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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1874.*

No. 692. Read the following Docket of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 28th July 1874, No. 1,749 R. :—

Copy of the following forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) with the request that the required information may be furnished at an early date.

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

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 20th July 1874.

No. 2,681.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. ROBERTS, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, (Transport Railways,) dated Calcutta, 13th July 1874.

WITH reference to the annexed extracts from the Returns of Rolling stock on the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways for the year ending December 31st, 1873, received with your No. 929,*

* Transport Railways.

dated April 20th, 1874, I am directed by

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to request the following information, with the view to the compilation of the Return noted in my No. 2,680-C, dated 13th instant.

2. Covered goods wagons, measuring 15' 6" x 7' 6" of the Scinde, Punjab and Delhi Railway, have been used on an emergency for the conveyance of six troop horses each; no alteration was made to the wagons except that half of one door on one side of each was fastened back for ventilation, and three bamboos nailed across the apertures; information is solicited whether the covered goods wagons noted in the annexure could not be used for the same purpose, and, if so, what number of horses each would contain. For long journeys, or in the case of the despatch of a large number of horses, it is considered advisable that the roofs of the wagons in this Presidency should either be partially or wholly removed, which the Railway authorities state could be done in a few hours. This may be absolutely necessary in all cases as regards the similar vehicles in the Madras Presidency, as their height is not given in the annual Returns.

3. The high-sided goods wagons on the Scinde, Punjab and Delhi Railway, measuring 15' 6" x 8' 0" will also on an emergency transport six horses each; and it is observed that there are 1,187, and 50 of this description of vehicle on the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways, respectively, but it is not stated that they will contain any horses, and I am directed to suggest that the Military and Railway authorities in the Madras Presidency be requested to consider whether these vehicles could be used for the purpose, and, if so, how many horses could be conveyed in each.

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4. I am instructed to add that to render open vehicles safe for the transport of horses, it is advisable the sides should be 5 feet high, or that a rail should be added to render them that height, it is therefore requested that the height of those of the high-sided goods wagons, as well as of those of the coke wagons entered in the enclosure, may be stated.

Extracts from the Annual Returns of Rolling Stock on the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways, for the year ending 31st December 1873.

Railways.	Description.	Number of each in use.	Number each will hold horses.	INTERNAL DIMENSION.	
				Length.	Breadth.
				FT. IN.	FT. IN.
Madras ...	Covered goods wagons ...	48	...	15 3	7 4
	Coke do. do. ...	388	6	15 3	7 9½
	High-sided open goods do. ...	1,857	...	15 3	8 2
Great Southern of India ...	Covered goods wagons ...	150	...	14 3½	7 8
	High-sided goods do. ...	50	...	14 9	7 9

(Signed) FRED. ROBERTS, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Quartermaster-General.

No. 1,227.

Corr of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department, with reference to the communication thence, No. 744 G. R., dated 9th April 1874, for favor of compliance with the wishes of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By order,)

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Lieut.-Colonel,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 693.

ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1874, No. 2,439.

RAILWAY, No. 91.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways who will, in communication with the Military and Railway authorities, submit the information called for by the Government of India.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Military Department.

Encl. T. O'Connor.
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To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

RAILWAYS.

&c., &c.,

Dated August 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th August 1874, No. 2,439

AUGUST.

Nos. 692-693

Covered, etc., Wagons for the conveyance of Troop horses by Railway.—Docket from the Government of India, forwarding copy of letter addressed by the Quartermaster General desiring information in regard to the use on an emergency of certain wagons for the conveyance of troop horses, communicated to the Consulting Engineer with instructions.

P. W. 1874 Dept
No: 4870
From

The Govt. of India
Dated 28 July 1874
Recd. 4th Aug 1874

E. IV
No: 1749 R.

Forwarding copy
of letter addressed by the
Quartermaster General
desiring information
in regard to the use
on an emergency of
Covered, etc., wagons
for the conveyance
of troop horses.
With an order

Comd to the Secy for P.W.
who will in commⁿ with the military
authorities submit the information
called for by the War Dept.
24/9/74.
692-693.
Dated 16 Oct 5th Aug 1874.

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To *Mr. Genl. Inq. J. J.*

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O., 28 Aug 1874, No. 2439

No. 692-693.

Conveyance of Troop
horses, Comd. to the Prof.
Ingr. with instructions.

Covered V^{ce} Wagner for
the conveyance of Troop
horses by Railway.
~~Exemption~~ by the Govt.
of India, forwarding copy
of letter addressed by the
Dr. Mr. Genl. desiring
information in regard to
the use on an emergency
of certain wagons for the