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No. 230. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 14th November 1871, No. 2,328-R:—

Carriage of Government stores by rail in preference to private agency.

Read again—

Letter from the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 1,410-G. of 12th July 1870.

Public Works Department Memorandum to the Military Department, No. 656-B—C. of 16th August 1870.

Memorandum from the Military Department, No. 743 of 18th January 1871.

Public Works Department Memorandum to the Military Department, No. 47-T. of 30th January 1871.

Read—

Letter No. 963-H. from the Controller of Military Accounts, dated the 11th October 1871, forwarded under cover of Military Department docket No. 765, dated the 19th October 1871.

RESOLUTION.—It appears that the following quantities of Commissariat and Ordnance stores were despatched during 1869:—

By bullock-train, 108,651 maunds, at a cost of Rupees 3,88,548;
By Camels, 9,165 maunds for Rupees 8,321;
By hackeries, 293,333 maunds for Rupees 2,79,051;
By Public Carrying Companies, 5,072 maunds for Rupees 3,332;
making a total of 416,221 maunds at a cost of Rupees 6,79,242.

Of these quantities it is said that probably 69,218 maunds which were carried by bullock-train, and 19,223 maunds by hackeries, at a cost of Rupees 2,64,643, might have been sent by rail at a cost of Rupees 1,62,225, and a saving of Rupees 1,02,418 effected.

2. The reason for avoiding the railway is not given, but it is suggested that when the stores were despatched to stations to which the railway was not continuous, the road was preferred with the object of preventing loss by breakage, or deterioration from frequent break of bulk. It is, however, very doubtful whether the saving thus effected would at all approach to the very large sum involved in the difference paid for carriage.

3. Considering the great advantages accruing to the State by the use of the railways as a means of transporting Government stores and material in preference to any other means of transport conducted by private enterprise, the Governor-General in Council thinks it desirable that it should be pointed out to the officers of the several departments of the State that they should not regard the transport of these articles from a purely departmental point of view, but should use the railways whenever possible in preference to any other means of transport. If the rates charged by the Railway Companies appear prohibitory, the circumstance should at once be brought to notice.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Military Department for consideration and such further action as seems advisable in that department.

Also to all other departments of the Government of India for consideration.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
13th December 1871.

Also to the Governments of Madras and Bombay in the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, and to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lucknow, and Lahore for information.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Major, R.E.,
Deputy-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

(Signed) K. C. PYE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1871, No. 3,141.

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COMMUNICATED to the Military Department and to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways

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