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23rd January 1879, No. 93 R.

Railway

Read the following paper:—

No. 132. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 11th January 1879 No. 25.

From A. M. SAUNDERS, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 29th November 1878, No. 1,663.

With reference to the discussion that took place yesterday at the official meeting, I have the honor to return herewith the letter from the Inspector-General of Police, which was forwarded to me with your letter No. 1,254, dated the 8th instant, together with the statements showing the amounts which have been claimed from the Company by the Police Department for special services rendered during the famine.

2. I enclose also a copy of the Traffic Manager's letter No. C 1,199-421, dated the 19th ultimo (with three statements) in which he raises objections to the claims made, (1) in respect to the charges for guarding grain at stations other than Bellary, and (2) to the charges made for superintendence. The bill for Rupees 431-6-0, which has reference to the South Indian Railway, has already been withdrawn.

3. I request that, as you undertook to do at the meeting yesterday, you will be so good as to submit the papers to Government, and obtain and communicate to me orders as to the basis upon which the charges are to be made.

From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 19th October 1878, No. C 1,199-421 A and M.

Police Guards for Famine Traffic.

With reference to your letter No. 4,251 of 4th August, forwarding bills for Police Guards, said to have been employed on the railway during the famine traffic amounting to Rupees 10,100-10-2, I find that bills amounting to Rupees 431-6-0 have reference to the South Indian Railway Company. The balance, viz., Rupees 9,669-4-2, would appear to be charged on the following accounts, viz.:—

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Guarding grain at stations	4,099	3	7			
	Famine batta do.	1,167	13	8			
	Supervision	406	0	0			
					5,673	1	3
2.	Train Guards	1,687	10	11			
	Famine batta do.	474	2	1			
	Supervision	168	0	0			
					2,329	13	0
3.	Guarding grain and train guards (not separated)	1,182	2	0			
	Batta	352	11	11			
	Supervision	117	0	0			
	Pensionary charges	14	8	0			
					1,666	5	11
	Total ...				9,669	4	2

2. With the exception of Bellary, I believe I am correct in saying that no application was made by the Railway Company for any assistance to guard grain at stations, and I can only therefore conclude that the guards now charged for were considered by the Police to be absolutely necessary, under the circumstances, in order to "afford to the railway premises the same amount of protection as to any other private premises," and as such cannot, in my opinion,

with any degree of fairness, be charged to the Railway Company; the cost of the extra force being properly chargeable to "General Famine purposes," for which it was manifestly engaged, and not for guarding grain at Railway Stores. Of the total sum of Rupees 5,673-1-3 on this account, the guards at Bellary cost—

						Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Wages	...	...	...	...	...	929	6	8			
Famine batta	...	...	...	...	...	286	7	5			
Supervision	...	...	...	...	...	93	0	0			
									1,308	14	1

The charge for supervision will scarcely, I should think, be pressed; and in accordance with the views expressed by the Inspector-General in his letter to the Consulting Engineer, dated 3rd October 1877, No. 4,425, the Railway Company's share of the cost would be Rupees 1,308-14-1 —93 ÷ 2 = Rupees 607-15-0.

3. We have no means of checking item No. 2 as the numbers are in excess of the guards travelling daily and it is supposed that the number charged for included relief. The Company applied for these guards, and if the Police state that the cost incurred was Rupees 2,329-13-0 inclusive of supervision, I am of opinion that the Company should accept the statement although I presume the charge for supervision will not be pressed.

4. The third item of Rupees 1,666-5-1, if it can be divided, may be disposed of on the same principle as items 1 and 2.

5. The enclosed statements will explain the apportionment of the charges made in the bills which are herewith returned.

From Colonel W. S. DREVER, C.S.I., Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Ootacamund, 27th December 1878, No. 5,624.

REFERRING to your No. 1,913 of 10th December and its enclosures herewith returned, I have the honor to remark that the bills in question have, I consider, been correctly drawn and forwarded to the Railway Company for payment under the special orders of Government noted in the margin, which appear to me to leave this department no option in the matter.

(G.O., 14th Sept. 1877, No. 419, Public Works Department.
G.O., 4th Dec. 1877, No. 735, Public Works Department.)

2. These additional Police were employed solely for the better protection of the grain, &c., in transit per railway, and but for the security thus afforded it seems very doubtful if the traffic could have been managed so satisfactorily during such a pressure.

3. The amount after all is comparatively trifling, and may, I conceive, be, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, fairly shared between Government and the Railway Company.

4. The charge for supervision (10 per cent.) is made in accordance with the standing rules of the department, and it rests entirely with Government to waive or enforce it as they may be pleased to determine.

5. As to the plea now put forward that no application was made for extra Police by the Company save for the Bellary Station, I merely observe that no more Police than were deemed essential for the extra duty were employed there, and that if the Railway Officers had considered they could have done with less than were employed there, the fact should then have been brought to notice, when the force would have been at once withdrawn.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated the 14th September 1877, No. 419 R., and the 4th December 1877, No. 735 R.

2. Bills, aggregating in amount Rupees 9,669-4-2, have been forwarded by the Inspector-General of Police to the Madras Railway Company for payment, on account of additional Police employed solely for the better protection of grain, both in transit and when stored at stations, during the recent famine.

The sum charged may be divided as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Guarding grain at stations	5,673	1	3
Train guards	2,329	13	0
Guarding grain at stations, and train guards, not separated ...	1,666	5	11
	9,669	4	2

3. The Traffic Manager takes exception to these bills on the following grounds:—

(1) that no application was made by the Company for assistance to guard grain at stations other than Bellary;

(2) that the guards charged for at other stations were probably considered by the Police to be absolutely necessary in order "to afford to the Railway premises the same amount of protection as to any other private premises," and should not therefore be charged against the Company;

(3) that the charge for supervision should not be pressed against the Company;

(4) that the amount remaining, after making deductions as above, should be shared equally between the Government and the Company; in accordance with the views expressed by the Inspector-General in paragraph 4 of his letter, No. 4,424, dated the 3rd October 1877.—*Vide* Proceedings of Government, dated [illegible] December 1877, No. 735 R.

4. As regards the first and second of th[illegible] the Inspector-General states that no more Police than were deemed essent[illegible] extra duty were anywhere employed; and that if the Railway officers h[illegible]ered the Police guards unnecessary, they should have brought that to no[illegible]e additional force could have been withdrawn. With regard to the [illegible] Colonel Drever leaves it to Government to decide whether the charge for supervi[illegible]s to be enforced; and, as regards the fourth, he is willing that the charge shou[illegible] shared between Government and the Company.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1879, No. 93 R.

UPON the points brought forward the Gove[illegible]t are of opinion—

(1) If no application for grain guards w[illegible]ade by the Madras Railway Company, no charge can properly be [illegible] against them.

(2) A percentage or other charge for su[illegible]sion should be made in all cases of Constables employed for privat[illegible]ons; except in the case of train guards, who were necessarily re[illegible]ed from the supervision of their superior officers.

(3) The amount remaining, after mak[illegible]g deductions as above, is wholly chargeable against the Company.

2. The bills will be corrected in accordan[illegible]e with this ruling.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Judicial Department.
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Nos 152-153.

Additional Police employed by the Madras Railway Company for the better protection of Grain during the Floods.—The bills forwarded by the Inspector-General of Police on account of — to be corrected in accordance with the ruling laid down.

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