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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
15th May 1866.

No. 388. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, (Railway), dated Simla, 24th April 1866, No. 383R :—

Locking the doors of Railway Carriages.

Read Extract of paragraph 4 of Despatch No. 5 of 9th March 1866, from the Secretary of State, to Government of Bombay.

The practice of locking the doors of third class carriages is, indeed, open to obvious objection, but it must be regarded as the least of two evils, if, as is stated, the recklessness of the Native passengers would, but for it, be continually endangering their lives. There is much more room for doubting the necessity of locking the second and first class carriages. The reason given for doing so is that otherwise the passengers might get out of their carriages without showing their tickets and then pass themselves off for third class passengers. There are many ways, however, in which this could be very easily prevented.

1. ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this extract be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bengal, and the Punjab, with a request that the Government of India may be favored with an expression of opinion on the advisability and necessity of locking the doors of passenger carriages in trains in motion.

2. Ordered also that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of Bombay for information, and with the request that an opinion from that Government may also be forwarded.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Secretary to Government of Madras, P. W. Department (Railway.)

No. 389. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1866, No. 1,557.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

Forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will, in communication with the Railway authorities, submit his opinion on the question under reference.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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(W Richmond) Lt Col R.A.,
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