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No. 253. Read the following letter 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. 476 :—

WITH reference to the Order of Government No. 1,361, dated 1st June 1876, I have the honor to forward the views of the Agents of the Madras* and South† Indian Railway Companies on the present arrangements for booking troops by rail.

* No. 962, dated 20th September 1870, (with enclosure.)
† No. 1,847, dated 28th June 1876.

2. An illustration of the complications possible under the present system will be found in the subject matter of my letter No. 474, dated 2nd October 1876; and any arrangement which would provide for all baggage, under whatever rule in the Transport Regulations the payment may have to be adjusted, being dealt with as a whole by the despatching officer and the Railway Company's servants, cannot fail to simplify the present procedure.

3. It must lead to confusion if one consignment of baggage has to be weighed and paid for in two parts, the one by the despatching officer through the Warrant, the other through the Commanding Officer in cash.

4. Mr. Betts recommends that the Warrant should be accepted as cash for all baggage carried, whatever it be; and there is no doubt if the despatching officer could arrange with the Commanding Officer as to the settlement for excess private baggage, and the same be entered in the Warrant, that errors by the booking clerks would be far fewer, and mistakes less frequent.

5. It will be seen that Mr. Church comments upon the same defect in the present system, as one the correction of which would much simplify matters.

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. 962.

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of your letter of the 19th of June last, No. 641, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the Traffic Manager's letter of the 18th instant, C 244/2,026, from which it appears that having regard to the requirements of the Government departments concerned, it is not feasible to simplify the present system of booking troops.

2. I also enclose a copy of the form of Warrant referred to by Mr. Church.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated 18th September 1876, No. C ^{244 A & M} 2,026.

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CONSULTING Engineer's letter No. 641, dated 19th June.

2. The present system of booking troops is scarcely capable of simplification if Government requirements, as shown on the Warrant, are to be complied with, and seeing that the

* Form C enclosed.

"Warrant" is the only record of the transactions, and therefore the only voucher to guide the Government Officer in passing the charges, it will probably be difficult to simplify the present form of Warrant without depriving the Auditing Officer of information essential to such an audit as the Government require.

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3. The booking of luggage is the most complicated part of the work, because, as already explained, two adjustments must be made, viz, one as between the Company and the passenger, and the other as between the Company and the Government. For example, a Government passenger has 600 lbs. of luggage, of which Government allows him to carry 400 lbs. free of charge, then the balance of 200 lbs. must be paid for by the passenger, and this is the first adjustment. The Railway Company under contract with the Government is only required to carry 200 lbs. or 40 lbs. free of charge for each passenger, and is therefore entitled to payment by the Government of the difference between 400 lbs. and 40 lbs. or 360 lbs., and this forms the second adjustment.

4. If any arrangement could be made by which one adjustment only would be necessary, the operation of booking a Government passenger's luggage would be very much simplified.

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, Madras, dated Negapatam, 28th June 1876, No. 1,847.

Your letter No. 642 of the 19th instant. So long as the charges for the conveyance of troops differ from the charges paid by ordinary passengers, and so long as it is deemed indispensable to show separately in the Revenue Accounts the numbers of soldiers and police carried, I do not see how the booking of such traffic can be simplified.

2. I consider the railway clerks ought not to have anything to do with the collection from troops of charges for the conveyance of baggage in excess of the quantity allowed free by Government. It is this, as Mr. Church points out, which is the cause of many errors because the work has to be performed so hurriedly. All that the booking clerk should be called upon to do is to accept the Warrant as cash for the amount of freight chargeable upon the quantity of baggage carried over and above the railway free allowance; any excess beyond that and the quantity allowed free by Government ought to be adjusted by the Military Accounts Department. The free baggage allowance of 40 lbs. for each man, woman, or child travelling by ordinary train has been in operation on this railway since the 1st of January 1874.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1876, No. 3,056.

RAILWAY, No. 40.

COMMUNICATED to the Military Department with a view to it being considered whether arrangements cannot be made for the acceptance of "Warrants" by the Railway Companies as cash for all baggage carried, any necessary adjustments of excess weight being made through the respective Audit Offices of Government and the Company concerned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
.. Consulting Engineer for Railway

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 962.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 20th September 1876.

From

R. D. Cluven Esq.
Agent and Manager. of the M. D. Co.

To

Col J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Your most obedient servant

J. H. M. Shaw
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From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
To
The Agent and Manager,
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Dated 21st Oct. 1876.
Rm 962
Regarding the
proposed system of
booking troops.

No. 1247

South Indian
GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

NEGAPATAM, 28th June 1876.

From

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 3rd Oct. 1876.

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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.

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With reference to the
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Fort Saint George.

From

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