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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 372. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 28th September 1869, No. 1,495-R :—

Computing Train and Engine mileages.

Read again :—

Public Works Department Endorsement Nos. 428—31 R, dated 13th April 1868.

Read also :—

Punjab Government, No. ^{191P}/_{191D}, dated 29th July 1868.

Madras, No. 2,486, dated 3rd August 1868.

Bombay, „ 2,489, „ 1st December „

Oudh, „ 2,100, R, „ 4th „ „

Pombay, „ 2,637, „ 28th „ „

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that different systems of calculating Train and Engine mileages are pursued on the different railways in India. This absence of uniformity precludes all proper comparison of the working of different lines. With one exception, moreover, the different methods in force of estimating the train mileage give results which, however applicable they may be considered to be by their respective advocates in taking out the expenses of working on the train mileage standard, are manifestly inapplicable when dealing with the other side of the account. To one line only, the Madras Railway, is this objection inapplicable.

2. After full consideration of the various systems in force, and of the opinions expressed by the different authorities, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that a statement in the annexed form should be attached to the half-yearly Revenue Accounts of all Railway Companies, and that all computations involving the number of train miles run should be based solely on the mileage under the head A. in that form. The principle adopted as regards train mileage is that it shall consist only of such mileage as produces income brought to account under receipts as a cash transaction.

3. The arbitrary conversion of the *time* during which an engine stands in steam, or is occupied in shunting, &c., into a *mileage*, seems quite useless; and the object in view may be better secured by exhibiting the actual facts as they occur.

4. The exhibition of the service performed for the several departments under the different heads of the table should afford a sufficient check over the working of these departments without the necessity of resorting to any actual inter-departmental charges in account, which must be arbitrarily determined, and at the best be mere approximations, and are otherwise objectionable as introducing needless complications in the accounts.

5. The Government of India would greatly desire to see the above views carried out in the next half-year's accounts, but before issuing any positive and final orders, will be prepared to receive any further representations on the subject that the companies may desire to make, and that the Governments and Administrations think deserving of attention. The importance of coming to an early conclusion is, however, obvious, and if what is now proposed is agreed to, it is requested that the Government of India may be so informed, and the new system put in force at once.

Public Works Department
No. 3362

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th Oct/89
Read the following.

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India. (H. E. Secy. to the Govt. of India. 14/10/89)

Communicated to
the Consulting Engineer for Rail-
ways who will in commu-
nication with the Railway
authorities submit his
views as early as possible
on the new mode of
computing Train and
Engine mileages.

H. E.

To the Consulting Engineer for
Railways.

By S. Secy. 19/10/89
H. E. 26/10/89 with 5 copies of the same

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th October 1869.

TRAIN AND ENGINE MILEAGES.

	Miles.	Hours.
A. Train miles run for Traffic Department		
B. " " " Locomotive Department		
C. " " " Maintenance		
D. Hours of " " assisting Engines		
E. " of shunting, piloting, &c.		
F. " of miscellaneous services		

NOTE.

- A.—Is to include all trains, full or empty, run for traffic, or for construction purposes, charged to Capital. If a heavy train is run which requires two engines, it will be reckoned under this head as two trains. This is to be considered the "Train mileage," and is to include only such mileage as produces, or may produce income.
- B.—Is to include full and empty Locomotive coal trains.
- C.—Is to include all trains run for the Engineering Department, for works chargeable to Revenue, which are worked by engines not handed over to the Engineering Department, and directly charged for under Maintenance of Way and Works.
- D.—Is to show the time occupied in assisting broken-down engines, and will represent the duty done in consequence of failure of the Locomotive Department.
- E.—Is to show time occupied in shunting and piloting, &c., and will give a test of the economy of the traffic working arrangements.
- F.—Is to include miscellaneous services, such as getting in and out of shed, &c., and will give a test of the economy of the Locomotive working arrangements. No set-off or charge is to be made in the accounts for work performed by the Locomotive Department for other departments, and no charges made or receipts shown for any services performed in transporting stores, or otherwise, on Revenue Account.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, and of the papers read, be
Madras. Bengal. forwarded to the Local Governments
Bombay. Punjab. and Administrations noted in the margin,
Oudh. for information and guidance.

(Signed) J. W. ALEXANDER, C. E., Asst. Secy.
for Offg Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Railway Department.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1869, No. 3,362.

RAILWAY, No. 52.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways, who will, in
communication with the Railway autho-
rities, submit his views as early as possible on the new mode of computing Train
and Engine mileages.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TULLOCH, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

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Train & Engine bulwarks Bo. of the
Govt of India on the subject of con-
structing Train & Engine bulwarks.
And to the Eng^r concerned with the
construction.