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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1874.*

No. 52. Read the following letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E.,
Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works
Department, (State Railways,) to the Governments of Madras, Bombay,
Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab; the Chief Commis-
sioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, and British Burmah; the Resident
at Hyderabad, and the Agents to the Governor-General for Central India
and Rajpootana, dated Fort William, 10th December 1873, Nos. 1,815—
25 S. R. :—

I AM directed to forward for information copy of a Circular No. 37, dated
10th December 1873, conveying the instructions of the Government of India with
regard to the proof of the practical acquaintance of all persons employed in the
Traffic Department of State Railways with the language of the district in which
they may be employed.

Circular letter from Colonel H. DRUMMOND, R.E., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Govern-
ment of India, Public Works Department, (State Railways,) to the Consulting Engineer
to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta; the Chief Engineer,
Punjab Northern State Railway; the Officiating Engineer-in-Chief, Indus Valley State
Railway; the Superintending Engineers, Agra and Delhi Districts of the Rajpootana
State Railway, Holkar, Neemuch, Northern Bengal, West Rajpootana and Sindia State
Railways, dated Fort William, 10th December 1873, No. 37 Railway.

It has frequently been brought to the notice of the Government of India that some of the
officers and subordinates employed in conducting the traffic on Indian Railways have not a
sufficient acquaintance with the language of the people to enable them to converse freely and
intelligibly with native passengers and traders.

2. Without this knowledge it is impossible that railway business can be carried on properly.
His Excellency in Council therefore lays down as a rule that every person to be appointed in any
capacity to the Traffic Department of a State Railway must have at least a sufficient colloquial
knowledge of the language of the district in which he will be employed, to enable him to under-
stand and speak freely and readily in conversation with natives of the country.

3. Such tests as may be found necessary will be laid down hereafter. In the meantime all
officers in charge of State Railways are directed to appoint no one to any post in the Traffic
Department, and to promote no one now holding an appointment in that department until they have
personally satisfied themselves that he has actually the knowledge contemplated by these instruc-
tions. Further, before recommending a person for appointment by the Government of India, it
should invariably be ascertained that the applicant possesses the required knowledge of the
vernacular language, which fact should be reported in making a recommendation.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1874, No. 259.

RAILWAY, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
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to the Consulting Engineer.

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THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY,
BENGAL, NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES,
AND THE PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF OUDH, CEN-
TRAL PROVINCES, AND BRITISH BURMAH.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD, AND THE
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The Honble Mr. C. S. Iyer
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