

Public Works (1894) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 199. R

DATED 30th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Rates for the carriages by Railway
of treasure including specie, bullion etc, the
property of the State — Circular from
the Govt of India approving of the adop-
tion of certain —, forwarded to the Agents,
South Indian & Madras Railways.*

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Circular No. III Railway. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Calcutta, the 12th March 1894.

Rates for the carriage by railway of treasure, including specie, bullion, etc., the property of the State.

Read—

Government of India letter No. 583 R. T., dated the 22nd July 1891, and subsequent correspondence thereon.

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OBSERVATIONS.—In the letter read above, the Government of India expressed the opinion that the rates generally in force on the several railways for the carriage of treasure, including specie, bullion, etc., which were introduced by the Railway Conference of 1888 as being reasonable for the occasional and comparatively small despatches of specie, bullion, etc., for the general public, press unduly upon the frequent and large remittances of Government treasure, which are entitled to specially favourable treatment under the contracts of certain railways. It was also observed that the privileges of Government in this respect had not hitherto been pressed upon those railways whose contracts provide for the carriage of Government treasure at special rates to be from time to time approved by the Secretary of State, but that the Government of India, having carefully considered the matter, were of opinion that the rates in force were equitably susceptible of reduction by at least one-third. The Governor General in Council, therefore, expressed a hope that the administrations alike of the railways mentioned in paragraph 3 of the letter of the 22nd July 1891 and of all other railways, would agree to adopt, in future, the reduced rates proposed in that letter for the carriage of specie, bullion, etc., the property of the State.

2. The replies received intimate that the administrations of the railways over which Government have reserved control in such matters, accept the rates proposed in the Government of India letter referred to.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is accordingly pleased to approve of the adoption on all railways administered by the State, on the railways mentioned in the margin,* which have accepted the proposals of Government, and on all railways over which Government may hereafter reserve control in such matters,

- East Indian.
- Bengal and North-Western, including Tirhoot.
- Southern Mahratta, including Mysore section.
- Lucknow-Bareilly section of the Rohilkhand and Kumaon.
- Rajputana-Malwa.
- Indian Midland.
- Bengal-Nagpur.
- Bengal Central.
- South Indian.
- Dibru-Sadiya.
- Tarakeswar.

of the undermentioned rates and conditions for the carriage of treasure, including specie, bullion, etc., the property of the State:—

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| (i) Up to 27 maunds | 1½ pice per maund per mile | } Provided that the charge for any quantity shall not be less than that for a smaller quantity according to the above scale. |
| Above 27 and up to 81 maunds | 1½ " " " " | |
| Above 81 and up to 270 " | 1 pice " " " " | |
| Over 270 maunds | ¾ " " " " | |

Escort :—

- (a) One man to travel free, both on the outward and return journey, as a third class passenger, when the consignments of treasure are over 5½ and under 135 maunds.
- (b) Two men, when the consignments are from 135 to under 270 maunds.
- (c) Four men, when the consignments are of 270 maunds and over.
- (d) When a consignment amounts to 20 lakhs of rupees or more (625 maunds or more), a guard of four men to be allowed, with return passage, free of extra charge.
- (ii) The minimum charge for treasure shall be as for one maund, fractions of a maund above one maund being charged as follows :—

Under 10 seers as 10 seers.

Exceeding 10 seers, but not exceeding 20 seers as 20 seers.

"	20	"	"	"	"	30	"	30	"
"	30	"	"	"	"	40	"	40	"

- (iii) Copper coin by passenger train in quantities over five maunds to be carried at the rate of ½ pie per maund per mile, subject to a minimum charge as for ten maunds; in quantities of five maunds and under, at 1½ pies per maund per mile.

ORDER.—Ordered that this resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations, and to the officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay.
The Chief Commissioners of Burma and Assam.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Central Division and Lucknow.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, the Resident at Hyderabad, the Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana and Baluchistan, the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Assam, and to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information. Also to the Foreign Department and the Department of Finance and Commerce, for information, with reference to Government of India memorandum No. 589 R. T., dated the 22nd July 1891.

T. H. Wilson

Under Secretary.

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Documents accompanying.

Nil.

To The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

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Agent, South Eastern Railway,
Railways for information &
reference.
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