

Public Works (189⁶) Department.

G.O., No. 1012 R.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Saloms. Letter to the Govt of India
inquiring whether the rate of 6 annas a mile for
the haulage of — is intended to cover
also the fares of servants who may travel in the
third class compartments of that Salom.

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2. This reference is made at the suggestion of the Agent and Manager Madras Railway who states that there is a difference of opinion on railways as to the correct reading of the rule & declares that the above was not contemplated by the Govt. of India as indicated in its observations made in the first para of the Circular referred to. ^{No. 111 dated 26 Oct. 1895 noted the Agent's comments} is a parallel case.

3. The Examiner of Ry. Accounts is however of opinion that there is nothing in the either Circular in question to support the Agent's contention, but that from the fact that no provision is made in the requisition form circulated with Govt. of India No 757 R.T. of 28 Decr. 1894 to show the number of servants to accompany an official in his special or reserved saloon, it is apparent that it is not intended that separate charges should be made for their carriage, unless they are accommodated in a separate

From the attached correspondence it will be seen that the Agent has been informed that the claim is untenable but he repeats that the point may be referred to the Govt. of India for a ruling.

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Documents accompanying

A.M's No. 7148 of 22. 11. 95
ER's No. 1035 of 10. 1. 96
A.M's No. 7148 of 21. 8. 96
ER's No. 738 of 3. 9. 96
A.M's No. 2729 of 14. 11. 96
A.M's No. 1016 of 14. 11. 96

Separate 3rd Class Compartment. - He adds that in the schedule attached to Government of India Circular No. 7 Railway of 5th Sept 1894, which was accepted by the Madras Railway Company, the payment to be made for the hire of special or reserved carriages has been fixed & it is distinctly stated that the charges leviable are to cover all charges inclusive of hire.

4. I am to say that this Government concurs with the Examiner and requests to be furnished with the final ruling of the Govt. of India on this point.

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