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No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 13th June 1873, Nos. 928—32 G.—R.:—

Extension to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers when proceeding "on duty." but paying their own fares, the privilege of travelling 2nd Class on payment of 3rd Class fares.

READ—

From Consulting Engineer, Calcutta, No. 582, dated the 17th March 1873, with enclosures.
To Government of India, Military Department, No. 509 G.—R., dated the 25th March 1873.
From Government of India, Military Department, No. 526, (Transport,—Railway), dated the 21st May 1873, with enclosure.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. S. TAYLOR, R.E., Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, the 17th March 1873, No. 582.

With reference to Public Works Department docket No. 1,270 R, dated 28th October 1868, and previous papers on the subject of the conveyance of officers by rail when not travelling with a railway warrant, I have the honour to forward a copy of the correspondence with the Agency, East Indian Railway, noted in the margin, from which it appears that any one under the rank of Warrant Officer is debarred.—under the provisions of Working Order No. 286, dated 27th November 1868, on the East Indian Railway, which formed an enclosure to Military Department docket No. 212, dated 7th January 1869, to your address,—from obtaining, on payment, a ticket at the reduced rate of fare.

2. To obviate this difficulty the Agency, it will be seen, are quite willing.—on the representation made to them by this Office, to apply the Working Order in question to all persons liable to the provisions of the Mutiny Act, as was originally proposed by Mr. Stephenson in the form of certificate forwarded under cover of this Office docket No. 1,255 G, dated 29th June 1868, and in this view I beg to suggest that Government in the Military Department may be moved to include certain other officers in the list of authority by whom Form E, shown in page 53 of the Transport Regulations, is to be signed, when the necessary instructions will be issued for carrying the arrangement into effect.

Note by Lieutenant W. S. S. BISSET, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer, to the Government of India, dated 17th February 1873.

At Allahabad, on the evening of the 13th, while I was talking with the Station-master, Allahabad, a man came up with a document in his hand to show that he, Sergeant Powlett, of the Stud. Dépôt, Saharunpore, was proceeding on duty to Bombay. On this certificate, which was signed by the Colonel commanding & superintending the Stud. Dépôt, he had been allowed to get a second-class ticket for third-class fare at Saharunpore for Allahabad, but the Station-master of the latter place said he had no orders for such a case, and he referred to Working Order, etc., No. 286 of the Traffic Department, which defined his powers and showed he was unable to allow the concession to any but Commissioned and Warrant Officers.

Working Order No. 286 does not appear to contemplate that any one of rank below that of Warrant Officer will be travelling by rail and paying his own fare.

Had the man produced a Quarter Master General's warrant, he would, of course, have got his second-class ticket, and the Government would have paid the third-class fare.

If the Military Department have not been made acquainted with the Traffic Order referred to, it would be well to send it and ask that officers in positions similar to that of the despatching officer in this case will be careful to issue or procure Quarter Master General's warrants for the conveyance by rail of their Non-Commissioned Officers when going on detached duty. In the

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present case the Non-Commissioned Officer in question was detained one day at least in Allahabad, and he may even have had further difficulty. I referred him to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General for assistance.

From Major C. H. LUARD, R.E., for Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, to the Chairman, Board of Agency, East Indian Railway, dated 5th March 1873, No. 466.

I have the honour to forward in original a memorandum by Lieutenant Blacet, Officiating Deputy Consulting Engineer, of a recent occurrence at the Allahabad Railway Station, which shows that under the Working Orders in force it is impossible for any one under the rank of Warrant Officer to obtain on payment tickets at the reduced rates applicable to all those travelling on duty.

The certificate which the Non-Commissioned Officer in this case produced was equivalent to a Station-Order, and would probably have been accepted as such, if the Working Order, treating of such cases, had allowed the Station-master to issue a ticket at the reduced rate to a Non-Commissioned Officer.

I conceive that it must be due to an oversight that arrangements have not been made to meet cases of this nature, and I should be glad to have an assurance from the Agency that they would consent to such an extension of the Working Order in question as would allow the station staff to accept payments for tickets at the reduced rate from any one coming under the provisions of the Mutiny Act, who may be obliged, while travelling on duty, to pay his own fare.

It would, of course, be necessary, as at present, that any one asking for this privilege should present at the station of departure a certified extract of his orders, or an equivalent certificate that he is travelling on duty.

From C. STEPHENSON, Esq., Chairman, Board of Agency, East Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, dated Calcutta, the 8th March 1873, No. 117 G.

I have the honour to acknowledge your No. 466, of March 5th, with its enclosure, which is herewith returned.

The question was raised in 1867, by the Military authorities, as to the right of any officer, when travelling at his own expense, and consequently paying his own fare at the railway station, to be carried in a first-class carriage at second class rate, and was settled by the following extract from a letter from Mr. Stephenson, dated 19th June 1868, "whether the officer is travelling on duty or for his own purposes. This is a question which the Government alone can decide, and which the Railway Company has never even discussed, as it clearly is, and always has been, in the power of the Government at any time to grant a free pass, and recover the amount from officers travelling on duty. If, as it would appear, there are conditions under which an officer has to travel on duty at his own expense, all that is required is a form of certificate and an intimation to the Railway Company before issuing them of the names of the officers who are empowered to grant them. I append a form of certificate which would relieve the Government of all the trouble of recovery and meet the Company's convenience as well."

This document was headed "Officer's Certificate," and entitled him to pay second-class fare for first-class accommodation. It was described as "available only for persons to whom the provisions of the Mutiny Act apply," in order to provide for all officers in the service of the State, and it referred to "officers" only, because the question throughout the correspondence referred only to "officers," and in this view Working Order No. 246 was issued. This form, however, does not appear to have been adopted.

The Form (E) adopted is shown in page 53 of the Transport Regulations, and is referred to in paragraph 148 as applicable only to Commissioned or Warrant Officers, which is precisely in accordance with Working Order No. 286.

General Order No. 773, of September 22nd, 1861, indicates the authorities by whom such forms are to be signed.

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This difficulty is similar to that which lately arose with reference to the conveyance of prisoners, and the cause is much the same as explained in my No. 127 G, of the 28th ultimo.

The Military authorities required arrangements to be made for Commissioned and Warrant Officers travelling on duty at their own expense, and arrangements were made accordingly. It would have been equally easy to do the same for all who come within the provisions of the Mutiny Act as proposed in the form offered by the Railway Company.

The Traffic Department can be instructed to apply Working Order No. 286 to all who come within the provisions of the Mutiny Act, but it will be necessary first for the Military authorities to include the Stud, and perhaps some other departments in the list of authorities by whom Form E is to be signed.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Military Department, dated Fort William, the 25th March 1873, No. 509 G.—R.

THE undersigned is directed to forward, in original (to be returned), for consideration in the Military Department, the accompanying communication, with its enclosure, from the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, on the subject of the conveyance by rail, otherwise than under a Railway Warrant, of all persons subject to the Mutiny Act.

Office Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel W. M. LEES, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 21st May 1873, No. 526.

In returning, as requested, the enclosures of the memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 509 G.—R. "Railway," dated the 25th March 1873, the undersigned has the honour to transmit a copy of a letter* from the

Quarter Master General, and to express the concurrence of the Military Department in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in regard to the proposal to extend to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, when proceeding "on duty," but paying their own fares, the privilege of travelling second-class on payment of third-class fares.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. S. ROBERTS, Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, (Transport—Railway), dated Simla, the 9th May 1873, No. 1,635.

In returning, as requested, the enclosures of Military Department endorsement No. 313, (Transport—Railway), dated 5th April 1873, I am directed to intimate that, in the opinion of the Right Hon'ble the Commander-in-Chief, the proposal to extend to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, when proceeding "on duty" at their own expense, the privilege of travelling second-class on payment of third-class railway fares, might with advantage be adopted on all lines of railway.

2. As regards the proposal to add to the number of officers empowered to sign the necessary certificates, I am directed to state that the authorities specified in paragraph 148, Transport Regulations, Part II., are considered sufficient for all ordinary purposes, and that in exceptional cases, where certificates may be required at other than Military cantonments, an application to the nearest Military authorities will, in His Excellency's opinion, provide for all requirements.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the papers now read be forwarded to the Local Governments and Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Governments of Madras and Bombay. Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
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