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No. 354. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railways,) dated Fort William, 15th July 1874, No. 18:—

Advisability of obtaining the Native servants of Railway Companies from local sources.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 849—58 G—R, dated 19th June 1872.

From Government in the North-Western Provinces, No. 416 R—C, dated 30th November 1872.

To ditto, No. 1,887 G—R, dated 13th December 1872.

Read also—

From Consulting Engineer at Lucknow, No. 1,642, dated 23rd August 1872.

From Government of Madras, No. 2,706, dated 18th November 1872.

From Consulting Engineer at Calcutta, No. 2,361, dated 26th November 1872.

From „ „ at Lahore „ 10 „ 3rd January 1873.

From Government of Bombay, No. 86, dated 20th January 1873.

From „ „ „ 147 „ 31st „ 1874.

From „ „ „ 292 „ 27th February „

OBSERVATIONS.—The Government of India in a Resolution of June 1872, stated that complaints of petty extortions on the part of gate-keepers and other inferior officers on the railways were still said to be frequent, and that railways were, it was believed, not so popular as they might be, owing possibly to the employment of foreigners at railway stations. It was added that even if the local supply was not equal to the demand for the better educated classes of servants, there could hardly be difficulty in obtaining from local sources men for the inferior positions. And all Local Governments and Officers charged with the control of railways were asked to express their opinions on the subject, and to submit Returns showing the Districts and Provinces to which the Native Station Masters, Goods Clerks, Porters and Gate-keepers belong.

2. Replies have now been received, and an abstract of the several Returns is attached to this Resolution.

3. These Returns show that the Native Staff on the railways in the Madras Presidency is, almost entirely, recruited locally, but that foreigners are, to some extent, employed at Railway stations in the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies. As regards the superior establishments, it is found, as might be expected, that the centres of education in and about Calcutta and Bombay supply a considerable proportion of trained servants to stations in distant Provinces. The inferior appointments, such as those of jemadars, pointsmen, etc., are, as a rule, filled from local sources, but men from Behar and the Upper Provinces who show a special aptitude for pointsmen's work, are in consequence largely employed in Bengal.

4. The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that it would tend to make railways more popular if Native servants were obtained altogether from local sources, but he would not lay down any rule by which this could be effected. Railway Companies have an interest in obtaining the best trained labor available,

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without reference to its nationality. Nevertheless, something might be done by engaging, as apprentices, youths locally educated, and training them to the duties of Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Signallers, etc., and the Governor-General in Council trusts that on lines where this is not now the practice, and especially on the State Railways, it may be found possible to introduce it.

ORDER.—Ordered, that copies of this Resolution and of the abstracts referred to be forwarded to the Governments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin for information and such action as may seem necessary.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab.
The Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, Outh, British Burmah and Mysore.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents, Governor-General, Central India and Rajpootana.
The Director of State Railways.
The Consulting Engineers for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.

Also, that a copy of the papers be sent to the Home Department for publication in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Deputy Secretary.

No. 355.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1874, No. 2,230.

RAILWAY, No. 56.

His Excellency the Governor in Council notices with approval the state of the Madras Railways as regards their almost entire dependence upon local sources for the supply of the necessary station and other establishments, and is confident that they will continue to be characterized by similar good arrangement.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Abstract Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the East Indian Railway belong.

	PROVINCE, BENGAL.		North Western Provinces.	Outh.	Punjab.	Central Provinces.	Madras.	Bombay.	Central India.	TOTAL
	Bengal Proper.	Behar.								
Portion of line between Calcutta and Patna — { Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ... Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers &c. ...	68 579	1 296	68	11	...	...	...	1	...	60 955
Portion of line between Patna and Delhi. — { Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ... Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers &c. ...	43 3	2 160	7 550	...	3	...	...	...	...	52 781
Jubbulpore Line. — { Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ... Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers &c. ...	15 1	1 6	...	10	...	49	1	1	25	17 172
Whole Line. { Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ... Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers &c. ...	126 583	4 462	7 698	85	3	49	1	2	26	138 1,908
Total	709	466	705	85	3	49	1	2	26	2,046

Abstract Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the Eastern Bengal Railway, Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway, Nulhatee Railway and Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway (the portion open in 1872) belong.

	PROVINCE, BENGAL			N. W. Provinces.	Oudh.	Total.
	Bengal Proper.	Behar.	Punjab.			
Eastern Bengal Railway	100	...	...	...	...	100
Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway	201	62	30	...	...	293
Nulhatee Railway	8	...	...	1	...	8
Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway	21	7	...	...	...	30
	10	...	...	...	...	10
	5	4	...	1	...	10
	39	...	...	9	2	50
	25	...	2	34	115	176

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Abstract Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the Punjab Section of the Sindh, Punjab and Delhi Railway belong.

	PROVINCE, PUNJAB			N. W. Provinces.	Oudh.	Rajasthan.	Cashmere.	Not traceable.	Total
	Bengal Proper.	Behar.	Punjab.						
Portion of Line lying in North Western Prov.	5	...	16	20	...	...	...	...	41
Portion of Line lying in the Punjab.	10	...	32	174	...	...	...	...	249
Whole Line.	15	...	48	194	...	...	...	...	390
	3	...	21	114	...	...	...	...	165
	10	...	31	114	...	...	...	...	267
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Abstract Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the Great Southern of India Railway belong.

	Madras.	North Arcot.	Bellary.	Mysore.	Salem.	Coimbatore.	Cochin and Travancore.	Godavery.	Madura and Tinnevely.	Tanjore and Trichinopoly.	South Arcot.	Nizam's Dominions.	Bombay.	Total.
Stations in the Tanjore District.	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	32	..	..	..	36
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ..														
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	..	1	..	93
Stations in the Trichinopoly District.	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	..	..	19
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ..														
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	40	..	3	1	50
Stations in the Coimbatore District.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	11
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ..														
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	..	1	..	..	3	18	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	24
Stations in the Nizam's Dominions.	3	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	53	1	..	..	66
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...														
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	..	2	2	..	4	18	..	1	1	134	..	4	1	167
Whole Line	5	2	3	1	4	19	1	1	2	289	1	4	1	333
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Abstract Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway belong.

	Bombay.	Central Provinces.	Baroda.	Nizam's Dominions.	Madras.	Bengal.	North-Western Provinces.	Orissa.	Punjab.	Central India.	Rajpootana.	Mysore.	Cochin.	Other places (localities not traceable.)	Total.
Portion of Railway in Bombay Presidency.	390	3	..	1	6	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	407
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...															
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	1,303	13	1	36	7	6	33	70	1	10	14	..	..	12	1,506
Portion of Railway in the Central Provinces.	130	27	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	161
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...															
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	57	144	4	10	7	8	120	48	4	10	7	..	..	6	434
Portion of Railway in the Baroda.	59	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...															
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	57	16	18	19	3	1	58	43	7	3	..	..	..	..	225
Portion of Railway in the Nizam's Dominions.	32	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...															
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	76	2	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	93
Portion of Railway in the Nizam's Dominions.	611	31	1	5	10	..	2	1	..	1	2	..	1	2	667
Station Masters, Booking Clerks, Ticket Collectors, &c. ...															
Pointsmen, Porters, Gate-keepers, &c. ...	1,493	175	23	79	17	15	211	161	12	32	21	1	..	18	2,258
Whole Line	2,104	206	24	84	27	15	213	162	12	33	23	1	1	20	2,925
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

VII.
SUMMARY.

Statement showing the Provinces to which the Native Station Staff on the several Railways belong.

	Bengal	North Western Provinces	Oudh.	Punjab	Cashmere.	Central India.	Rajpootana.	Central Provinces.	Berars.	Nizam's Domi.	Bombay.	Mysore.	Madras.	Cochin and Travancore.	Others not traceable.	Total.
East Indian Railway	130	7	85	3	..	26	..	49	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	183
Eastern Bengal Railway	1,045	699	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1,908
Eastern Bengal Railway	100	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Calcutta and South-Eastern State Railway	263	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	263
Calcutta and South-Eastern State Railway	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Nalhati State Railway	23	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Nalhati State Railway	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway	39	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Siakh, Punjab and Delhi Railway (Punjab Section)	25	31	115	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	176
Siakh, Punjab and Delhi Railway	15	31	1	99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
Madras Railway	9	320	186	613	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	203	..	..	1,155
Madras Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	703	..	..	790
Great Southern of India Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	64	..	..	66
Great Southern of India Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	103	..	..	167
Great Indian Peninsula Railway	15	211	161	12	..	82	21	175	23	79	611	..	17	..	..	667
Great Indian Peninsula Railway	302	49	4	99	..	1	2	31	1	5	611	1	277	..	..	1,801
All Lines	1,804	1,265	549	660	1	58	23	224	23	83	1,406	20	941	8	..	787
Total	1,806	1,314	552	759	1	59	25	255	24	88	2,107	29	1,218	7	..	44,817

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