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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th January 1877. No. 17.*

No. 30. 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, 20th December 1876, No. 629:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,094, dated 14th August 1876, I have the honor to submit two letters from the Agents of the Madras and the South Indian Railways, in regard to the subject of awarding prizes to Station-masters, Inspectors, and Gatekeepers on Indian Railways.

2. There are no rules in existence on either of the above Railways for the award of prizes to any of the subordinate servants of the Companies; but the Agents are willing to introduce the system. Several difficulties have been suggested in connection with the proposal, but none which, in my opinion, cannot be satisfactorily met. An early opportunity will be taken to discuss the subject and to arrange all necessary details.

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, 23rd November 1876, No. 1,209.

In reply to your letter of the 4th of September, No. 940, with which you forwarded to me a copy of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,094, dated the 14th of August, communicating a Circular from the Government of India regarding the award of prizes to Station-masters, Permanent-way Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and Gatekeepers on Indian Railways, I have the honor to state that there are no rules in existence on this Railway for the award of prizes to any of the subordinate servants of the Company. I have talked the matter over with the Acting Chief Engineer and Traffic Manager, and we are of opinion that the arrangements in force in this respect on the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway might with advantage be introduced on this line.

2. I would point out, however, that on this Railway it will be almost impossible to frame rules which will enable all Inspectors and Station-masters to compete on equal terms, as the natural advantages of some stations and sections of the line are so much greater than at others.

3. The officers of the Railway are of opinion, however, that the award of prizes would excite an amount of emulation which would be productive of much good.

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 4th December 1876, No. 2,547.

Your letter No. 946 of the 4th of September last. It has not been customary on this line to award prizes to the subordinate servants of the Company for station and gatelodge ornamentation by the cultivation of plants and flowers.

The Acting Chief Engineer thinks it would be premature to introduce now the custom; he considers the practice a good one, and will be glad to see it adopted when the line has been completed throughout, and when the permanent establishments have been organized.

With regard to station ornamentations the Traffic Manager reports:—"There are certain difficulties to be got over which, with assistance from the Company, might, and have no doubt would, enable the clerks in charge to make their stations look very decent after a time."

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"On the Great Indian Peninsula Railway flower-chatties are supplied to each station by the Company, and the Stores Department save all their old oil-barrels, &c., cut them in half and supply, free of charge, to stations; these half barrels are used for plants, and when painted green look very well.

"The Company also spend a certain sum in seeds every year for distribution to stations, and each district has its Inspecting Gardener, a man who understands the work, and who is continually on the move correcting faults in the cultivation of flowers and selecting the best seeds for the places they are to grow in.

"The Company also assist the Station-masters in giving room for gardening on the platform (so as not to interfere with work), by making narrow platforms wider, throwing railings back for this purpose, and putting garden earth in.

"If a similar arrangement could be made here we should see vast improvements in the appearance of stations, but I think without it, with few exceptions, it will be labor thrown away.

"Our platforms are very narrow, and for the most part made up of rubble, such as no flowers would grow in, and being narrow, I know from trials I have made, the flowers get trodden down by passengers, and flower-chatties knocked over by goods and luggage.

"To remedy this the Company must come to the rescue if they require any thing like good gardens, and if they will give assistance and offer prizes that will tempt Station-masters to throw a part of their energies into the work, I have not the slightest doubt but the stations could be made very pretty in a great many cases.

"In offering prizes I see the Bombay and Baroda only give a month's pay, but I do not think this is quite fair, as the pay varies, and it would be in some cases a loss to a small Station-master to get the first prize, as his pay being small it would cost him more in his endeavor than the prize would be worth.

"I would suggest that sanction should be obtained to a certain outlay annually on gardens, and prizes sufficiently tempting given, and certain trifling alterations made in the platform fencing."

Without the assistance alluded to by the Traffic Manager be granted, I do not think the result of prize offering would be at all satisfactory. If it be the desire of Government to sanction the necessary outlay I will submit an estimate for approval.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1877, No. 16.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

ORDERED to be forwarded for the
information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 32. DOCKET No. 17, dated 5th January 1877.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India with reference to their Circular No. 14 B, dated 2nd August 1876.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No. 1209.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, 23 November 1876.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esqr
Agent and Manager, M. R. Co.

To

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

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the
4th of September No 960, with which you for-
warded to me a copy of the Proceedings of
Government No 2094 dated the 14th of August
communicating a circular from the Govern-
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prizes to Station Masters, Permanent Men,
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greater than at others.

3. The Officers of the Railway are of
opinion however that the award of prizes
would excite an amount of emulation,
which would be productive of much good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. R. Brown

Agent and Manager.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 20th December 1876.

No. 629

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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for

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 23rd Dec 1876

Recd. 24. 11. 1876

No. 1209

Referring to Cons
Engine's letter no
910 having reference
to the award of
prizes to station
masters & others

From Agent Mr. R. No 1209 to 23rd Dec 1876.
From - do - S. J. R. No 5544 to 23rd Dec 1876.

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Sir

Yours most obedt Servt.

Wm. Thompson Esq. M.P.

Comm. Engineer for Railways.

G.O. No 2096-14 Aug 1876

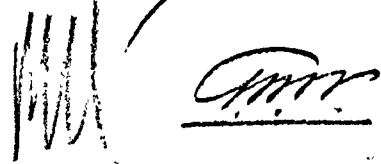
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Respecting action
the General Government
on the 2nd of 1876
in offering orders
to station staff for
blanking their feet

Dated 20 December 1876

No. 639
Enclosure 2

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

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 Govt. of 1874 Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Com. Eng. for M.A.*

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G. O., *2nd* 1874 No. *16*

Nos. *30131*

*Prizes to Station Masters,
 Permanent Way inspectors,
 and Gatekeepers on the
 Railways in the Madras*

*Presidency - Letter from
 the Com. Eng. for M.A. submitting
 information relative to the
 practice obtaining in re-
 gard to the granting of -
 for planting trees as ordered
 by the Government of India -*

*For forwarding information
 relative to the practice
 obtaining on the Rail-
 ways in this Presidency*

*with regard to granting
 prizes to Station Masters,
 Permanent Way inspectors,
 and Gatekeepers for
 planting trees &c.*