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Government of Madras.*Public works* **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 363 Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) dated Simla, 26th May 1871, Nos 217—22-T. —

Use of Morse Instruments in Railway Telegraph Offices

RESOLUTION — The Governor-General in Council having had under consideration the present position of the Railway Telegraphs, and of the telegraph arrangements which it seems desirable to adopt on extensions of Railways, whether under guarantee or constructed by the State, desires to draw the attention of Local Governments to Clause I. of the License given to the several Railway Companies for working the telegraph on their respective lines of Railway, and to observe that it seems requisite to insist on the conditions of that clause being observed in future more strictly than heretofore.

2 The first point that calls for attention is the nature of the instruments employed. The license declares that the instruments shall be of the same description as those used in the Government Telegraph Department, and the Government of India accordingly desires that all Railway Companies shall be required to introduce the Morse instruments, which are those used in the Government offices.

3. The Government of India does not desire to involve the Companies in unnecessary expense, and it is therefore sufficient if new instruments of the approved pattern are provided, when it becomes necessary to replace those in use by others. The change should first be effected at the more important stations on each line, especially where junctions are effected, or messages interchanged with Government Telegraph Offices, and it will be the duty of the Consulting Engineers to see that the wishes of the Government of India are duly complied with in this respect, and that no expenditure is henceforth permitted for instruments of other types.

4. It is to be understood that the above orders do not apply to instruments used exclusively in connection with the working of train signals. These may be of any approved pattern

5. The Government of India also desires to draw the attention of the Local Governments to the necessity of adhering more strictly to the government system in all matters relating to the receipt, transmission, and check of messages. The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the general principles of the system adopted by the Government Telegraph Department should be adopted by the Railway Companies in respect to all messages received and transmitted for the public

6. It is presumed that a proper system of check already exists as to the messages sent on the business of the Railway. If this is not now done, immediate attention should be given to it, and a suitable arrangement made to check the free transmission of messages by Railway lines.

7. As regards messages for the public, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the original messages should be sent for check to the Government Check Office, and that the Railway Telegraph Department should be subjected to precisely the same supervision in respect to its public messages that applies to the Government Telegraph Department.

8. For the present it is not desired to interfere with the forms of messages used by the Railway Company. But the Government of India reserves complete power to enforce uniformity in this respect also, as regards messages received and transmitted for the public, if at any future time it shall appear expedient so to do.

9. The Director-General of Telegraphs will be requested to place himself in communication with all Local Governments concerned for the purpose of giving effect to this Resolution

10 The Governor-General in Council further desires to point out that the instructions now given are issued under the provisions of Act. VIII. of 1860, and of the terms of the licenses granted to the several Companies, and not under any power conveyed under the contracts with the Company; and that it is not necessary to obtain the approval of the Board of Directors to any of the measures now directed to be carried out, though the Government of India will be ready to receive any representation from the Agents of the Company in India on the subject, it being understood, however, that meanwhile the orders now given are to be acted up to as opportunity or occasion arises.

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department, and the Chief Commissioner of Oudh for information and guidance.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Director-General of Telegraphs for information.

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

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1871, No. 1,665

TELEGRAPH, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and, through that officer, to the Railway Agents in

this Presidency for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.,

Secretary to Government

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

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Wickham Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
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