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No. 287. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 22nd November 1870, No. 1,831-R:—

I AM directed to forward a copy of Rules that have been prepared by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India for regulating the conveyance by rail of persons suffering from contagious diseases.

2. These rules have been framed alike for the protection of the Railway Companies and the travelling public, and I am to request that, in communicating them to the Railway Companies, they may be invited either to introduce them, as they stand, on their respective Railways, or to frame and promulgate such rules based upon them as shall meet the object in view, so far as that may be possible under the existing law. Legislation is proposed, and the Government will be happy to receive from the Agents any suggestions on the subject that these Draft Rules may draw forth.

Draft of Rules for regulating the conveyance by rail of persons suffering from contagious diseases.

I. For the purposes of these rules, the following shall be deemed to be contagious diseases:—

Small-pox,	Scarlet fever,
Cholera,	Diphtheria, and
Measles,	Hooping-cough;

and the term "Station Master" shall mean the person for the time being in charge of a Railway Station.

II. If any person suffering from a contagious disease shall enter a Railway carriage without previously notifying that he is so suffering, he shall, on conviction before _____, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Rupees _____, and shall also be liable to pay the losses and expenses which the Railway Company may suffer in carrying into effect the provisions of these rules applicable to such cases.

III. If any one having in charge a person suffering from a contagious disease, shall allow him to enter a Railway carriage without previously notifying to the Station Master that such person is so suffering, he shall be liable in the same manner as if he himself were suffering from the disease.

IV. If any Railway carriage has been entered by a person suffering from a contagious disease, such carriage shall be disinfected within twelve hours after it has arrived at its destination in the manner prescribed in these rules, and no passenger shall be allowed to travel in it until this disinfection has been carried out.

V. It shall be lawful for the Railway Company, if called upon not less than six hours before the departure of the train, to provide a separate carriage or a separate compartment in a second or third-class carriage for the conveyance of any person suffering from a contagious disease; provided the said compartment has no communication with the other compartments of the same carriage.

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VI. If any person, while on a journey by rail, should be suddenly seized with any contagious disease, the other occupants (if any) of the compartment in which he is shall be removed to another carriage; and the compartment, after it has been vacated by the sick man, shall be carefully cleansed and disinfected.

VII. Any carriage or compartment which may have been used for the conveyance of a person suffering from a contagious disease shall immediately thereafter be subjected to disinfection, and if any compartment so used is not immediately disinfected, the Agent of the Railway Company shall, on conviction before , be liable to a penalty not exceeding Rupees .

VIII. The rules regarding persons suffering from contagious diseases shall also apply to the conveyance of the dead body of any one who had died of a contagious disease.

IX. Any compartment which has been used for the conveyance of a person suffering from a contagious disease, or of the body of a person who has died of such disease, shall be disinfected in the following manner:— Every portion of the interior of the carriage shall be washed over with boiling-water, containing in each gallon a wine-glassful of carbolic acid, after which sulphur shall be burned in each compartment, and the doors and windows kept closed on the sulphur fumes for two hours.

(Signed) J. M. CUNINGHAM, M.D.,
Sany. Commr. with the Govt. of India.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1870, No. 3,036.

RAILWAY, No. 30.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will invite the Railway Companies to bring the proposed rules into operation on their respective Railways, and will inform the several Agents that the Government will be glad to receive any suggestions on the subject that those gentlemen may desire to offer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for R

Exl. E. C. Shunker.

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Contagious diseases. *Letter from the*
Govt of India forwarding copy of
Rules for regulation of the carriage
by rail of persons suffering from
contagious diseases in view to
the issue of some such Rules
in the different Railways,
and to the issue of instructions
for Railways with instructions.

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