

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 915-16 R.

DATED 24th Oct. 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Official Auditing and Stores Committee. Minutes
of the —, Madras Railway (No. 8 of 1896) held on the
27 August 1896, approved & copies ordered to be
forWARDED to the Govt. of India.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

MINUTES OF OFFICIAL MEETING

AND

STORES COMMITTEE,

NO. 18 OF 1896,

HELD AT THE

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE, RAYAPURAM TERMINUS,

on Thursday, the 27th August 1896.

PRESENT.

Ag. Agent and Manager.
Asst. to do.
Ag. Chief Engineer.
Ag. Traffic Manager.
Loco. Superintendent.
Chief Auditor.

**Dy. Consulting Engineer
for Railways.**

**Examiner of Railway
Accounts.**

MINUTES OF OFFICIAL MEETING, HELD ON THE 30th JULY 1896, CONFIRMED.

No. 38. The Minutes of the Official Meeting and Stores Committee, held on the 30th July 1896, for the authorization of expenditure, &c., were approved by the Consulting Engineer and confirmed.

GENERAL SANCTIONS.

No. 39. The following sanctions are recorded:—

(A) CAPITAL.

Serial No.	Authority.				Particulars.	Amount of Estimate.	Allotment out of current year's grant.		Date on which sanction lapses.	Remarks.
	Government.			Company.			Cash.	Stores.		
	No. of Letter.	Date.	Register No.							
48	C. E. No. 2217	25-7-96	...	Agent and Manager	Alterations and additions to the Tyreshop at Perambur.	Rs. A. P. 1,663 0 0	Rs. 303	Rs. 1,360	31-3-97	The total estimate is for Rs. 1,699, Rs. 36 being chargeable to Revenue.
49	G. of I. No. 302 R. S. J. O., No. 642 E.	13-7-96 28-7-96	S. M. W. 1896. 9 R. 96-97.	Do.	Fitting automatic vacuum brake gear for 10 engines and 50 carriages.	\$7,280 0 0	6,200	31,060	31-3-97.	
50	Cong. Engr.	...	...	Do.	Excess of expenditure over estimate on Capital Works included in Schedule I.	737 6 4	...	...	...	

(B) REVENUE.

Serial No.	Authority.		Particulars.	Amount of Estimate.	Chargeable to	Remarks.
	Government.	Company.				
37	C. E. No. 2217 of 25-7-96.	Agent and Manager.	Revenue portion of the estimate amounting to Rs. 1,809 for alterations and additions to Tyreshop at Perambur.	Rs. A. P. 36 0 0	Abstract A.	
38	Cong. Engr.	Do.	Fee of the Assistant Surgeon, Coimbatore, for attendance on Signaller A. Leach, Podanur. Rs. 1/4 7/8	5 0 0	Abstract E.	

SCHEDULE B.
Gratuities and Special Leave to injured employees.

Serial No.	Name.	Department.	Salary or Wages.	Length of Service.	Amount of credit balance in Provident Institution.	Amount of Gratuity sanctioned.	Period of Special Leave sanctioned.	Remarks.
	NIL	...	...	T. M.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	...	

SCHEDULE C.
Alterations in Rates and Fares.

Rate or Fare altered.	Existing Rate or Fare.		New Rate or Fare.		Date of introduction.	Remarks.
	Class.	Rate.	Class.	Rate.		
NIL	...	...	...	...	...	

SCHEDULE D.

Monthly Stock Adjustment Memorandum.

Brief details of important fluctuations during current period, viz., those in excess of Rupees 50.

Name of Article.	Excess.		Deficiency.		Remarks.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
NIL	...	RS. A. P.	...	RS. A. P.	

SCHEDULE E.
Tenders accepted.

Name of Article	Quantity.	Date of commencement and completion of supply.	Special conditions, if any.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.	Security to be deposited, if any.	Comparison.		Remarks.
							Previous rate.	Lower tender, if any.	
Firewood ...	2,400 tons.	1-8-96 and 31-1-97.	Annua 9 per ton less for lighting wood.	Mahamed Karban Hossain Saib and A. Venkataramiah.	RS. A. P. 5 0 0	RS. 250	RS. A. P. 5 1 0 to 5 12 0	...	For wood delivered and stacked at Benigunta.
Castor oil ...	222 caddies.	Aug. 96 and Jan. 97.	...	The Manager, Lion Works, Bangalore.	63 0 0 per caddy.	1,400	65 0 0 per caddy.	...	
Fish-plates ...	660 tons.	Aug. 96 and Sep. 96.	...	Essajee Tajbhoy of Bombay.	80 0 0 per ton.	2,000	0 3 7 each.	...	Sale.
Fish-balls ...	60 tons.	Do.	...		26 0 0 per ton.		30 0 0 per ton.	...	Sale.

SCHEDULE F. I.
Stores purchased without tender.

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Rate paid for last supply.	Remarks.
GENERAL STORES DEPARTMENT.		No.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Tickets purchased from Messrs. Haasak and Co. ...	1,620,000	0 8 2 to 0 8 8 per 1,000.	806 10 2	Comag. Engr.		
Paper, printing, double royal, 28" x 40" = 22 lbs. ...	121 reams.	0 2 10 per lb.	685 10 8	do.	0 2 10	Nett weight = lbs. 3,572.
Paper, printing, for sheet Time Table, 45" x 32" = 86 lbs. ...	12 "	0 2 10 do.	181 5 4		0 2 10	Do lbs. 1024.
12 Pipes, delivery, leather, 25" x 2 1/2" each ...	200 feet.	3 12 0 per foot.	825 0 0	do.		From Messrs. Mahomed Ally Jeevaji & Co.
LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT.		Tons. cwt.				
Coal, Barakar ...	1,059 2	14 0 0 per ton.	14,827 6 4	do.	14 0 0 per ton.	From A. Chockalinga Naiker.
Coal, Jherriah ...	4,500 0	15 0 0 per ton.	67,500 0 0	do.		From Messrs. Badsha Sabib and Co.
<i>Items under Rs. 500 each.</i>						
General Stores ...	...		10,445 12 6	Agent and Manager.		
Engineering ...	...		2,782 10 7	do.		
Locomotive ...	...		2,070 4 1	do.		
Telegraph ...	...		10 0 0	do.		
Bills for landing and delivery charges ...	...		149 5 0	do.		

SCHEDULE G.

Sales of Stores including private work bills.

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Last previous rate.	Remarks.
GENERAL STORES DEPARTMENT.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Auction sale of unserviceable stores by Messrs. Ramsay & Co. on 21st May 1896 ...	...	...	2,720 2 6	Agent and Manager.	...	
<i>Items under Rs. 500 each.</i>						
General Stores ...	...	...	1,213 14 7	Do.	...	
Engineering ...	...	...	1,213 12 8	Do.	...	
Locomotive ...	...	...	1,065 15 9	Do.	...	
Telegraph ...	...	...	72 12 8	Do.	...	

SCHEDULE X.

Revisions of estimates and allotments not involving additions to totals of a budget grants.

Name of Estimate.	Proposed Revision.	Revised date for completion, if any.	Transfers.			
			Head of Account. Dr.	Amount.	Head of Account. Cr.	Amount.
Twentyfive houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department, S. W. Line.	Re-appropriation of Budget Allotment		Budget 1896-97, Schedule B.	Rs. A. P. 657 6 9	Twentyfive houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department.	Rs. A. P. 567 8 9 C 8

SCHEDULE X.

Works completed.

Date of completion.	Name of work.	Reference to sanction.	Amount of Estimate.			Actual Outlay		
			Cash.	Stores.	Total.	Cash.	Stores.	Total.
	Capital Works.							
Nov. 1895.	Alterations and additions consequent on the Ensur Branch running into Rayaparam.	Minute No. 45 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2601 of 23-8-95.	Rs. 166.00	Rs. 134.00	Rs. A. P. 1,480 0 0	Rs. A. P. 165 8 4	Rs. A. P. 1,144 9 7	
April 1896.	One block of 4 houses for European and Eurasian Firemen at Jalpet.	Minute No. 36 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2141 of 6-7-95.	Rs. 297.00	Rs. 160.00	Rs. A. P. 4,471 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,951 1 5	Rs. A. P. 1,891 11 2	
April 1896.	Booking Office and 3rd class waiting room, &c., at Mulanur.	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and C. E. No. 1867 of 24-5-95.	Rs. 927.00	Rs. 374.00	Rs. A. P. 1,268 0 0	Rs. A. P. 936 4 6	Rs. A. P. 212 4 6	
June 1896.	Deputy Locomotive Superintendent's bungalow at Perambur.	Minute No. 187 of 1891 and C. E. No. 1866 of 1-8-91.	Rs. 478.00	Rs. 448.00	Rs. A. P. 11,006 0 0	Rs. A. P. 6,651 4 6	Rs. A. P. 4,638 10 11	1
June 1896.	Twentyfive houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department, S. W. Line.	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and G. O. No. 402 R. of 12-6-95.	Rs. 357.00	Rs. 301.00	Rs. A. P. 6,950 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,048 13 11	Rs. A. P. 3,200 6 5	
	Total		Rs. 1540.00	Rs. 1053.00	Rs. A. P. 25,173 0 0	Rs. A. P. 14,752 11 9	Rs. A. P. 11,167 10 7	1
	Revenue Works.							
Nov. 1895.	Revenue portion of estimate for alterations and additions consequent on the Ensur Branch running into Rayaparam.	Minute No. 45 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2620 of 23-8-95.	...	...	Rs. A. P. 243 0 0	...	...	
April 1896.	Do. do. for Booking office and 3rd class waiting room at Mulanur.	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and C. E. No. 1867 of 24-5-95.	...	...	Rs. A. P. 803 0 0	...	...	
	Total		...	...	Rs. A. P. 1,045 0 0	...	...	1

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE,

Madras, 22nd August 1896

From

The Dy. Agent and Manager.
M. R. C.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith three proof copies of the Minutes of the Official Meeting and Stores Committee to be held on the 27th instant.

One copy bears my initials which it is requested may, if approved, be initialed by you and returned. The other two copies are for the information of yourself and the Government Engineer.

The Statement of Claims submitted during July 1896 is enclosed. Plans and Estimates of New Minor Works together with the letter of explanation will be sent to you shortly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

R. C. M.
Dy. Agent & Manager.

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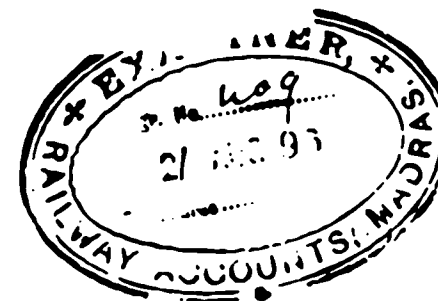
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To
The Agent and Manager
MADRAS RAILWAY
From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
1896
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Form No. 21.
307-4-3-06.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS

Madras, 21st August 1896.



No. 2564.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, Manager, Madras Railway, No. 8813
dated 20th August 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts, for favour of remarks.

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for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

List A Item 49. Allotment out of current years grant cannot be checked in this office as the usual statement giving that information has not yet been received.

Item 50. requires E. R. sanction.

List B. item 38. requires E. R. sanction

List C. The estimates have not yet been received

Minute 40. requires E. R. sanction

Schedule A. - The manuscript and list of minor claims should be signed by Agent and Manager and Consulting Engineer for Railways at or

before the meeting.

Schedule E. The previous rate for Castor oil is Rs 57-8-0 per cwt - vide Minutes of Meeting No. 9 of 1895. This schedule requires E.R.'s sanction.

Schedule F. I The previous rate for coal in Barakora is only Rs 14. Vide Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 96. Items above Rs 500, require E.R.'s sanction.

Schedule H. requires E.R.'s sanction.

The following should also be recorded in Schedule F. I.

(1) Purchase of 16,825 lbs of Axle oil from Vacuum Oil Company, Bombay, @ Rs 9-8-0 per cwt for Rs 1,427-1-11.

(2) Purchase of 10 tons of shale oil from Messrs Healy and Graham of Calcutta for Rs 1,785-10-0.

(3) Purchase of 6 1/2 tons of Saw scandlings for Rs 555-10-8 in excess of sanction given in Schedule F. I. of the minutes of meeting held in May 1896.

G. W. A. M.

E.R.

25. 8. 96.

(No. II.)
No. 8813

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE,

Madras, 24th August 1896

C.P.

From

The Ag. Agent and Manager.
M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras

Sir,

Referring to the latter portion of my letter No. 736 of the 20th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith 2 plans and 3 estimates of new minor works together with the letter of explanation received from the Ag. Chief Engineer. Kindly have these papers returned to this Office by Wednesday next the 26th inst.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedt. servant.

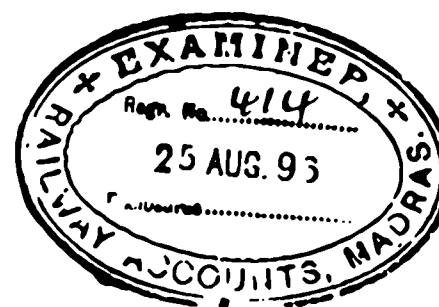
Edmund.
The Ag. Agent & Manager.

25. 8. 96

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From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
To
The Agent and Manager.
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Dated
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Recd.
No.

Form No. 21.
507-5-3-96.



OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 24th August 1896.

No. 2605.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, Manager, Madras Railway, No. 88-13
dated 24th August 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts, for *for notes of remarks.*

CMR 24/8
for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

25/8
The estimates are checked
and returned.

List C. item 4 of the minutes
shows the amount of the
estimate as Rs 592/- whereas
the estimate is for Rs 695
the former should accordingly
be corrected.

W. Allen

G. R.

25.8.96

Form No. 4.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 25 August 1896.

To .

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

No. 2626 Reply No. , dated

SIR,

With reference to your
Letter No. 8813 of 20th August
736 1896, I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
of the accounts of the Office
Inventory and Store. Accounts
to be held on the 27th with together
with a list thereof by the
Examiner Railway Accounts,
Madras. ~~for forwarding~~
~~return~~

Reminders.

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No. 4.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 26 August 1896.

To

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

No. 2632 Reply No. , dated

SIR,

Reminders.

With reference to your letter no. $\frac{8813}{758}$ of 24th August 1896, I have the honor to state that the amount of the estimate shown under item 4 of Part C is Rs 592 whereas the estimate is for Rs 695 only. The former should accordingly be corrected.

2. The papers forwarded therewith are returned.

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Schedule F. I.

Stores purchased without tender.

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Rate paid for last supply.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
General Stores						
Paint, white, lead.	2 tons.	20.0.0 per cwt.	800.0.0	Com. Engr.	20.0.0 per cwt.	
Engineering workshops						
Deck Scantling	57 do.	---	790.0.0	---	---	
Transverse Lops	10 do.	110.0.0 per ton	1100.0.0	---	---	
— DO —	50 do.	100.0.0 per ton	5000.0.0	---	---	

Require S.P. sanction.
Sanctioned 7/11 27/80

Schedule G.

Sales of stores arranged during the month of _____ 189 .

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Last previous rate.	Remarks
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Ob rails 20 feet 75 lbs	82	10-0-0	1000-0-0	Agent + Manager	10-0-0 each	To Nilgiri Railways
20 feet 65 lbs	18	each				
Ob rails 20 feet 75 lbs	75	10-0-0 each	750-0-0	Do	10-0-0 each	To Mr. Thorburn
Ob rails 20 feet 65 lbs	150	12-8-0 each	1875-0-0	Do	10-0-0 each	To Cochin Government.
Labor for trucking from Pattambi to Shoranur	-	-	13-11-0			
			888-11-0			
Materials & labor for 2 huts at Goody	-	-	643-3-1	Do	-	To Madras Rail- way Volunteers

NOTE.—Items below Rs. 500 to be recorded in total only, all others in detail.

Schedule K.

Changes in Superior Staff.

Department.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Nature of Change.	Remarks as to authority for change, allowances, passage money, &c.
Engineering	J. A. Percy	Temporary Assistant Engineer, 3 rd grade, 3 rd class.	Appointed on a salary of \$350 plus tentage \$75 per month from 18 th August 1896	Vice Board's letter No. 939 of 3 rd July 1896.

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E. No. 191/8.

For Official Meeting and Stores Committee to be held on 27 August 1896 1,000—4-96.

Schedule F. I.

Stores purchased without tender.

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Rate paid for last supply.	Remarks.
		ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.		ES. A. P.	
<i>Account and Department.</i>						
	<i>Tons</i>					
<i>Asphalt oil.</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>19.0-0-0</i>	<i>950.0-0</i>	<i>Gen. Sup.</i>		<i>From the Petroleum Co. Company.</i>
		<i>per ton</i>				
<i>Shale oil.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17.0-2-0</i>	<i>170.0-0</i>	<i>Gen.</i>		<i>From Messrs. Heston and Graham.</i>
		<i>do -</i>				
<i>Sum of the above</i>						

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Note.—Items below Rs. 500 to be recorded in total only, all others in detail.

Schedule L.

Changes in Subordinate Staff.

Department.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Nature of Change.	Remarks as to authority for change, allowances, passage money, &c.
Locomotive	Frederick [*] Corney	Carriage Painter	Appointed from 10 th July 1896 on Rs 237 per mensem	Vide C.E. No. 1235 d/20 th April 1896 and para 4 of Board's letter No. 929 d/3 rd July 1896
Do	Alfred Charles [*] Scriven	Boiler Maker	— do —	— do — * Payment of Exchange Compensation allowance having been sanctioned by the Government and the Board, the names should be added to the list printed as appendix to the Minutes of Official Meeting held on 27 th March 1895
Do	H. J. Smith	Spring Smith	Increase of pay from Rs 240 to Rs 252 per mensem from	Provision made in the Establishment ^o g, lists of the current half year
			Post sent to Cong. Engineer	

Note.—This list should include, in addition to the changes in the Covenanted Subordinate staff, the appointment, &c., of all subordinate employes drawing Rs. 200 per mensem and upwards.

Extra allowance to Mr Stoney.

Read G.O. N^o 667 dated 11th August 1896 communicating Government of India letter N^o 538 ^{1890.4} ~~1890.4~~ dated ~~17th June~~ ^{29th July} 96 sanctioning the grant of an allowance of Rs 100/- per mensem to Mr Stoney for the period from the 14th May to the 24th October 1895, during which he drew no acting allowance while acting as Chief Engineer at Madras - vide also para 8 of the Board's letter N^o 934 dated 27th March 1896.

The following rule in respect of allowances to officers called from the Mofussil to Headquarters on duty which was approved by the Board and the Government of India was read and ordered to be incorporated with the leave rules printed at the end of the Establishment Lists:—

An allowance according to the following scale to meet carriage hire and increased house rent will be granted to officers of the Engineering Department transferred from the Mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less when officiating for an officer absent on privilege leave or on other duty.

Scale.

	per mensem
Officers drawing a salary over Rs 500/- and up to Rs 700/-	Rs 100/-
Officers drawing a salary Rs 500/- and under	50/-

26.8.96.

(No. II.)
No. 8813

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 25th August 1896

From

The Agent and Manager.
M. R. C.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith two copies of the draft minutes embodying the supplementary subjects which will be brought forward for discussion at the next official meeting. One copy is meant for you and the other for the Government Examiner.

I have the honor, to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

[Signature]

J. R. Agent & Manager

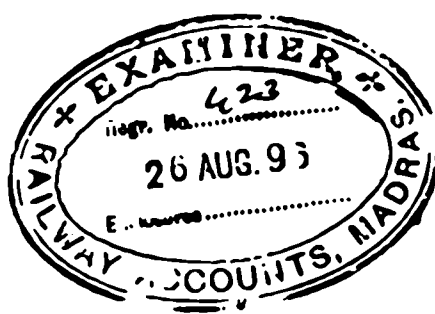
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From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
To
The Agent and Manager.
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Dated
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Form No. 21.
507-4-3-96.



OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 26th August 1896.

No. 2625.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, & Manager Madras Railway, No. 8813/742 dated 25th August 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway Accounts for perusal of remarks.

F. H. M.
for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

Allowance to Mr. Money - The number and date of Government of India letter should be 18708, dated 27th July 1896, as corrected in red ink. The words "or on other duty" in the proposed rule should be omitted and the following added "When making allowances are drawn. Schedule F.I requires E. R.'s sanction.

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Lawrence
for E. R.
26.8.96.

(No. II.)
No. 8813

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS OFFICE,

Madras, 14th Sept^r 1896

From

The Agent and Manager.
M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

SIR,

Sir
Call 4/9

I have the honor to forward herewith a proof copy of the minutes of the official meeting and Stores Committee held in my office on the 27th ultimo and to request that it may be signed and returned if you consider that the proceedings have been correctly recorded.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obed^t. servant

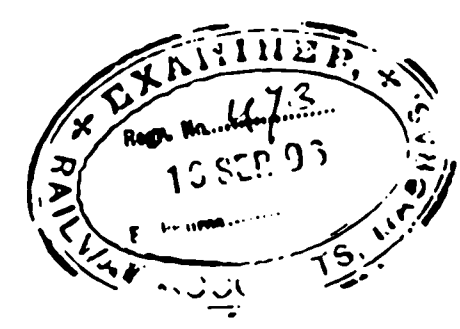
Edmund
Agent & Manager.

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From
To
No.
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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
The Agent and Manager
MADRAS RAILWAY.

Form No. 21.
577-5-3-06.



Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras, 15 September 1896.

No. 2916.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, Manager *Bank* Railway, No. $\frac{8813}{810}$
dated 14 September 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts for *favor of remarks*.

CMM.
for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

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*Minutes No. 41. Certain -
corrections have been made
in red ink and with these
the minutes may be passed
by E. R.*

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No. 6.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Muiras, 25th Sept 1896.

To

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

No. 3047 Reply No. 849, dated 28/9/96

SIR,

With reference to your
letter N^o 8813/810 of 14th Sept 1896,
I have the honor to return
duly signed the proof copy
of the offl meeting and
store committee held on
the 27th August 1896 and
to state that certain corre-
tions have been made
in red ink in the proof.

[Signature]
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25-9-96

Reminders.

Subject.

No. 8078

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 20th September 1896

From

The Agent and Manager,

Madras Railway Company,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Madras

With reference to your letter
No 3047 of the 25th instant, I have
the honor to point out that it
will be necessary to retain the words
'or on other duty' which you have struck
out of the rule recorded in the minutes
of the last official meeting. An
officer may be transferred from
the Madras to Madras to officiate
for another who need not necessarily
be absent on privilege leave. A case
occurred last year when Mr. Stoney
officiated for the Chief Engineer
for about 3 months but the
latter officer was not on privilege
leave

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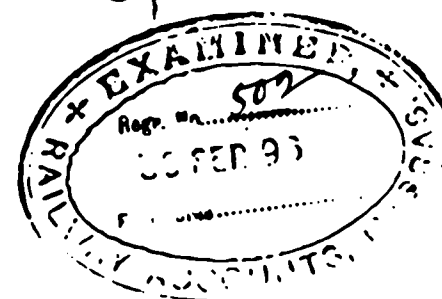
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From
MADRAS RAILWAY.
The Agent and Manager,
M. R. Co.,
To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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Form No. 21.
189-4-2-88.



Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras, 29th September 1896.

No. 3087.

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, Manager Madras Railway, No. ⁸⁸¹³/₈₄₉
dated 28th September 1896, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts for favour of remarks.

Signature
for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

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Reply in terms of the rule
³/₁₀

Signature
11/8/96

The words "on other
duty" were struck out to
make the rule agree with
the Govt. of India sanction
which restricts the allowance
to privilege leave vacant
and if retained would
probably be objected to
that Govt. vide G.O. letter
No. 1870-G. dated 27th July 1896.

The rule, however,

as corrected, will cover cases
such as that referred to by
the Agent and Manager;
as Mr. Stoney was acting in a
'privilege leave vacancy'
caused by Mr. Moss's absence
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acting for Mr. Moss.

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Form No. 4.

MADRAS,

7th October 1896

To

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

No. 3171 Reply No. dated

SIR,

Reminders.

Subject.

With reference to
your letter no. ⁸⁸⁷³/₈₄₉ of
28 Sept 1896. I have
the honour to state that
the words "on other duty"
were struck out to make
the rule agree with the
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Mr. Moss.

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Despatched on 7/16/96

(C. 3.)
Madras Railway Company,
AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE,
Madras.

From

Ag.
THE AGENT AND MANAGER,
M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Dated 16th } October 1896.
Received

No. 8813

912

The undersigned has the honor to forward
herewith for information
25 printed copies of the
Minutes of Official Meeting
and Stores Committee held
on the 27th August 1896.

Henry Clerk

Ag. Agent and Manager.

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Private and Confidential—for the use of Heads of Departments only.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

MINUTES OF OFFICIAL MEETING

AND

STORES COMMITTEE,

No. 8 OF 1896,

HELD AT THE

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE, RAYAPURAM TERMINUS,

on Thursday, the 27th August 1896.

PRESENT.

H. C. WEST, *Ag. Agent and Manager.*
A. EDWARDS, *Asst. to do.*
E. W. STONEY, *Ag. Chief Engineer.*
D. ROSS-JOHNSON, *Ag. Traffic Manager.*
C. E. PHIPPS, *Loco. Superintendent.*
F. DUNSTERVILLE, *Chief Auditor.*

F. D. FOWLER, *Dy. Consulting Engineer
for Railways.*
E. A. WALLER, *Major, R.E., Examiner of
Railway Accounts.*

MINUTES OF OFFICIAL MEETING, HELD ON THE 30th JULY 1896. CONFIRMED.

No. 33. The Minutes of the Official Meeting and Stores Committee, held on the 30th July 1896, for the authorization of expenditure, &c., were approved by the Consulting Engineer and confirmed.

GENERAL SANCTIONS.

No. 39. The following sanctions are recorded:—

(A) CAPITAL.

Serial No.	Authority.				Particulars	Amount of Estimate.	Allotment out of current year's grant.		Date on which sanction lapses.	Remarks
	Government.			Company.			Cash.	Stores.		
	No. of Letter.	Date.	Register No.							
49	C. E. No. 2217	25-7-96	...	Agent and Manager	Alterations and additions to the Tyreshop at Perambur.	Rs. A. P. Rs. 1,653 0 0 303	Rs. 1,360	31-3-97	The total estimate is for Rs. 1,653 Rs. 303 being chargeable to Revenue	
50	G. of I. No. 302 R. B. O. O. No. 642 R.	13-7-96	S. M. R. 1509.	Do.	Fitting automatic vacuum brake gear for 10 engines and 6 carriages.	37,260 0 0 6,900	31,060	31-3-97		
		28-7-96	9 R. 96 07.							
50	Cong. Engr.	..	...	Do.	Excess of expenditure over estimate on Capital Works included in Schedule I.	737 0 1 ...	...	...		

(B) REVENUE.

Serial No.	Authority.		Particulars.	Amount of Estimate.	Chargeable to	Remarks.
	Government.	Company.				
37	C. E., No. 2217 of 25-7-96.	Agent and Manager.	Revenue portion of the estimate amounting to Rs. 1,600 for alterations and additions to Tyreshop at Perambur.	Rs. A. P. 33 0 0	Abstract A.	
39	Cong. Engr.	Do.	Fee of the Assistant Surgeon, Coimbatore, for attendance on Signaller A. Losh, Polanur, on 6th July 1896.	5 0 0	Abstract E.	

(C) REVENUE—NEW MINOR WORKS.

Against provision of Rs. 12,585 in the Establishment Lists for the half-year ending 31st December 1896.

Serial No.	Authority.		Particulars.	Amount of Estimate.	Chargeable to	Date on which sanction closes.	Remarks
	Government.	Company.					
2	Consulting Engineer.	Agent and Manager.	Godown for Asst. Traffic Manager's bungalow at Arkonam.	Rs. A. P. 205 0 0	Abstract A—6th.	31-12-96.	
3	Do.	Do.	Cash godown at Tirur.	311 0 0	Do.	Do.	
4	Do.	Do.	Space round 8 pits in erecting shop to be paved with Portland cement for painting in Perambur Works.	695 0 0	Do.	Do.	
				1,211 0 0			
Amount brought forward ..				174 0 0			
Total ..				1,385 0 0			

CLOTHING SUPPLIED FREE TO THE COMPANY'S STAFF.

No. 40. Resolved that the following additions be made to the list printed as an appendix to the Minutes of the Official Meeting held on the 24th August 1893, showing items of clothing supplied free to the Company's Staff:—

LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Carriage Examiner.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Blue serge coat	...	...	...
" " suit and silver letters	...	...	...
" " cap and silver letters	...	...	...
Drill suits	...	...	...

These are only supplied to the Carriage Examiner in charge of the Governor's Saloons.

EXTRA ALLOWANCE TO Mr. STONEY.

No. 41. Read G.O., No. 667, dated 11th August 1896, communicating Government of India letter, No. 1870 G., dated 27th July 1896, sanctioning the grant of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to Mr. Stoney for the period from the 4th May to the 24th October 1895, during which he drew no acting allowance while acting as Chief Engineer at Madras. Vide also para. 8 of the Board's letter, No. 934, dated 27th March 1896.

The following rule in respect of allowances to officers called from the Mofussil to Head-quarters on duty which was approved by the Board and the Government of India was read and ordered to be incorporated with the leave rules printed at the end of the Establishment Lists:—

An allowance according to the following scale, to meet carriage-hire and increased house-rent, will be granted to officers transferred from the Mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less, when officiating for an officer absent on privilege leave when no acting allowances are drawn:—

Scale.

Officers drawing a salary over Rs. 500 and up to Rs. 900	Per mensem
Do. do. of Rs. 500 and under...	Rs. 100
	50

No. 42. Resolved that the following Schedules, A to L, be approved and recorded:—

SCHEDULE A.

Statement of Compensation Claims paid during July 1896.

Serial No.	Name of Claimant.	Amount claimed.	Amount settled.	Recovery.	Chargeable to Fire Insurance Fund.	Total charge against Madras Railway.	Remarks.
1	Minor claims settled by the Traffic Manager	Rs. A. P. 238 12 0	Rs. A. P. 187 15 1	Rs. A. P. 152 9 10	Rs. A. P. ...	Rs. A. P. 3 3 9	• Rs. 4.5.0 and Rs. 27.12.0 to be charged to Remigunta and Bangalore City Joint Station expenses account, respectively.
	Total for month	238 12 0	187 15 1	152 9 10	...	3 3 9	
	Amount brought forward	...	...	...	...	Nil.	
	Total for half-year to date	...	...	...	...	3 3 9	

SCHEDULE B.

Gratuities and Special Leave to injured employees.

Serial No.	Name.	Department.	Salary or Wages.	Length of Service.	Amount of credit balance in Provident Institution.	Amount of Gratuity sanctioned.	Period of Special Leave sanctioned.	Remarks.
	Nil.	...	...	Y. M.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	...	

SCHEDULE C.

Alterations in Rates and Fares.

Rate or Fare altered.	Existing Rate or Fare.		New Rate or Fare.		Date of introduction.	Remarks.
	Class.	Rate.	Class.	Rate.		
Nil.	...	...	...	...	...	

SCHEDULE D.

Monthly Stock Adjustment Memorandum.

Brief details of important fluctuations during current period, viz., those in excess of Rupees 50.

Name of Article.	Excess.		Deficiency.		Remarks.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Nil.	...	Rs. A. P.	...	Rs. A. P.	

SCHEDULE E.

Tenders accepted.

Name of Article.	Quantity.	Dates of commencement and completion of supply.	Special conditions, if any.	Name of Contractor.	Rate.	Security to be deposited, if any.	Remarks.
Firewood	2,240 tons.	1-8-96 and 31-1-97	Anna 9 per ton less for lighting wood.	Mahamed Kurban Hossain Saib and A. Venkatesamiah	Rs. A. P. 5 0 0	Rs. 250	For wood delivered and stacked at Remigunta.
Castor-oil	222 cans.	Aug. 96 and Jan. 97	...	The Manager, Loco Works, Bangalore	63 0 0 per candy.	1,400	Sale.
Fish-plates	600 tons.	Aug. 96 and Sept. 96	...	Eswjee Tajbhoy of Bombay.	30 0 0 per ton.	2,000	Sale.
Fish-bone	50 tons.	1-1-97	...	...	26 0 0 per ton.	...	Sale.

SCHEDULE F-I.

Stores purchased without tender.

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Remarks.
GENERAL STORES DEPARTMENT.					
Tickets purchased from Messrs Bask and Co.	No. 1,620,000	Rs. A. P. 0 8 3 to 0 8 8 per 1,000.	Rs. A. P. 696 10 3	Consig. Engr.	
Paper, printing, double royal, 16" x 40" = 32 lbs.	121 reams.	0 2 10 per lb.	6:5 10 8	do.	Nett weight = lbs. 3,872
Paper, printing, for Sheet Time Table, 45" x 32" = 60 lbs.	12 "	0 2 10 do.	161 5 4	do.	Do = lbs. 1,024
12 pipes, delivery, leather 25" x 21" each	300 feet.	2 12 0 per foot.	625 0 0	do.	From Messrs Mahomed Ally Jeevaji & Co.
Paint, white lead	2 tons.	20 0 0 per cwt.	600 0 0	do.	From Messrs Wilkinson Heywood and Clerk, Bombay.
ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS.					
Trunk scabbings and logs	57 "	...	7:00 0 0	do.	
Trunk square logs	10 "	110 0 0 per ton.	1,100 0 0	do.	
Do.	50 "	100 0 0 do.	5,000 0 0	do.	From Bombay-Burmah Trading Company.
LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT.					
Axis oil	50 "	190 0 0 do.	9,500 0 0	do.	From the Vacuum Oil Company.
Fluke oil	10 "	174 9 0 do.	1,743 10 0	do.	From Messrs. Heatley and Gresham.
Coal, Ranakur	1,059 tons cwt.	14 0 0 per ton.	14,827 6 4	do.	From A. Chockalinga Nair.
Coal, Jherriah	4,500 tons	15 0 0 do.	67,500 0 0	do.	From Messrs. Badsha Sahib Co.
Items under Rs. 500 each.					
General Stores	...	...	10,415 12 6	Agent and Manager.	
Engineering	...	...	2,742 10 7	do.	
Locomotive	...	...	2,070 4 1	do.	
Telegraph	...	...	10 0 0	do.	
Bills for landing and delivery charges	...	...	149 5 0	do.	

SCHEDULE G.

Sales of Stores including private work bills

Article.	Quantity.	Rate.	Amount.	Authority.	Remarks.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.					
Old rails—					
20 feet, 75 lbs. ...	121	10 0 0	1,000 0 0	Agent and	To Nilgiri Railway.
20 " 65 " ...	14	each.		Manager.	
20 " 75 " ...	75	10 0 0	750 0 0	Do.	To Mr. Thorburn.
20 " 65 " ...	150	12 8 0	1,675 0 0		
Labor for trucking from Pat-				Do.	To Cochin Government.
tanah to Shoranur			13 11 0		
Materials and labor for 2 huts				Do.	To Madras Railway Volunteers
at Gooty			643 3 1		
GENERAL STORES DEPARTMENT.					
Auction sale of unserviceable					
stores by Messrs. Ramsay &					
Co. on 21st May 1896			3,720 2 6	Do.	
<i>Items under Rs. 500 each.</i>					
General Stores			1,213 14 7	Do.	
Engineering			1,212 12 8	Do.	
Locomotive			1,045 15 0	Do.	
Telegraph			72 12 6	Do.	

SCHEDULE H.

Revisions of estimates and allotments not involving additions to totals of estimates or budget grants.

Name of Estimate	Proposed Revision.	Revised date for completion, if any.	Transfers.				Remarks.
			Head of Account. Dr.	Amount.	Head of Account. Cr.	Amount.	
Twenty-five houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department, S. W. Line.	Re-appropriation of Budget Allotment	...	Budget 1400-07, Schedule B.	RS. A. P. 557 6 9	Twenty-five houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department, S. W. Line.	RS. A. P. 557 6 9	Cash Rs. 444 11 3. Stores Rs. 64 11 6

SCHEDULE I.

Works completed.

Date of completion.	Name of work.	Reference to sanction.	Amount of Estimate.			Actual Outlay.			Remarks.
			Cash.	Stores.	Total.	Cash.	Stores.	Total.	
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Nov. 1895	Capital Works.								
	Alterations and additions consequent on the Kunnur Branch running into Rayapuram.	Minute No. 45 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2600 of 23-8-95	* 166 0 0	* 1,314 0 0	1,480 0 0	165 3 4	1,184 9 7	1,349 12 11	
April 1896	One block of 4 houses for European and Eurasian Firemen at Jarpet.	Minute No. 36 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2140 of 6-7-95.	* 2,911 0 0	* 1,500 0 0	4,471 0 0	2,951 1 5	1,891 11 2	4,842 12 7	
April 1896	Booking Office and 3rd class waiting room &c. at Mulanur.	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and C. E. No. 1667 of 21-5-95	* 937 0 0	* 329 0 0	1,266 0 0	936 4 8	242 4 6	1,179 9 2	
June 1896	Deputy Locomotive Superintendent's bungalow at Perambur.	Minute No. 187 of 1895 and G. O. No. 2153R of 18-9-95	* 6,758 0 0	* 4,248 0 0	11,006 0 0	6,661 4 6	4,638 10 11	11,299 15 4	
June 1896	Twenty-five houses for subordinate staff, Traffic Department, S. W. Line.	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and G. O. No. 403 R. of 12-6-95	* 3,670 0 0	* 3,080 0 0	6,950 0 0	4,043 13 11	3,200 6 5	7,249 4 4	
	As revised by	Minute No. 6 of 1896 & M. O. M. of 24-2-96							
Total			11,612 0 0	10,631 0 0	25,173 0 0	11,752 11 9	11,157 10 7	23,910 6 4	
	Revenue Works.								
Nov. 1895	Revenue portion of alterations and additions consequent on the Kunnur Branch running into Rayapuram.	Minute No. 45 of 1895 and C. E. No. 2600 of 23-8-95	...	...	243 0 0	...	...	213 0 0	
April 1896	Do. do. for Booking office and 3rd class waiting room at Mulanur	Minute No. 31 of 1895 and C. E. No. 1667 of 21-5-95	...	...	802 0 0	...	...	802 0 0	
Total			...	...	1,015 0 0	...	...	1,015 0 0	

* The difference between the figures given here and in the Minute referred to is due to a re-allocation which has been approved of but not recorded, being under Rs. 500

SCHEDULE J.

ORDINARY WORKS exceeding Rs. 5 000 not provided for in Budget for which estimates may be submitted to Government for sanction.

Works.	Estimated expenditure.	Remarks.
Nd.	...	

† The excess of Rs. 737 6 is sanctioned on the list of General Sanctions A. Capital.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

Memorandum from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway
No. 8813, dated 16th October 1896, submitting
912 copies of the Minutes of the Official Meeting and Stores Committee, Madras Railway
(No. 8 of 1896), held on the 27th August 1896.

ORDER THEREON, No. 915 R, DATED 24th October 1896,

Approved, and nine copies ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

F. D. Fowler

F. R. UPCOTT,

Joint Secy. to Govt., P. W. D., Ry. Branch.

DOCKET No. 916 R, DATED 24th October 1896.

FORWARDED.

(By Order.)

Documents accompanying
9 Copies of the Minutes
referred to

Joint Secy. to Govt., P. W. D., Ry. Branch.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Public Works Department.

Signed

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SCHEDULE K.

Changes in Superior Staff.

Department	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Nature of Change.	Remarks as to authority for change, allowances, passage money, &c.
Engineering	F. W. Otto	Temporary Assistant Engineer.	Resigned on 15th August 1896.	
Do.	J. A. Percy	Temporary Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, 3rd Class.	Appointed on a salary of Rs. 370 plus tentage Rs. 75 per mensem from 15th August 1896.	File Board's letter, No. 269, of 3rd July 1896.
Traffic	G. R. Byrnie	Sub-Manager	Returned from privilege leave on 4th August 1896.	
Do.	W. A. Wilkinson	Acting Deputy Traffic Manager.	Privilege leave for 3 months from 5th August 1896.	File Agent and Manager's letter, No. 2690, dated 25th July 1896.
Do.	G. Wallington	Assistant Traffic Manager.	Officiating Deputy Traffic Manager from 5th August 1896.	During Mr. W. A. Wilkinson's absence on privilege leave.
Medical	J. Currie	Medical Officer	Returned from privilege leave on 8th August 1896.	Overstayed 2 days. Leave without pay sanctioned by Ag. Agent and Manager.

SCHEDULE L.

Changes in Subordinate Staff.

Alteration in pay exceeding Rs. 200, new appointments exceeding Rs. 200, leave involving special outlay, passage money, &c.

Department	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Nature of Change.	Remarks as to authority for change, allowances, passage money, &c.
Locomotive	J. T. Davies	Locomotive Foreman.	Increase from Rs. 325 to Rs. 350 from 1st July 1896.	
Do.	A. H. Loader	Do.	Increase from Rs. 340 to Rs. 325 from 1st July 1896.	
Do.	B. B. Lowe	Fuel Inspector	Increase from Rs. 275 to Rs. 300 from 1st July 1896.	
Do.	H. J. Smith	Spring Smith	Increase of pay from Rs. 210 to Rs. 252 per mensem from 1st July 1896.	Provision made in the establishment list of the current half year.
Do.	* F. Corney	Carriage Painter	Appointed from 10th July 1896 on Rs. 227 per mensem.	File C. E. No. 1235, dated 20th April 1896, and para 4 of Board's letter, No. 269, dated 3rd July 1896.
Do.	* A. C. Scriven	Builder Maker	Do.	Do.

* Payment of exchange compensation allowance having been sanctioned by the Government and the Board the names should be added to the list printed as appendix to the Minutes of Official Meeting held on 27th March 1896.

H. C. WEST,
Ag. Agent and Manager.F. D. FOWLER,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

RAILWAY.

Government [1896] of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Recd.

Enclosures

{ 1896.

Regd.

Spare copies

G.O., No. 667 R., 11th August 1896.

AUGUST.

Allowance.

Government of India letter sanctioning the grant of an — of Rs. 100 per mensem to Mr. E. W. Stoney, District Engineer, Madras Railway, for certain period during which he drew no acting allowance while acting as Chief Engineer at the Presidency and the adoption on certain condition of a rule to regulate the allowance to be granted to officers transferred on duty from the mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less, communicated to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

Bf
R. 9/15
9/16 R dated 24.10.96

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

From the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd April 1896, No. 8743/341.

I have the honour to forward herewith an extract—paragraphs 9-11—from my letter to the Secretary, No. 2237, dated the 6th February last, in which the attention of the Board was drawn to the loss sustained by Mr. Stoney, District Engineer, in consequence of his having been required to do duty at Madras without any additional pay for a portion of each year from 1890, during the absence on leave or other duty of the principal officers of the Engineering Department. To remedy this hardship, I submitted, for the approval of my Board, a draft rule (copy enclosed) similar to the one in force on the East Indian Railway, under which an allowance would be drawn by officers of the Engineering Department when transferred on duty from the mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less. The allowance is proposed to be granted in the case of privilege leave only, as during such leave the officer officiating cannot draw any extra pay under the present leave rules. The period of six months was fixed as a maximum, as it is not probable that an officer will officiate for a longer period than this; and as a rule the officiating period will not be more than of three months' duration.

Last year from May 4th, the Chief Engineer assumed charge of the office of the Agent and Manager for a period of three months during the absence of the latter on privilege leave, and he himself proceeded on privilege leave for two months and sixteen days, on the return to duty of the Agent and Manager, thus rendering it necessary for Mr. Stoney to officiate as Chief Engineer for nearly six months. The Board in paragraph 8 of their letter No. 934, dated the 27th ultimo (extract enclosed) have intimated their approval of the proposed rule, and have also sanctioned the payment to Mr. Stoney of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem for the period during which he was on duty at head-quarters, viz., from May 4th to October 24th. In G.O., No. 99 R., Public Works, dated 4th February 1887, an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem was sanctioned to Mr. West while Acting as Deputy Chief Engineer in addition to the acting allowance admissible under the rules. I beg therefore to request that you will be good enough to communicate to me the sanction of the Government to the incorporation of the rule with the Company's leave rules, and to the payment to Mr. Stoney of the allowance recommended by the Board.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from a letter to the Secretary, No. 2237, dated 6th February 1896.

9. Allowance to officers acting at head-quarters—Mr. Stoney's case considered.—I beg to submit to the Board a letter received from Mr. Stoney dealing with the losses he has sustained by reason of his having been required to do duty at Madras for a portion of each year from 1890 in consequence of the absence on leave or other duty of the principal officers of the Engineering Department. During the greater portion of the period he was employed at head-quarters, he received

no extra allowances whatever. Mr. Stoney states his case very fully and it is supported by the Chief Engineer in his letter No. C/95 of the 21st January 1896, copy of which is enclosed.

10. In 1886 an application for an allowance was made by Mr. West on exactly the same grounds and in paragraph 4 of letter No. 763, a sum of Rs. 100 per mensem was granted to him in addition to the acting allowances he was entitled to draw under the rules. The application was sanctioned by the Government in G.O. No. 89 B. of the 4th February 1887, and the suggestion was then made that a rule similar to that in force on the East Indian Railway should be adopted to meet such cases. Beyond obtaining a copy of the rule, no further action appears to have been taken in the matter by this office.

11. I now enclose a copy of the rule referred to, which I am informed by the Agent of the East Indian Railway is still in force, and I enclose a copy of the rule I would recommend for adoption on this railway, which it is thought will prevent applications being made for allowances. If the Board approve of the rule I would ask that it may be held to apply to Mr. Stoney also, although his salary is in excess of the limit proposed in the rule. I would further ask that retrospective effect may be given to it in Mr. Stoney's case, as there is no doubt that he has suffered pecuniary loss by his having been called to Madras frequently for duty during the past few years. It is proposed to give the allowance to officers when transferred to head-quarters for temporary duty only and not to officers who are permanently settled in Madras.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Secretary, No. 934, dated 27th March 1896.

8. *Extra allowance to Mr. Stoney.*—I have submitted to the Board the letter from Mr. Stoney, referred to in paragraph 9 of No. 2237, in which he points out the losses he has sustained during the various periods, aggregating 28 months and 5 days, in which he was required to do duty in Madras, on six different occasions, for a portion of each year from 1890 to 1895 inclusive, having drawn extra allowance only as follows:—for 5 months and 9 days in 1890, Rs. 30 a month; and for 6 months and 25 days in 1892, at Rs. 118, a special allowance sanctioned by the Board, plus Rs. 30 extra tentage; while for the remaining 16 months and 1 day he served on several occasions without any extra allowance whatever.

While admitting that the rules may have borne somewhat hardly in Mr. Stoney's case, the Board are unable to entertain any claim for acting allowance in respect of years in arrears. But, having regard to the fact that had he been acting instead of officiating as Chief Engineer for the 6 months from May to October of last year, he would, under the rules, have received additional pay, the Board, in the circumstances, are pleased, subject to the sanction of Government, to grant Mr. Stoney, for the period last mentioned and as a special case, an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem, the sum drawn by Mr. West under similar circumstances.

Had action been taken by the then Agent and Manager on the suggestion made in G.O. No. 99 R. of the 4th February 1887, that a rule similar to that in force on the East Indian Railway should be adopted to meet cases similar to the above, this reference to the Board on behalf of Mr. Stoney would have been unnecessary.

The Board, however, are of opinion that any officer who may be transferred from the mofussil to Madras on duty for a limited period, say of six months or less, is fairly entitled to a Presidency allowance, and, subject therefore to the sanction of Government, they authorize the adoption of the rule proposed by you, which gives the following scale:—

		Per mensem.	
		Rs.	
Officers drawing over Rs. 500 and up to Rs. 900	...	...	100
Do. Rs. 500 and under	...	...	50

Proviso rule in respect of allowances to officers called from the mofussil to head-quarters for duty.

An allowance according to the following scale to meet carriage hire and increased house-rent will be granted to officers of the Engineering Department transferred from the mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less when officiating for an officer absent on privilege leave or on other duty:—

		Per mensem.	
		Rs.	
Officers drawing a salary over Rs. 500 and up to Rs. 900	...	...	100
Do. a salary of Rs. 500 and under	...	...	50

From the Officiating Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, the 17th June 1896, No. 535 R.

I am directed to forward herewith, for the orders of the Government of India, copy of a letter No. 8743/341, dated 23rd April 1896, with enclosures, from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, requesting sanction (1) to the adoption on the Madras Railway of the accompanying rule (copy attached) regulating the allowance to be granted to officers transferred on duty from the mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less, and (2) to the grant of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to Mr. E. W. Stoney for the period from the 4th May to the 24th October 1895 during which he officiated as Chief Engineer, Madras Railway.

2. As Mr. Stoney draws pay of Rs. 900 plus a personal allowance of Rs. 182 per mensem, his salary is in excess of the limit proposed in the rule.

3. The Board have sanctioned the payment of the allowance to Mr. Stoney and the adoption of the proposed rule.

4. A similar allowance was granted in Government of India letter No. 52 R.E., dated 22nd January 1887, to Mr. H. C. West, while officiating as Deputy Chief Engineer, Madras Railway.

From the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Simla, the 27th July 1896, No. 1870 G.

In reply to your letter No. 535 R., dated 17th June 1896, I am directed to communicate the sanction of the Government of India, to the grant of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem, to Mr. E. W. Stoney, District Engineer, Madras Railway, for the period from the 4th May to the 24th October 1895, during which he drew no acting allowance while acting as Chief Engineer at the Presidency.

2. The proposed rule to regulate the allowance to be granted to officers transferred on duty from the mofussil to Madras for a period of six months or less, as approved by the Board in paragraph 8 of their letter No. 934, dated 27th March 1896, is also sanctioned on the condition that it is restricted to officers acting in privilege leave vacancies when no acting allowances are drawn.

ORDER—No. 667 R., dated 11th August 1896.

Communicated to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. W. HODSON,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt.,
Railway Branch.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

Ed. C. M. RICHARDS.