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24th September 1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th September 1867.*

No. 595. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating correspondence regarding the
measures to be adopted for checking the
desertion of British Soldiers availing them-
selves of the Railway. } (Here enter 12th September 1867, No. 3,424.)

No. 596. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1867, No. 2,971.

RAILWAY, No. 39.

Forwarded to the Consulting Engi-
neer for Railways, who will communi-
cate with the Railway authorities, with
a view to their taking measures for establishing the check against desertion recom-
mended for adoption by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India in
paragraph 2 of the letter from the Adjutant General to the Secretary to the
Government of India in the Military Department of the 12th July 1867, No. 990.
(Here enter No. 2,972, dated 24th September 1867.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

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To

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

SIR,

RAILWAY, No. 40.

With reference to Mr. McCleery's
docket of the 29th July last, No. 659 R,

I have the honor, under the orders of
the Governor in Council, to state that as there appears to this Government to be no
objection to the adoption of the measures proposed by His Excellency the Com-
mander-in-Chief in India for checking the desertion of British Soldiers, by with-
holding tickets from such of them desiring to travel by Railway as cannot furnish
proper authority for their absence from their Regiments, instructions have been
issued to the Consulting Engineer to carry out the necessary arrangements with
the Railway authorities.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Under Secy. to Govt., P. W. D Here enter 13th August 1867.

From the Adjutant General..... „ 29th „ „ No. 593.

No. 659 R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, RAILWAY.

Simla, 29th July 1867.

Copy of the following correspondence forwarded to Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and the Punjab, with request that the Government of India may be informed, as early as possible, whether there are any objections to the measures proposed by the Commander-in-Chief, and that, if not, steps may be taken accordingly.

(By order),

(Signed) W. McCLEERY,

C. E. Offg. Asst. Secy. for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of Madras, P. W. Dept., Railway Branch.

Office memorandum from Assistant Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, 20th July 1867, No. 323; to the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department.

The undersigned, in forwarding for consideration in the Public Works Department, the accompanying correspondence* conveying suggestions

* From Adjutant General No. 990, dated 12th July 1867, and enclosure. (To be returned.)

as to the extent to which the Station Master, Police, and others employed on the East Indian Railway, may render aid in stopping men whom

they may suspect of being deserters from British Regiments, is directed to request that information may be obtained from the Bengal Government, as to whether there are any objections to the measures proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

From the Adjutant General, 12th July 1867, No. 990; to the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Government of India, a letter from Colonel Seymour, C. B., Commanding 2nd Dragoon Guards, representing the great facilities afforded by the rail to soldiers attempting to desert.

The Commander-in-Chief thinks that a check might, in some measure, be found in the practice adopted at Home, of not issuing tickets to soldiers travelling, unless they shew a pass, or some authority from an Officer, indicating that they are absent from their regiment with leave, and His Excellency would recommend an instruction to this effect to the Railway Authorities.

From the Officer Commanding 2nd Dragoon Guards, 19th June 1867, No. 27; to the Adjutant General.

I beg you will do me the honor of bringing to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the apparently easy way in which Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of Regiments, quartered in the vicinity of the East Indian Railway, appear to be able to desert, with a view, should His Excellency deem fit, to more effective measures being taken, if possible, at Railway Stations in this country for the prevention of soldiers taking tickets without, at any rate, producing their authority.

In the late case of the desertion of a private soldier of the regiment under my command (in addition to reporting officially, and writing demi-officially, to the Brigade Major at Agra in the matter), I telegraphed through the District Superintendent of Police at this station, to the District Superintendent of Police at Agra, to the effect that the soldier had deserted in the summer white uniform clothing of the regiment during the previous night, as was supposed to that place. A reply came back to say that a man answering to his description had been seen at the Agra Railway Sta-

tion (and which must have been the man), taking his ticket for Allahabad, but no other steps were taken by the Police at Agra, by telegraphing to Allahabad to effect his capture, owing it is understood, to the uncertainty of their being able to recover "and there being no money reward." for the purpose, it is proposed

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which was offered for sale by him at the Agra Railway Station for the ridiculous sum of Rupees 5, as reported by the Police, and in itself it ought to have appeared to them a suspicious circumstance.

Although the General Order, relative to "desertion" was of course complied with, nothing further has been heard of this soldier.

I may, perhaps, too, under the circumstances, be allowed respectfully to suggest that the Police, or others duly deputed on the Railways, cross-examine soldiers travelling singly, demanding their authority of destination.

No. 1727 B, dated 20th June 1867.

The Police Authorities might have transmitted a telegraph message on the counter-signature of the Officer Commanding the Brigade. This plan might be adopted in future—Government allow a reward for the capture of European deserters.

(Signed) H. J. STANNUS, Brigr.-Genl.

No. 624, dated 22nd June 1867.

(Signed) C. M. TROUP, Major General,
Comdg. Meerut Division.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

13th August 1867.

Under Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

16th August 1867.

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 29th August 1867, No. 593; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to correspondence from the Government of India, Public Works

Department, respecting the great facilities afforded by the Railways to soldiers attempting to desert, and proposing measures to check the practice, I have the honor by order to inform you, that the Commander-in-Chief recommends Sir W. Mansfield's suggestions, as therein laid down, being carried out.

ORDER, No. 3424, 12th September 1867.

Ordered that the Adjutant General's letter above recorded, be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Hamilton Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
Adjutant General.

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Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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To the Public Works Department.
Adjutant General.

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