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20th August 1872.*

No. 339. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway), dated Simla, 1st August 1872, No. 35 —

Standard dimensions for Indian Railways.

RESOLUTION — Circumstances have been recently brought to the notice of the Government of India which show that certain vehicles of one Guaranteed Railway Company were unable to pass the platform of another Company, and also that other vehicles could not pass beneath certain over-bridges, and these cases prove that the regulations of 1856, which prescribed standard dimensions of fixed and moving structures, have been departed from.

2. No guaranteed railway nor section of such railway has been allowed to be opened for traffic until after it had been inspected, and pronounced fit for opening, by an officer of the Consulting Engineer's Department, and therefore the Government of India have hitherto believed that the maximum widths and heights prescribed for rolling-stock have not been exceeded, and that the minimum clear dimensions, for fixed structures, have been strictly adhered to on all guaranteed lines of railway.

3. But in order to insure, as far as possible, the safety of the travelling public and railway servants, the Governor-General in Council directs that with every recommendation for sanction to open a line or section of a railway, constructed on the 5' 6" gauge, either Guaranteed or State, a certificate, signed by the Consulting Engineer, shall be forwarded, in which it shall be distinctly declared that the rules, with regard to the standard heights and widths of moving and fixed dimensions as agreed to by all the Guaranteed Companies and the Secretary of State in the year 1856, have been in all cases strictly obeyed, and, further, that no new engines and other rolling-stock shall be allowed to be placed on an open line, nor a new structure erected, without a similar certificate.

4. The Governor-General in Council further directs that this certificate shall be given, not only for lines which may hereafter be constructed, but also for the railways which have already been opened. Accordingly a detailed inspection should forthwith be made of the works and stock on the several railways which are open for traffic, and the requisite certificate should be forwarded without delay.

5. Similar certificates will be required, *mutatis mutandis*, for the narrow gauge lines when ready to be opened for traffic.

ORDER — Ordered that this Resolution be communicated, for information and guidance, to the Governments of Madras and Bombay in the Public Works Department (Railway), to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, and to the Resident at Hyderabad; and to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow, with the intimation that the regulations of 1856 will be reprinted and circulated afresh.

Ordered also that it be communicated for guidance to the Consulting Engineer

Officiating Chief Engineer, Punjab Northern State Railway
Engineer-in-Chief, Indus Valley State Railway
Superintending Engineer, Agra District, Rajpootana State Railway
Ditto Delhi do do
Ditto Holkar State Railway

to the Government of India for State Railways, and to the officer in charge of State Lines of Rail-

way named in the margin, with similar intimation.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R E,
Officiating Deputy Secretary.

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20th August 1872.*

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ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1872, No. 1,986.

RAILWAY, No. 52

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Engineer for Railways for information
and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with one Enclosure

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To

CIRCULAR No. 35 RAILWAY.

Dated Simla, 1st August 1872.

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Indian Railways. Circular
from the Govt. of India
relative to the clearance
of the rails with regard
to the standard heights
& widths of moving &
fixed dimensions for
Indian Railways, Com.
to the Govt. of India.

Approved by Consulting Engineers.

W. H. order