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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1876. No. 2,739.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 179. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st August 1876, No. 4,402.

From Colonel C. S. ELLIOT, Conducting duties of Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 28th August 1876, A.

ADVERTING to Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1,361, dated 1st June 1876, communicated under your docket, No. 3,034, dated 19th June 1876, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government and for such

action as Government may deem desirable
No. 1,894, dated 3rd August 1876. to take thereon, two letters from the
" 2,208, " 24th " " Commissariat Examiner, bringing to notice

the actual amounts of over-charges and under-charges, not exceeding Rupees 20, made by the Madras Railway Authorities in their transactions with Government during the months of January, February, March, and April 1875, which, if written off, would entail a loss of Rupees 113 on the State.

2. The chief causes of the above discrepancies are ascribed by the Examiner to errors in converting into maunds the weight given by Government Officials in lbs., and to inaccurate results by the machinery employed by the Company.

3. The Examiner also requests to be informed from what date the arrangements directed in the Proceedings of Government quoted above are to be adopted. Under the standing rules of the service, in the absence of any date being fixed, an order has effect from the date thereof.

In the present instance, however, it may be intended to apply the decision to all unadjusted items of the nature referred to.

From Colonel E. T. FASKEN, Examiner of Commissariat Accounts, to the Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 3rd August 1876; No. 1,894.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 3,034, of 19th June 1876, forwarded to this office on the 27th June 1876 for information, I have the honor to request the favor of being informed from what date the arrangement therein approved by Government should be adopted, in order that retrenchments made by this office against the railway, may be regulated accordingly.

2. No reference on the subject of the above Proceedings of Government was made to this office before their publication, and I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that the remark made by Mr. Church, Traffic Manager,

• No. C-244 A.M. of 8th May 1876.

in letter* to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company (embodied in the Proceedings), "that errors of less than Rupees 20 for and against Government would balance each other in the course of a year" is not borne out by the experience of this office.

3. A memorandum is attached of retrenchments of sums less than Rupees 20, on account of over-charges and under-charges made by the Company in warrants coming under the audit of this office, for a period of four months only in 1875, and it will be seen that the former exceed the latter by Rupees 113-9-0. It therefore appears to me that, so far as the Military Department in this Presidency is concerned, the approved arrangement will be to the disadvantage of Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1876. No. 2,739.*

MEMORANDUM showing the difference between the retrenchment made by this office on account of over-charges, and under-charges made by the Railway in sums less than Rupees 20 for the months of January, February, March, and April 1875.

Months.	OVER-CHARGES RETRENCHED BY THIS OFFICE.			UNDER-CHARGES BY RAILWAY IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT.		DIFFERENCE IN EXCESS.
	Amount recovered.	Amount under reference.	Total.	Amount.	Total.	Amount.
January 1875 ...	RS. A. P. 49 12 0	RS. A. P. 5 0 0	RS. A. P. 54 12 0	RS. A. P. 83 4 0	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
February " ...	101 1 0	15 8 0	116 9 0	20 5 0		
March " ...	51 1 0	35 2 0	86 3 0	56 13 0		
April " ...	29 2 0	7 15 0	37 1 0	20 10 0		
Total...	231 0 0	63 9 0	294 9 0	181 0 0	181 0 0	113 9 0

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd August 1876.

(Signed) E. T. FASKEN, Colonel,
Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.

From Colonel E. T. FASKEN, Examiner of Commissariat Accounts, to the Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 24th August 1876, No. 2,208.

WITH reference to your docket, No. 1,106, of 8th August 1876, I have the honor to inform you that the cause of errors occurring in connection with railway charges for troops has been explained by the Traffic Manager, Madras Railway, in paragraph 2 of his letter recorded in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 3,034, of 19th June 1876.

2. The chief discrepancies in charges for the conveyance of Government stores are errors in converting the weights given by Government officials in lbs. into maunds, most probably owing to inaccurate results given by the machinery employed by the Company.

3. Errors also arise in classifying stores and by miscalculations.

4. The only remedy for these evils that occurs to this office is, that the credit notes be scrutinized in the head office of the Railway Company before they are submitted to the Commissariat Department for payment.

TRANSFERRED, for consideration and orders, to the Public Works Department, with reference to Proceedings of Government in that department, No. 1,361, dated 1st June 1876.

(By order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. D.

No. 1,334.

REFERRED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for such remarks as the Railway Authorities may wish to offer.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
2nd September 1876.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1876. No. 2,739.*

No. 179-A. From Lieutenant-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, dated Madras, 3rd October 1876, No. 478.

WITH reference to endorsement, No. 1,334, dated 2nd September 1876, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, letters* from the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways on the subject of discrepancies in the booking of Government stores by railway.

2. It will be observed that both Agents are of opinion that a further trial should be allowed to the present system; which it is believed, with increased vigilance on the part of the traffic staff, will be found beneficial alike to the Government and the Railway Companies.

3. The papers which accompanied your endorsement under reply are returned.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th September 1876, No. 965.

WITH reference to your letter of the 6th instant, No. 949, and its enclosures, I have the honor to forward herewith for your perusal a copy of a letter* from the Traffic Manager, in which he offers explanation as to the discrepancies mentioned in Colonel Fasken's letters.

2. I think that the arrangement approved by Order of Government, No. 1,361, of the 1st June last, should be allowed a fair trial, and I see no reason to apprehend that it will work unfairly either to the Government or the Railway Company.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 18th September 1876, No. C-244 A. and M. 2,028.

Adjustment of Credit Notes.

Consulting Engineer's letter No. 949 of the 6th instant.

I am inclined to think that the cause of the discrepancies, referred to by the Controller of Military Accounts, is an omission on the part of the receiving clerks at the Salt Cotaurs to reconcile the weight given by the Government officials with the results of the weighing machines. Steps having since been taken to obviate similar omissions in future, it will probably be found, as already stated by me, that errors of less than Rupees 20 for and against the Government or the Company will balance each other in the course of a year.

2. In the absence of any details of the over-charges and under-charges referred to in the memorandum of the Examiner of Commissariat Accounts, in his letter of the 3rd August, No. 1,894, to the Controller of Military Accounts, I have not been able to trace the different items, but I think it will be found that the majority of the discrepancies are due to the cause I have mentioned, and are not likely to occur again.

3. Errors in classification and calculation cannot at all times be avoided, but every effort is made to keep them to a minimum.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1876. No. 2,739.

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 September 1876, No. 2,100.

Your letter No. 966 of the 7th instant. Instructions shall be repeated to the several booking clerks to be especially careful when entering the charges upon Commissariat consignments.

2. The rule regarding errors of Rupees 20 and under has been in operation in Bengal for some time past, and it has been found to work well. I do not see why a different result should follow the introduction of this rule into the Madras Presidency.

3. In my opinion, it would be better to let the order apply to all accounts which are still uncleared. No money would be lost to the State by this arrangement, and the saving in time of clerks and value of stationery is worth consideration.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1876, No. 2,739.

RAILWAY, No. 13.

His GRACE the Governor in Council considers that the arrangements approved in G.O., No. 1,361, dated 1st June 1876, should be allowed a further trial. All unadjusted items of less than Rupees 20 will come under their operation.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Memorandum showing the difference between the retrenchment made by this Office on account of overcharges, and undercharges made by the Railway in sums less than Rs 20 for the months of January, February, March and April 1875.

Months.	Overcharges retrenched by this Office.			Undercharges by Railway in favor of Government.			Difference in excess.
	Amount recovered	Amount under reference	Total	Total			
	Rs & P	Rs & P	Rs & P	Rs & P	Rs & P	Rs & P	
January '75	49 12 -	5 - -	54 12 -	83 4 -			
February -	101 1 -	15 8 -	116 9 -	20 5 -			
March .	51 1 -	35 2 -	86 3 -	56 13 -			
April -	29 2 -	7 15 -	37 1 -	20 10 -			
	Rs 231 - -	63 9 -	294 9 -	181 - -	181 - -	113 9 -	

Comd. Surg. Office,
St. St. George.
3d August 1876.

W. S. Betts Esq.,
Agent of South Indian Railway.

W. S. Betts

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I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on. I hope
 you are well and happy. I am well at present.

Comd. Insig. Office
H. St. George 3d Regt Inf

From the ...
The Court ...
... of ...

To, The Controlling of
Navy Accounts

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With reference to Pro-
ceedings of Government, Mil.

Dispatch No 3024 of 19th June
1846 Forwarded to the O.R.

on the 27th June 1894 arrived
in the ship - 11.15 - 12.15

to present the facts

of being required, from
whom to take the arrangements
at the National Convention

measures should be adopted
in order that international

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made by this Office against
the Railway, may be regu-
lated accordingly.

2. The reference in the
subject of the above Proceed-
ings of Government was
made to this Office before
their publication, and I
take this opportunity of
bringing to your notice
that the remark made by
Mr. Church, Traffic Manager,
in letter to the Agent and
Manager of the Madras
Railway Co. (and embodied in
the Proceedings) that ex-
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ment, would be balanced
each other in the course
of a year, is not borne
out by the experience of

to be made at
at 10/11/76

this Office.

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of sums less than Rs 20, on
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and undercharges made
by the Company in war-
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audit of this Office, for
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only in 1875, and it will
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exceed the latter by Ru-
pees 113.9.0. It therefore
appears to me that so far
as the Mily. Departt. in
this Presidency is con-
cerned, the approved ar-
rangement will be to the
disadvantage of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yr. most obedt. servt.

J. H. Tucker Esq. Colonel,
Secy. of Comm. Accounts.

4/11/76

No 2208.

Office of the Examiner of Compt. Accounts
Fort Saint George 24th August 1876.

From The Examiner of Compt. Accounts
To The Controller of Military Accounts
Fort Saint George

With reference to your Notice No 1106 of
8th August 1876, I have the honor to inform you
that the cause of errors occurring in connection with
Railway charges for Troops, has been explained
by the Traffic Manager, Madras Railway,
in para 2 of his letter recorded in P. G. M. No
3034 of 19th June 1876.

2. The chief discrepancies in charges for the
conveyance of Government ^{Slopes} are errors in converting
the weights given by Government Officials in lbs,
into Mounds, most probably owing to inaccurate
results given by the machinery employed by the
Company.

3. Errors also arise in classifying ^{Stores} and by mis cal-
-culations.

4. The only remedy for these evils, that occurs
to this Office is, that the Credit notes be
scrutinized in the Head Office of the
Railway Company, before they are
submitted to the Comptroller.

P.W.D.

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From
The Examiner of Compt. Accounts

To The Controller of Military Accounts

Fort Saint George

By Order of the Controller of Military Accounts
John H. G. G. G.

Received by the Controller of Military Accounts
on 24th August 1876
John H. G. G. G.

Department for payment.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Cooke Esq

Chief of Administration

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Remarks and suggestions
relative to the proposed
charges for the management
of the Madras Railway
and the proposed
Railway Company.

12.2208
Dated 24th August 1876
Respect

The Controller of
Military Accounts
Fort St. George

The Examiner of
Bank Drafts
Fort St. George

From

Office of Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George, 28 August 1876

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department,

Sir,

Obtained

Referring to Proceedings of Com-
mittee, Public Works Department, N° 361
dated 1st June 1876, communicated under
your docket N° 3034, dated 19 June 1876.
I have the honor to forward for the in-
formation of Government and for such
action as Government may deem de-
sirable to take thereon, two letters from
the Commissioner of Revenue bringing to
notice the actual amounts of overcharges
and undercharges not exceeding Rs 20
made by the Madras Railway au-
thorities in their transactions with
Government during the months of
January, February, March and
April 1875, which if written off,
would entail a loss of Rs 113 on
the State.

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2. The Chief Causes of the above discrepancies are ascribed by the Examiner to errors in converting into Mounds the weight given by Government Officials in lbs, and to inaccurate results by the Machinery employed by the Company.

3. The Examiner also requests to be informed from what date the arrangements directed in the Readings of Government quoted above are to be adopted. Under the standing Rules of the Service, in the absence of any date being fixed, an order has effect from the date thereof. In the present instance however, it may be intended to apply the decision to all unadjusted claims of the nature referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Wm. H. M. Colwell

Offg. Comdg. duties of
Controller of Mills & Sectors

No. 2/60

GREAT-SOUTHERN-OF-INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENTS OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 11 September 1876

THE AGENT, South Indian
Great Southern of India Railway,

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras.

SIR,

Your letter No. 966 of the 7th Inst. Instructions shall be repeated to the several booking clerks to be especially careful when entering the charges upon Commissionary consignments.

The rule regarding error of Rs 20 and under has been in operation in Bengal for some time past, and it has been found to work well. I do not see why a different result should follow the introduction of this rule into the Madras Presidency.

In my opinion it would be better to let the Order apply to all Accounts which are still unclear. No money would be lost to the State by this arrangement and the saving in time of clearing and value of stationery is worth consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

William B. B. B.
Agents

Agent and Manager

R.W.D.

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Received

29/9/1876

of the 11th September 1876

for consideration of

orders, as the public

interests require, with

reference to the

order of the 11th

Sept. 1876 dated

11th Sept. 1876.

(13/9/1876)

Received by

George S. S. S. S.

To

The Secretary to Government,

The Controller of Military Accounts,

Madras 1876-1877

No. 116623

Received

20/9/1876

Enclosures, 2

Endorsement.

Dated 20/9/1876

Received 20/9/1876

Enclosures, 2

Endorsement.

Submitted for

his letter from the

11th Sept. 1876

Rs. 20 3004 of 19th June 1876 the

actual amount of

and underlaying

Rs. 20 made by the

authorities during the

7 January 1876

1875 which would

of Rs 113 on the

C.E. 121334 of 22 Sep. 1876

Referred to The Consulting Engineer for Railways for such remarks as the Railway authorities may wish to offer.

Wm. B. B. B.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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20 The Consulting Eng. for his original to be returned

At Shubbooy.

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No. 765

Madras, 20th September 1876.

H. B. Collins Esq.

Agent and Manager. of the L. & C.

Styl J. H. ell. Adam & Leonard, R.C.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

The three papers to your letter of the 6th instant at 949. and its enclosures. I have the honor to forward them with for your perusal a copy of the letter from the Post Office Manager in which he offers explanations as to the discrepancies mentioned in your letter.

I then hope that the arrangement approved
by Order of Government for 1881 of the 1st June
last should be allowed as fair trials, and
I have no reason to apprehend that it will work
unfavorably either to the Government or the Railway
Company.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient Servant.

John P. White

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P.W.D.
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 2nd October 1876.

No. 478

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,

With reference to
indentment No 1334 dated
21st September 1876, I have
the honour to submit for
the information of Govern-
ment letters from the
Agents of the Madras &
South Indian Rail-
ways on the subject of
discrepancies in the booking
of Government stores by
Railway.

* From Agent
Madras Rail-
way No 965
dated 20th September 1876.
- do - S. S. & South Indian Rail-
way No 2160 dated
17th September 1876.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 21st Sept 1876
Recd. 21st Sept 1876

No. 965

Referring to above indent
letter No 965 regarding
reference to the discrepancy
made by the conductors
of Madras & South
Indian Railways in
the booking of
Government stores.

Railway.

2.

It will be observed that both Agents are of opinion that a further trial should be allowed to the present system; which it is believed, with increased vigilance on the part of the traffic staff, will be found beneficial alike to the Government and the Railway Companies.

3.

The papers which accompanied your endorsement under reply are returned.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. M. M. M.

Lieut. Col. R. B.

Com. Engineer for Railways.

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Submitted in
reference to the
Missions and South Indian
Railways on the subject
of arrangements in the
branch of South Indian
Railways -

Dated 3rd October 1876
Received

No. 179

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.
From The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

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No 2739

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12th Oct. 1876.
Read the following:—

From

The Cons. Eng. for Rys. (H. E. No. 478 d/3rd Oct. 1876)

His Grace the
Governor in Council considers
that the arrangements
approved in G.O. No. 1361
dated 1st June 1876 should
be allowed a further trial.
All unadjusted items of
less than Rs 20 will come
under their operation.

Cons. Eng. for Rys. ✓
Ex. Rys. Accts. ✓
Military Dept. ✓
Revenue Dept. ✓
Public Dept. ✓
Depd - 27. 10. 76

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Comr. of P.W. Dept.

Dated

Encl.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. No. 12 dated 1876, No. 772

Nos. 179-180

Credit Notes (No)

Considering that
the arrangements ap-
proved in S.O. No. 1361
of 31st June 76 are not
the ———— clause of be
allowed a further
trial —

Done in P.W. Dept.
29-10-76

No. 179-180