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No. 388. Read the following Circular from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 22nd August 1866, No. 16 R :—

1. In continuation of Circular No. 5R, of 1866, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward copies of the London Railway Clearing House Rules, and to request that the Consulting Engineer and the Agent of the Railway Companies under the Government of Madras, may be called upon to submit, at an early date, an expression of their views on the subject of the interchange of traffic, rolling stock, &c., at junctions, and to propose such draft of Rules or of modifications of the English Rules as may, in their opinion, be applicable to the circumstances of Indian Railways.

2. It is desirable that the prospective as well as existing connections of the several Railways shall be kept in view in considering the matter. Thus the Madras Railway will be in connection with both the Great Southern of India and the Great Indian Peninsula Railways; the East Indian Main Line, the Jubbulpore Extension of the East Indian, and the Great Indian Peninsula Railways will be in connection. Again, the East Indian, the Eastern Bengal and the Calcutta and South Eastern Railways will be in connection, as also will the East Indian, the Delhi, and the Punjab Railways, and, lastly, the Great Indian Peninsula and Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railways are already in connection.

3. It is an unquestionable desideratum that the practice on all Railways in India, in regard to the interchange of traffic, should be uniform, as far as may be possible with justice to the interests of individual Companies. Absolute uniformity may not be practicable, but the chief point on which variation will probably be demanded is that of rates, which are amongst other things affected by the distribution, and different kinds of fuel in use over the large area embraced by the Indian Railway system, compared with Great Britain, and the competition of óther means of communication to which some lines, more than others, are exposed.

4. The fact that nearly all the Railway Companies in Great Britain are parties to the London Clearing House, is greatly in favor of the practical value of one uniform system, and from that experience it may be predicted that if such be not established in the outset, it will sooner or later, inevitably, be demanded, and the longer it is delayed the more difficult will be its introduction.

5. The Governor General in Council trusts that the Officers of the Government and the Railway Companies will take an enlightened and liberal view of the question which is now referred for their consideration, and endeavour so to shape their proposals that there may be little difficulty in arriving at such a general recognition of fundamental principles as will make the interchange of traffic an easy and convenient matter, both in the present and the future.

6. On receipt of the reports, &c., now called for, the drafts of proposed rules will be collated in this Department, and be submitted to a general meeting, to be convened at a convenient place, of all interested, for consideration and discussion of the points upon which there may be differences of opinion. The Secretary of State has intimated his wish that the initiation in the preparation of such rules should be taken on the spot by the officers possessing local experience, and the result of the deliberation of the conference will be forwarded to his Lordship, in view to

the matter being finally disposed of in communication with the Directors of the several Companies.

7. As several of the Railways are expected to be in connection with each other by the middle of 1867, it is very necessary that the matter should receive prompt attention, and I am directed to request that the Governor in Council of Madras will have the goodness to impress upon all concerned the desirability of submitting their views with the least delay that the importance of the subject will allow of, and to forward them at once to the Government of India with an expression of their own opinion thereon.

No. 389. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1866, No. 2,958.

RAILWAY, No. 27.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways in continuation of the Orders of Government No. 1,127, dated the 12th April 1866.

2. Major Shaw Stewart will obtain the views of the respective Railway Agents, and, with reference to paragraphs 5 and 7, he will impress upon them the importance of meeting the proposals of the Government of India in the enlightened and liberal spirit which is expected of them, and of their losing no time in submitting their sentiments.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Circular No. 16 R

Government of India
Public Works Department
Railway

To
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P.W. Dept. (Railway)

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See 388-389.