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8th June 1874.

No. 136. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 13th May 1874, No. 1,031-R:—

COPY of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, for information and any remarks they may desire to offer on the subjeet.

(By Order.)
(Signed) C. H. LUARD, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Under Secretary.

Extract fom Major J. H. White's Report, dated 2nd January 1874.

"IN connection with this accident I would wish to call attention to the manner of coloring the signals in this country; the arm is painted red, as in England, with one large white spot on it. I doubt this being sufficient. In India, after the rains are once over, the country soon assumes a very dried up, brownish tinge, and when the arm of the signal is standing out on this brown back ground and the sun is also shining at the back of the signal, it is astonishing how difficult it is to catch sight of the arm; when I first examined the signal at midday, I had no difficulty in detecting* it, but at 3 o'clock the case was quite different, and I found in advancing on to the signal, from the Narel side, it was no easy matter then to decide on the position of the arm, when at a distance of about 400 yards or even less.

* Collision occurred at 12 noon.

I doubt the advisability of painting the arm red, but if Railway custom requires it, I believe the arm would stand out much more clearly if it was made a little broader and edged round with white; a little labour and trouble bestowed on this point would, I am sure, be well repaid."

No. 621.

Railway Department, Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1874.

COPY forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) as requested in Officiating Under Secretary Major C. H. Luard's letter, No. 870-R, dated the 27th April 1874.

(Signed) J. S. TREVOR, Colonel, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1874, No. 1,507.

RAILWAY, No. 21.

FORWARDED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for any observations he may desire to offer in communication with the Railway authorities.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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