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22nd May 1874.

No. 465. Read the following Resolution of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Telegraph,) dated Fort William, 27th April 1874, No. 269—89 T.:—

Employment of the Government Telegraph for Service messages.

Read—

Letter No. 16 of 9th April 1874, from Director-General of Telegraphs.

OBSERVATIONS.—In this letter the Director-General of Telegraphs has brought to notice that certain Service telegrams were considerably delayed in consequence of their having been tendered for transmission at a Railway Telegraph Office, instead of at the Government Telegraph Office at the same place.

2. The four messages in question occupied 5½ hours in passing over about 120 miles of railway line, and were then transferred to a Government Telegraph Office, and then occupied 1, 13, 26, and 64 minutes in being transmitted to destination, the distances being about 45, 360, 550 and 800 miles, respectively.

3. It may not be generally known that, whereas on Government lines all messages, except "precedence" ones, are sent in order of receipt at the Office, on Railway Telegraph lines messages relating to the business of the Railway have precedence, and that, consequently, messages not relating thereto, whether private or service, are liable to detention; it appears necessary, therefore, to inform all Government Officers that the Railway wires should not be used for the transmission of service messages at any place where there is a Government Telegraph Office, unless there is some special reason therefor, as for instance, if, at a station with only a 3rd Class Government Office, a message has to be despatched after the hour for closing the Government Office.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the several Local Governments and Administrations in the Public Works Department for information and guidance, and to the Departments of the Government of India.

Also, that a copy thereof be furnished to the Director-General of Telegraphs, for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 466. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1874, No. 1,371.

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