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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th September* 1873.

No. 258. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Guaranteed Railways,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 20th August 1873, No. 1,468 G. R. :—

THE Government of Bombay have brought to the notice of the Government of India that, under the orders in force for the preparation of the returns of Railway servants included in the accident reports, the reported numbers would include a large proportion of persons who would not be in any way exposed to accidents, while they would exclude a large body of work-people who, though not permanently employed by the Companies, would be exposed to considerable risk from the working of the traffic.

2. There is no doubt that a perfect record of accidents among servants of Railway Companies, or other persons employed on Railways, should include a statement of the total number of the persons whose duties render them liable to accident, or, if this cannot be ascertained, that there should at all events be a similarity of practice in the compilation of the returns of the different Railways. I am, therefore, directed to circulate the following suggestions made by the Government of Bombay, and to request that the opinion of the Government of Madras and the several Railway Agents on the subject may be communicated to the Government of India :—

"The accident return should include only the following servants, taking the average daily numbers for the whole year :—

"1. All persons employed in stations, including police.

"2. All persons employed in the maintenance of the way and works, exclusive of men entertained for special works.

"3. All persons employed on trains or running engines.

"Accidents in locomotive shops and on special works, such as bridges under construction on open line, are not included in the yearly return. A better basis of comparison between different lines will, therefore, be obtained by omitting the number of men so employed from the return."

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No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1873, No. 2,298.

RAILWAY, No. 40.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for an expression of his opinion after obtaining the views of the Railway Agents.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd., E. C. Shunker.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GUARANTEED RAILWAYS.

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To

No. 1468 G.—R.

*Dated* SIMLA, *August* 20, 1873.

*Received* 2nd September 1873

*Forwards, for an expression of opinion, certai suggestions made by the Government of Bomba regarding the class of Railway servants to be show in the Accident Returns.*

Withdrawn.

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Govt. of [1873] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 17th Septr. 73. No. 2298.

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Accident Returns.

Letter from the Govt of India regarding the Class of Railway Servants to be shown in returns, Comd & Mo Ry Engrs. with instructions.