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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1867.*

No. 141. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th May 1867, No. 165:—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,374, dated 6th May 1867, I have the honour to forward a letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, representing that Ambulance carriages have not up to this time been constructed for the use of invalids and sick soldiers, and that the practice which is now in force of placing an extra number of seats or compartments of a carriage, at the disposal of the Military authorities when soldiers have to travel in a recumbent position, seems to answer the present requirements of the army; further, that he will be prepared to construct Ambulances whenever the necessity for them should arise.

2. I have not been able to find any description or even mention of Ambulances in any of the works on Railways to which I have access, including a comprehensive French treatise, and am not aware whether special vehicles have been constructed for the conveyance of sick and wounded soldiers during the late wars in Europe and America. Major Prendergast informs me that he saw a detachment of the Austrian army on the way to Italy, and that the sick were slung in hammocks from the roofs of covered goods wagons.

3. I do not think it necessary to obtain plans of Ambulances from England. They would, in all probability, be ill-adapted for the climate of India. Moreover, the frame work of the carriages now in use is all that would be required in an ambulance, and all that is needed to adapt them for the conveyance of invalids is a liberal supply of cushions or mattresses, and a certain degree of improvement in the means for excluding rain and high wind.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd May 1867, No. 189.

1. With reference to Order of Government No. 1,374, dated 6th instant, I have the honour to state, that this Company has not as yet constructed any Hospital or Ambulance carriages for the conveyance of invalids and sick soldiers.

2. In April 1865, an arrangement was made between the Quarter Master General and the Railway, to the effect that whenever special accommodation was necessary for the transport of sick soldiers requiring to lie in a recumbent position, a compartment of a carriage, or a certain number of seats, should be reserved, such accommodation being paid for by the Government.

3. This arrangement, the Traffic Manager informs me, appears up to the present time to have fully met the requirements of the Army.

4. Under these circumstances, I do not advocate the construction of Ambulance carriages, but should the necessity arise for the frequent use of such vehicles, I shall be prepared to recommend my Board to authorize a certain number being built.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1867, No. 1,706.

RAILWAY, No. 11.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras, *2 May 22nd* 1867.

From

A. B. Davis Esq,

Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Resident Colonel A. F. Anderson, M.C.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

With reference to Order of Government of 18th May, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to state, that this Company has not as yet constructed any Hospital or Ambulance Wagon for the conveyance of Invalids and Sick Soldiers.

2. In April 1865, an arrangement was made between the Quarter Master General and the Railway, to the effect, that whenever special accommodation was necessary for the transport of Sick Soldiers requiring to lie in a recumbent position, a compartment of a carriage or a certain number of seats, should be reserved, such accommodation being paid for by the Government.

3. This arrangement, the Traffic Manager informs me, appears up to the present time, to have fully met the requirements of the Army.

Yours

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Very most obedient,
Yours faithfully,
Wm. G. Lushington
Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY

From
The Agent and Manager
To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

Dated May 22nd 1867
Recd. " 23rd

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Stating that it does not appear necessary at present to construct Ambulance Carriages for the accommodation of Invalids or Sick Soldiers when travelling by Railway, &c. &c.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 165.

From

Lieut. Colonel J. C. Anderson R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

Colonel C. A. P.R.E. R.E.

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Port Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No.
1174 dated 6th May 1867, I have the honor
to forward a letter from the Agent and
Manager Madras Railway representing
that Ambulance Carriages have not
up to this time been constructed for the use
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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Hudson's Vicatt Coll R.R.
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Madras
29th May
1867

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways;

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The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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Dated 24th }
Received 27th } Decy 1865.

No. 165

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I am sending a letter
by the agent of tomorrow
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that Chamberlaine (Barrister)
come at night & this time
been substituted for the
John as before.