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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd March 1872.*

No. 522. Read the following Circular from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway,) to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and the Consulting Engineers for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow; the Resident at Hyderabad; Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces and British Burmah; and to all Engineers-in-Chief, and Superintending Engineers in charge of State Railways, dated Fort William, 6th March 1872, No. 12-R. :—

A JUNIOR officer of one of the Indian Guaranteed Railway Companies lately purchased a share of some fruit trees, being apparently under the impression that he had secured the sole and entire right to them. He was warned not to fell the trees, but possibly from ignorance of the language, he paid no heed to the warning. Shortly afterwards a railway subordinate acting under the orders of the purchaser, attempted to cut down the trees, but he was obliged to desist and withdraw after one of his party had been severely beaten. This assault was reported to the Magistrate of the District, who warned the railway officials not to fell the trees in question until orders were passed. In spite of this, a second attempt was made to cut down the trees, upon which a serious affray resulted, in which the railway officials were severely beaten by about two hundred of the villagers, and the consequences might have been fatal.

2. The Governor-General in Council desires that all officers in charge of Railway establishments shall impress upon their subordinates of all ranks the extreme importance of conducting themselves in such a way as not to interfere with the customs and rights of the natives of the country. Especial care should be taken in regard to the cutting down of trees and groves, which should not be done without the Collector's consent. His Excellency in Council views the illegal action above described with extreme displeasure, and any repetition of it would subject those concerned to the most serious consequences.

No. 523. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1872, No. 817.

RAILWAY, No. 87.

FORWARDED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for communication to the Railway authorities.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shumker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 12 RAILWAY.

Dated March 6, 1872.

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On the extreme importance of preventing
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