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6th May 1867.*

No. 163. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 15th April 1867, No 339 R —

Hospital or Ambulance carriages for invalids and sick soldiers travelling by rail.

Read :—

Letter from Quarter Master General, No 953 C, dated 27th March 1867, requesting information on sundry points connected with the question of the provision of suitable Railway carriages or ambulances for the conveyance of invalids and sick soldiers

1. OBSERVATIONS —The Governor General in Council observes that the liability of the Railway Companies under Clause 20 of the Contract is merely to carry troops on duty with a priority and preference to, that is before, the public, at the lowest fares for the men and second class fares for the Officers ; the accommodation to be supplied being first class accommodation for the Officers, and second class accommodation for the men.

2. It is clear therefore that the Companies are not bound to provide nor to haul without extra charge ambulance carriages for the sick. It is possible, however, that, as in the case of soldiers' luggage, the Companies may be willing to give advantages beyond the strict terms of the Contract, and supply some such means of affording comfort to the sick.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of these observations, and of the letter from the Quarter Master General, be forwarded to the Local Governments named in the margin, for consideration, in communication with the Railway Agencies, in view to some fair and reasonable arrangement being effected.

Madras
Bombay
Bengal.
Punjab

Also that a copy of these observations be communicated to the Quarter Master General of the Army for information.

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

From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 27th March 1867, No 953 C

The question of the provision of suitable Railway carriages or ambulances for the conveyance of invalids and sick soldiers in general, under all circumstances, on the several lines of Railway, more especially in relation to the overland troop transport *via* Bombay, from and to all parts of India, from and to England, having been raised, I shall feel much obliged, in view to facilitating the satisfactory consideration of the matter, if I could be favoured with information on the following heads connected therewith, namely —

I —Whether ambulances form portion of the rolling-stock ?

II —If so, whether such exist, and to what extent ?

III —If not, whether it is intended to provide such ?

IV —Should ambulances not form portion of the rolling-stock, what special arrangements, with the existing carriages, could be made for the transport of such sick as require to travel in a recumbent position attended by hospital orderlies ?

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V.—Whether any plans of ambulances exist, or whether it would be desirable to obtain such from home, so as to benefit by the experience gained in the recent wars in America and Europe?

2 I shall be glad to receive any suggestions on the subject, which may occur to the Railway branch of the Public Works Secretariat to favour me with on this important matter

No. 164.

ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1867, No. 1,374.

RAILWAY, No. 10.

Forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for report in communication with the Agents of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways.

(True Extract)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways -
,, Military Department.

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To

The Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

No. 339 R.

Dated April 15, 1867.

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