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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1865.

No. 780. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, in charge of the Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd October 1865, No. 516:—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Under Secretary to Government, in charge of the Consulting Engineer's Office, dated Madras, 20th October 1865, No. 736.

1. Adverting to Major Prendergast's letter of the 16th instant, No. 707, forwarding copy of one* from the Secretary to the Government of India, with reference to the Draft Rules which had

* No. 816 R, of the 16th September 1865.

been submitted by me to Government, for the guidance of Line Watchmen, I have the honor to annex the following observations of the Chief Engineer.

"Rule 10, referred to in the 3rd paragraph of Colonel Dickens' letter, is certainly at variance with Section 4, paragraph 1 of the General Regulations. I may, however, remark that both my own experience and that of our principal Executive Officers upon the open line, points to the expediency of adopting a positive in lieu of a negative hand signal. It is conceivable that a man might apparently stand in the position of 'attention' and be unconscious of the approach of a train, especially if the wind were blowing towards it, while by the new Rules he must face the train, and assume such an attitude as indicates his consciousness of its approach. We are now framing revised General Rules suited to our system of working, which we shall shortly submit for sanction, and in which we propose to introduce the positive signal shown in Rule 10."

"The 'verbal alterations' suggested in paragraph 5 shall be carried out."

"In our revised General Rules the paragraphs are numbered in their order. This will remedy the inconvenience complained of in paragraph 6."

2. As I concur in Mr. Smart's views, as to the desirability of making this Company's Watchmen stand in an attitude, which will clearly indicate that the line is free from obstruction, I beg to express a hope that His Excellency the Governor in Council will permit the revised Rules to remain, as at present, in this respect, and that it may be recommended to the Supreme Government, that the General Rules and Regulations, now under revision, may be worded in the same manner upon this point, so far as the Madras Railway is concerned.

1. Forwarded to Government, with reference to Order of the 13th instant, No. 3,045.

2. There is much force in what the Chief Engineer urges for the continuance of Rule 10, to which exception has been taken by Lieutenant-Colonel Dickens, as not being in accordance with Section IV., paragraph 1 of the General Rules and Regulations.

3. The Government are aware that the Railway authorities are at present engaged in revising the General Rules and Regulations, and it appears to me that there can be no objection to allow Rule 10 to remain in the "Rules for the guidance of Line Watchmen," on the Madras Railway.

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4. The revised General Rules and Regulations will, as soon as they are received from the Agent and Manager, be submitted to Government, with such observations as may seem requisite.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
*Under Secretary to Government, in charge of
the Office of the Consq. Engr. for Railways.*

No. 781. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1865, No. 3,280.

RAILWAY, No. 64.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 3,281, dated 31st October 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st October 1865.

No. 3,281.

No. 782.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 65.

From Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated
23rd October 1865, with letter from Agent,
dated 20th idem.

1. With reference to your letter of the 16th September 1865, No. 816 R, I am directed to forward herewith the papers, as per margin, from which you will observe that the Railway authorities are of opinion that it is undesirable to make any

change in Rule 10 of the Regulations for the guidance of Line Watchmen, as it is of importance that the men should be required to stand in such an attitude as will clearly indicate that they are aware of the approach of a train, and that the line is free from obstruction. The Chief Engineer remarks that paragraph 1, Section 4 of the General Regulations, to which the Government of India consider it desirable all local regulations should conform, simply requires the Watchmen to assume a position of "attention," and this he adds they might unconsciously do without being aware of the approach of a train.

2. The reasons urged for the retention of Rule 10 appear to this Government sufficiently forcible, and I am to request that the Government of India will, on re-consideration, allow the Rule to stand.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 736

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE.

Madras, October 20th 1865.

From

R. D. Clavin Esq.
Agent and Manager. M. M.

To

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, Esq.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Under Secretary to Government, in charge
of the Consulting Engineer's Office.

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me to Government; for the guidance of their
Watchmen, I have the honor to annex the
following observations of the Chief Engineer.

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para of Colonel Doke's letter is certainly at
variance with Section 44 para 2 of the General
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Executive officers upon the open line, points to the
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will permit the present route to be used, and
present, in this respect, and that it may be
recommended to the Government, and
the General Public and Legislature, now under
Revision, may be decided in the affirmative.
upon this point, in favor of the proposed
Railway, as proposed.

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4. The Revised General Rules and Regulations will, as soon as they are received from the Agent and Manager, be submitted to Government with such observations as may seem requisite.

Fort Schuyler

Railway

Public Works Department

No 3280

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Order date the 31st October 1865

Read the following

From The Agent & Manager
thru the Commr. Engrs for Railways
Submitting the observations

of the Chief Engineer with
reference to the Draft Rules
submitted to Govt for the guidance
of Linc. Watchman.

H.E. 20th October/65 No 736

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From Commr Engrs for Railways
d/23rd Oct/65 with letter from
Agent d/20th idem.

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MAJORS WATKINS
Agent of Govt Engrs

The Agent and Manager

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Order No 3281

20th 1865

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