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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st August 1872*

No. 355. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 30th July 1872, No. 1,184-G. R. —

Proposed addition to Regulations, Part II; for the transport of troops on Indian Railways.

Read the following —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Military Department, dated Simla, the 23rd July 1872, No 569

Read letter from the Officiating Quarter Master General, No 2,850, dated 15th July 1872, proposing an addition to the Transport Regulations, Part II, so as to prevent charges being brought against the troops by Railway Companies on account of alleged damage and injuries to carriages while in transit

ORDER.—Ordered that the document above adverted to be forwarded to the Public Works Department for favour of opinion, with a remark that some such arrangement as therein proposed seems to the Government of India in the Military Department to be desirable.

From the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Simla, 15th July 1872, No 2,850.

As charges have repeatedly been brought against the troops by Railway Companies on account of damage and injuries declared to have been sustained by carriages while in transit, I am directed by the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief in India to solicit the sanction of Government to the insertion of the annexed rule in the Transport Regulations, Part II, as paragraph 56a

2 Under the present system no steps are required to be taken by the troops to ascertain, previous to starting, the state of the carriages they are about to travel in, or whether the different compartments are complete in their component parts or fittings, and when, on the termination of a journey, the railway officials produce a list of alleged breakage, etc, said to have occurred during transit, commanding officers naturally repudiate the liability of their men for charges preferred under such circumstances, and the consequence is much correspondence and embarrassment to all concerned

3 It appears to His Excellency that the proposed rule will entirely prevent the recurrence of such disputed claims, and by defining the points to be attended to by both railway officials and the troops, will place the matter on a definite basis

4 It will be observed from the annexed letter* that the proposed rule has the concurrence of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway authorities, on which line, I am to add, most of these claims against the troops have had their origin.

* No 10,489, dated 22nd June 1872, from the General Traffic Manager, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, to Quarter Master General, Bombay Army

Proposed additional Rule for Transport Regulations, Part II.

WHEN bodies of troops travel by rail, the senior Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier in each compartment will be made responsible that no damages occur whilst the troops occupy it, and a memorandum will be taken at the time of entry, under the orders of the Officer Commanding the troops, of the number of the carriage and compartment, and the name of the senior man in charge, who will report to the officer deputed to go down the line for the purpose after the men

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are seated, whether all is correct, and again whether all is correct before the men leave the train, a railway official inspecting each compartment, and reporting to the officer in command before the troops march off.

(Signed) T. WRIGHT, Colonel,
Officiating Quarter Master General.

From the General Traffic Manager, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, to the Quarter Master General of the Bombay Army, dated 22nd June 1872, No. 10,489.

YOUR No. 389 of 16th ultimo, regarding troops' trains.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the above, and I am sorry that it has stood over so long

I agree to the proposition contained in paragraph 6 of your letter, and I will advise our staff upon hearing that the Quarter Master General in India has given his assent to their being inserted in the next edition of the Railway Regulations.

ORDER.—Ordered that these papers be communicated to the Government of Madras and Bombay in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) and to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow, with the request that it may be ascertained if there is any objection to the proposed rule on the part of the Railway Companies, as it appears to the Government of India in this department to be desirable that a rule of the kind should be laid down.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Military Department for information.

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

No 356. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1872, No. 1,995.

RAILWAY, No. 57.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will, after inquiry from the several Agents, report whether there are any objections to the insertion of the proposed clause in the Regulations for the Transport of Troops.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To .

No. 1184 G-R.

Dated Simla, 30th July 1872.

Received 12th Aug 6/72.

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Communicated to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways who will after
inquiry of the several Agents report
whether there are any objections to the
insertion of the proposed clause in the
Regulations for the transport of troops.

Given

27/8/72

Proposed addition to Regulations, Part
II, for the transport of troops on Indian
Railways.

10th Nov 1872

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To the Consulting Engs.
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Transport of troops. Res. of
the Govt of India requesting
that it may be ascertained
whether there are any ob-
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a certain clause in the
Regulations for the Trans-
port of troops, Com^d
to the Govt. with
instructions.

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