Public Works (1895) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 402.R

DATED 12th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Home Remittances.— Directing that certain foremen on the Madras Railway may be permitted, with the Board's approval, to pay down the increased amount of their— with retrospective effect from date of application, and to Continue their remittances by deductions from Current pay.

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12TH JUNE 1895, No. 402 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 31st May 1895, No. 7658 A/495.

I have the honour to inform you that in March 1894 an application was received from Locomotive Foreman W. Barefoot requesting that his home payment at the contract rate of exchange might be increased from £2 to £16 per month, and that in June 1894 a similar application was received from Foreman J. Miller for increasing his payment from £2–10–0 to £10 per month. These applications were referred to the Board for their approval in June 1894, and in their letter (extracts attached) No. 916, dated the 26th April last, the Board have accorded sanction to effect being given to these applications from the dates on which they were made. The sums to be thus recovered from Barefoot and Miller on account of these payments approximately amount to £210 and £90, respectively, the equivalents of which, at 1s. 10*d.* exchange, they are prepared to pay down at once. I have requested the Locomotive Superintendent to arrange for the recovery of these sums and will advise the Board by the next mail that they have been so recovered, in order that the payments may be made by them in accordance with the terms of their letter of the 26th April last.

ENCLOSURE.

Extract from a letter from the Secretary, dated 26th April 1895, No. 916.

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19. Three of the latter desire their home payments to be increased as follows:—

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Miller	... ...	„	£2 10*s.*	to £10	„
Ward	... ...	„	£5	to £10	„

20. As the increased payments in these three cases would not exceed the limit of 50 per cent. fixed by the Secretary of State in 1874, the Board will make the desired payments from the date of application.

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Extract from office-note from the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, dated 7th June 1895.

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The proposals to allow the foremen to pay down in cash the amount of the increased remittances with back effect from the dates of their applications are however opposed to the orders contained in M.G.O., No. 1254 R., dated 11th December 1878, that no amounts should be received for remittance to England except by deduction from salary at the time due, and these proposals can be carried into effect only if Government should see fit, as a special case, to sanction this departure from their previous orders.

RAILWAY.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 12th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 12th June 1895, No. 402 R.

JUNE.

Home Remittances

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(True Extract.)

Henry C. West.

Offg Agent & Manager.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 31st may 1895

From

The Agent and Manager,

M. R. Co.,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S'Kelly & West.

Offg Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager,
S. M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 1st June 1895.

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OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent/ Manager Madras Railway, No. 7658/495 dated 31st May 1895, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for favour of remarks.

for E.R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

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In the limits laid down in para 6 page 56 of the S.O Manual will not be exceeded, there is no objection to the current emoluments of the foremen being increased as sanctioned by the Board.

The proposals to allow the foremen to pay down in cash the amount of the increased emoluments with back effect from the dates of their applications are however opposed to the rules contained in No. 9 of G.O. No. 351 R dy 11-12-78 that no amounts should be allowed for emoluments to Engineers except by deductions from

salary at the time due, and that proposals can be carried into effect only if Govt. should see fit as a special case to sanction this departure from their previous orders

C.R.

L.R.

Thermen made their application for increased remittances in March and June 1894 the Board have not how replied: the wording of the order is "no amounts will be received ..... except of deductions from salary at the time due" I do not think this was intended to apply to cases like the present one. Govt might sanction I think as a special case.

As a special case - the foremen mentioned herein may be permitted with the Boards approval to pay down the increased amount of their home remittances with retrospective effect from date of application and to continue their remittances by deductions from current pay. FRM R 12/6

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No. 402 R dated 12.6.95

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following.

Letter from the Agent & Manager Dindigul Ry with enclosure — } No. 765 A/495 dt. 31st May 95

Extract from Proceedings from the Govt Ry. Cons. } — dt 7 June 95

As a special case, the foremen mentioned herein may be permitted with the Board's approval to pay down the increased amount of their home remittances with retrospective effect from date of application and to continue their remittances by deductions from current pay. —

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To
The Agent & Manager Dindigul Ry
& Govt Ry Officers.

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No. 402. R. dated 12.6.95.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th December 1878, No. 1,254 R.

Railway.

Read the following papers :—

No. 59. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd December 1878, No. 614.

From A. M. SAUNDERS, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd November 1878, No. 1,626.

In reply to your letter, of the 20th instant, No. 1,315, I have the honor to inform you that the agreements of all officers and servants of this Company engaged in England prior to October 1874 contain a clause to the effect that "such salary is to be paid at Madras in rupees calculated at the exchange of one shilling and ten pence per rupee, *or part in England*, and part at Madras, if desired."

2. In paragraph 6 of the letter from the Board of Directors, No. 538, dated the 9th of October 1874, I was informed that the Secretary of State had desired that home payments made by the Board on account of officers and servants of the Company should in no case exceed 25 per cent. of the whole salary, and in all agreements that have been entered into in England since that date, and prior to the 4th of July last, a clause to this effect has been inserted.

3. In paragraph 18 of the Board's letter, No. 627, dated the 26th of July 1878, I was advised that the Government had declined to be the medium of making any remittances whatever for persons taken into the service of a Guaranteed Railway Company after the 4th of July 1878, and in all agreements entered into by this Company since that date provision is only made for payment of the salary in India in rupees.

4. The officers and servants of this Company are therefore divided into three classes in this respect, viz. :—

(1) Those who are entitled under their agreements to have any portion they may wish of their salaries paid in England at the rate of 1*s.* 10*d.* per rupee.

(2) Those who are entitled under their agreements to have 25 per cent. of their salaries paid in England at the rate of 1*s.* 10*d.* per rupee, provided that such home payments shall not in any case exceed £300 per annum.

(3) Those who are not entitled to have any portion of their salaries paid in England.

No. 59-A. From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent of the South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 23rd November 1878, No. 6,306.

Your letter, No. 1,405, of the 20th instant. Family payments in England on account of servants employed by the South Indian Railway Company in India are regulated by the sanction conveyed in a letter from the Under Secretary of State for India, to the Managing Director, dated 17th November 1875, viz., "that a servant's family payments shall never exceed three hundred pounds (£300) in a year, and that Engineers and servants of a similar class shall not be allowed the benefit of this indulgence to a greater extent than 25 per cent. of their salaries, nor mechanics to a greater extent than 50 per cent. of their wages."

MEMORANDUM No. 1,684.

THE undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Consulting Engineer's memorandum, No. 1,502, dated the 8th October, and in reply to state that the arrangements in connection with the family remittances to England of the employés of the two Guaranteed Railways in this Presidency are as follows.

2. In accordance with the arrangement made in the papers embodied in G.O., No. 3,153, dated the 6th November 1874, the home remittances of employés of the Madras Railway who have since joined the service are limited in the case of officers to 25 per cent., and in the case of mechanics to 50 per cent., of salary, with a maximum of £300 per annum. It was stated in the papers in the above quoted order that it was not desired to make any change in regard to persons already in the service, and no ruling has apparently been passed restricting the remittances of these persons or which prevents the amount of a remittance being varied from time to time in excess of the limits named in the order as may be required. Under this arrangement several persons are remitting in excess of the limits prescribed in the order for new servants.

3. Under the Orders of Government, No. 3,621, dated the 27th December 1875, No. 31, of the 5th January 1876, and No. 565 R, of the 25th June 1878, family remittances on the South Indian Railway are allowed to be made at the contract rate of exchange subject in all cases to their not exceeding 25 per cent. of an officer's or 50 per cent. of a mechanic's pay, and a maximum of £300 per annum.

4. From the 18th paragraph of the letter from the Board of Directors of the Madras Railway to their Agent, No. 627, dated the 26th July last, it would seem that a ruling may be expected under which persons hereafter entering the service will not be allowed to make family remittances through the Treasury.

5. The ordinary procedure in making recoveries of home payments from employés is for the amount of the remittance to be deducted upon the pay sheets, and in auditing the pay sheets it is seen that the conditions under which remittances are allowed to be made are fulfilled. The remittances again come under observation when the Board's statements of payment are brought to account on the Indian books; further registers of home remittances are maintained. These arrangements appear to afford sufficient means of seeing that the remittances are in order, and it is not proposed that any modification should be made in them.

6. It is, however, possible that, as in the case dealt with in G.O., No. 904 R, dated the 21st September last, special sums might be accepted by the Agents out of the ordinary course for remittance, and with reference thereto it is suggested that the Agents should be informed that in no case should amounts be received for remittance except by deduction from salary at the time due, and then only within the limits applicable in each case. Attention to this rule would apparently meet the requirements of the Secretary of State's despatch.

MADRAS,
12th November 1878.

(Signed) R. K. WILLIAMS,
Offg. Exr., Railway Accounts.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to Proceedings No. 904 R, dated the 21st September 1878, calling for report upon the arrangement in force in regard to family remittances by the servants of the Guaranteed Railways.

2. It will be seen from the papers now submitted that, in accordance with the Secretary of State's despatch embodied in G.O., No. 3,153, dated the 6th November 1874, the home remittances of the Railway employés in this Presidency who have entered the service since the 9th October 1874 are limited in the case of officers to 25 per cent., and in the case of mechanics to 50 per cent., of their salaries, subject to a maximum of £300 per annum. Officers and servants of the Madras Railway, who entered the service before 9th October 1874, are not affected by this rule, which applies generally however on the South Indian Railway.

3. From the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,083 R, dated the 4th November 1878, it appears the Government of India communicated an extract from a despatch from the Secretary of State intimating that the privilege of making family remittances through the Government Treasuries will not be allowed to any servants of Railway Companies engaged after the 4th July 1878.

4. Thus on the Madras Railway the officers and servants are divided into three classes as regards the manner in which their pay may be drawn —

(1) Those entitled under their agreements to have any portion they may wish of their salaries paid in England in sterling.

(2) Those who can remit 25 per cent., and 50 per cent., respectively, of their salaries at the fixed rate of exchange of 1*s.* 10*d.* per rupee, subject to a maximum of £300 in any one year.

(3) Those who are not entitled to have any portion of their salaries paid in England.

On the South Indian Railway all come under one of the last two classes, the rate of exchange under class 2 being 1*s.* 11*d.* per rupee. In this respect they have a slight advantage over the officials of the Madras Railway.

5. The suggestion contained in paragraph 6 of the Examiner's memorandum, if approved, will prevent officers, whose covenants allow part payment of salary in England without limit, from making remittances in the manner adopted by the late Agent of the Madras Railway Company.

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

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1878, No. 1,254 R.

THE course suggested by the Examiner of Railway Accounts is approved. No amounts will in future be received for remittance to England, except by deduction from salary at the time due, and then only within the limits applicable in each case.

2. The Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railway Companies will be informed accordingly.

3. These papers will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E,
Joint Secy to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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Govt. of [1878] Madras.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
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G. O., 11th December 1878, *No.* 1,254 R.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 59-60.

Family Remittances to England by Servants of the Guaranteed Railways.—The course suggested by the Examiner of Railway Accounts with regard to — approved, and the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways informed accordingly.