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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th July 1872.*

No. 231. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department (Railway), dated Simla, 19th June 1872, No. 852 G. R.:—

On the advisability of obtaining the Native Servants of Railway Companies from local sources.

THE Government of India has reason to believe that the people of the country, at least in the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab, often fail to receive from the persons employed on Railways the assistance which it is the duty of the latter to afford, and that, consequently, the use of the Railway is not so popular as it might be. The existence of petty extortions on the part of gate-keepers and other of the subordinate servants of the Railway Companies is still said to be frequent, and complaints of incivility continue to be made against some of the officers who hold a higher position. As this state of things is very much against the speedy development of traffic, and the general use of the Railways, the Governor-General in Council is anxious to ascertain whether it is the fact, as currently reported, that the station and line officials of all grades do not, as a rule, belong to the districts or even provinces through which the Railway passes.

2. If this is the fact, the estrangement between the Railway and the Native public may possibly be partly removed by each Railway Company selecting its servants from local sources. And if the supply is not equal to the demand for the better educated class of servants, there can, it is supposed, be no difficulty in obtaining men for the inferior positions of gate-keepers, porters, and chaprassies, from whom the great mass of the Native public naturally seek information, and which they ought to obtain with civility and without extortion.

3. The Consulting Engineers at Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow should be invited to express their opinions on this subject, submitting with their reports a return showing the district and province to which the Native Station-masters, Goods' clerks, porters, and gatekeepers at the several stations along each line belong.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated for information and guidance to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.

Also, to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department (Railway), with the request that the Government of India may be informed of the sources from which the establishments on the Railways in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies are recruited.

Also, to the Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, and to the Chief Commissioners of Oudh and the Central Provinces, for information.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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13th July 1872.*

No. 232.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1872, No. 1,085.

RAILWAY, No. 51.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways, who will obtain
the information required by the Govern-
ment of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E.C Shunkar.

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Dated Simla, 19th June, 1872.

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Communicates remarks on the advisability of obtaining the native servants of Railway Companies from local sources, and calls for opinions on the subject, and returns showing the places from which such servants are now enlisted.

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