will you please obtain the views of the Board upon the point referred to in Government paper, March, Nos. 568, 569?

The original recommendation to the Secretary of State quoted the rate as Rupees 2,272-11-8 (see your letter, No. 593, of 7th May 1873); but the second letter named Rs. 2,174 per mensem, as the new contract with the India Office had in the mean time been executed, and this contract specified the rate of exchange at 1s. 11d. per Rupee for transactions between the Government and the Company; subsequently the question was raised whether the rate of exchange named in the new contract was to set aside that named in the agreements entered into between the Company and their servants, and the Madras Government decided this in the negative—see G.O., No. 1,094, of the 19th April 1875.

When therefore the Government of India sanction (see Government papers, June 1875, Nos. 352, 353) to the salary of the Agent being fixed at £2,500 per annum was received, it was considered that the rate of exchange named in the Agent's agreement should apply, and the entry was so made in the staff list submitted to the Madras Government, and authority to disburse payment thereon duly obtained.

I may mention that the same Government of India letter (No. 1,381 R of the 2nd June 1875) which fixed the pay of the Agent at £2,500 per annum, states that the pay of "the Chief Engineer should not be more than £2,000 per annum." You are aware that the Madras Government recently specially decided that this should be disbursed at the rate of 1s. 10d. per Rupee, or Rupees 1,818 per mensem. I believe it to be the object of Government to assimilate the pay of the Agent and the pay of the Chief Engineer on the South Indian Line, to the pay drawn by similar officers on the Madras Railway, and those officers draw, respectively, £2,500 and £2,000 per annum, at the 1s. 10d. rate of exchange.

You are aware that when recently the pay of the several classes of Assistant Engineers was increased by £50 per annum, that increase was calculated out into a monthly increase in Rupees at the rate of 1s. 10d. per Rupee.

NEGAPATAM,
10th July 1876.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th August 1876. No. 2,129.*

Extract from Board's letter, dated London, 16th June 1876, No. 92.

Rate of Exchange, Agent's Salary.

The Board have considered with attention the remarks under this head in your letter and the correspondence on the subject which has passed between the Consulting Engineer and yourself. They have no desire that any invidious and sole exception should be made to your disadvantage, and they have pleasure therefore in authorizing that your salary should, with the sanction of Government, be disbursed at the rate entered in your agreement, *viz.*, 1s. 10d. per Rupee, or Rupees 2,273 per mensem.

NEGAPATAM,
8th July 1876.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. BETTS,
Agent.

No. 352.

ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1876, No. 2,129.

RAILWAY, No. 44.

ORDERED to be communicated to the
Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2,130, dated 16th August 1876.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with copy of letter
to Government of India.

Exd. E. C. Shunkor.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th August 1876.

No. 353.

No. 2,130.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL 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. 45.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 846-R, dated 24th March 1876, and to forward, in reply, the accompanying papers which afford the information required in respect to the establishment authorization of the South Indian Railway for the half-year ending 30th June 1876.

2. The only point apparently requiring notice is that of the salaries of the Agent and Engineers which, having been sanctioned in pounds sterling, are being disbursed in India at the rate of 1 Rupee for 1s. and 10d.; while home remittances are being made at the rate of 1s. 11d. per Rupee, the general contract rate.

3. His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that where special agreements exist with individual officers specifying a particular rate of exchange for payment of salaries in India, that rate should be adhered to. But that in all other cases in which salaries are expressed in English currency the general contract rate should be applied.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
for Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 2 August 1876.

No. 376

From

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

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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31st March last, I have the honour to
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June 1876.

2. Agents Salary—The provision in
that list for the Agents salary of £2500
per annum was at the rate of $\frac{3}{10}$ per
Rupee

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G.O. 3 Feb'y/76
No 290.

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3. The above views were communicated by the Agent to his Board of Directors, who in their reply state that "They have no desire that any

No 92 of the
16 June/76

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4. Under these circumstances, and seeing that the salaries drawn by the majority of the officers of the South Indian Railway have been assimilated to those in force on the Madras Railway, I am of opinion that the sanction of the Board may be

be confirmed, and the salary of the present Agent be fixed at $\text{Rs } 2,273$ per mensem.

5. As bearing upon the assimilation of the salaries attached to corresponding posts in the two Companies, there is one point, with reference to the rate of exchange, which seems to demand notice. If the salary of the Agent South Indian Railway, as approved by the Board, is fixed at $\text{Rs } 2,273$ per mensem, it will nominally be the same as that drawn by the Agent of the Madras Railway; but he will enjoy the privilege of permitting a certain portion of his salary

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namely $\frac{1}{11}$ per rupee, whereas the
Agent of the Madras Railway can
remit the same amount at $\frac{1}{10}$.

Pro of G. No 31
d/5 Jan'y/76.

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modified salaries which were
granted to the Engineers of the
South Indian Railway, with a
view to place them on the same
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Pro of G. No 290
d/3 Feb'y/76.

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The increased rate of salary is in
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into with this officer, which provides
for an annual increment of Rs 25
till a maximum of Rs 500 is reached.

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This increase was discussed at an
official meeting for the authorisation
of establishments, and sufficient cause
for the same being shown, the higher
rate of salary was entered. This

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procedure appears to be in accordance
with the instructions conveyed in the

Order of Government No 2433 of the 16th October 1892, the appointment not
being a superior one.

Vide para 4
of letter from
G. of S. therein
embodied.

Clerks Locomotive Department

The discrepancy pointed out was
the result of a clerical error; the
salary of the chief clerk having
been again included with those
of clerks at the various stations.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Most obedt Servt.

Wm. Stewart Esq. M.P.

Comm. Engineer for Railways

82-9-72 No 2085 + 2086.

16-10-72 - 2033

17-6-75 - 1094

27-6-75 - 1700 + 171

16-6-75 - 1694

23-11-75 - 3361 + 3362

27-12-75 - 3621

31-3-78 - 846

5-1-76 - 31

3-2-76 - 2304 + 291

8-2-76 - 340

7-6-76 - 1614

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways
No. 376 of 2^o August 1876

FOR ORDERS.

Any agreements made must
be referred to. but all cases
not found by previous agreement
must be I think in same
position as for. Officers -
as changes occur in the Officers
the rates will then equalise
themselves. in both lines as
regards remuneration as rates -
It will I think be better to
give even slight increase in salary
rather than directly rather than
have exceptional. in some petitions
values assigned to the officer for
payment of remuneration

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parently requiring notice is
that of the salaries of the
Agent and Engineers which,
having been sanctioned in
£ sterling, are being dis-
bursed in India at the
rate of 1 Rupee for 1/10,
while some remittances
are being made at the rate
of 1/11 per Rupee, the
general contract rates

Major Genl. R. E.
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

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

Dated 2^o August 1876.

Received 8th August 1876.

Encl. No. 376

Submitting

explanations for a
reference to the
the select committee
of the 1st July for the
last year on 1876

Since 1876

Recd. 15-8-76. Dtd. 16-8-76
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Ref. to Act 1-8-76

FOR ORDERS.

No 2129

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 16 Aug 1876.

Read the following:—

From

The Commr. Engineer
for Railways

(H.O. No 3276 of 2nd Aug 1876)

Ordered to be com-
municated to the Govern-
ment of India

By 1/10

(H.O. No 2130 of 16 Aug 1876)

To No 2130

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Public Works Dept. &c.

Sir, I am directed to ac-
knowledge the receipt of
your letter No 846 R
dated 24th March 1876

and

C.E. for report to copy of letter
to Secy of Govt.

and to forward in reply
the accompanying papers
which afford the infor-
-mation required in res-
-pect to the Establishment
Authorisation of the South
Indian Railway for the
half year ending 30th June
1846.

2. The only point
apparently requiring
notice is that of the
salaries of the Agent
and Insurers which,
having been sanctioned
in £s Sterling, are
being debited in
India at the rate of
1 Rupee for 1 and 10th paise
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being made at the rate

of

of 9. $\frac{1}{2}$ per Rupee. the
General Contract rate.

3. His Office the Board
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-ments exist with indi-
-vidual Officers special
fixing a particular rate
of exchange for payment
of salaries in India
that rate should be
observed. But that
in all other cases in
which salaries are
expressed in Sterling
pence the general
Contract rate should
be applied.

Done by
20th 1846

20th 1846

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Dept. of (1870) Public Works.

The Com^r of the P. & O. R. Co.

Date

Time

Place

Time

11th Sept 21/89
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Forwarding papers
containing information
in respect to the Establi-
ment authorization of the
South Indian Ry for
the half year ending
30th June 1876 -

Establishment authoriza-
tion of the South Indian
Railway for the half year
ending 30th June 1876 -

Papers submitted by the
Com^r of the P. & O. R. Co.
affording infor-
mation in respect to the
— ordered to be forward-
ed to the Govt. of India.