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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st November 1875.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 18th October 1875, Nos. 2,577-84 R.—

Experiments in embarking and disembarking troops, &c, on and from Railway Trains.

Read—

No 305 S, dated 14th September 1875, from the Government of India, Military Department

No 4,804, dated 30th July 1875, and annexure from the Quartermaster-General of the Army.

OBSERVATIONS.—Some valuable experiments in embarking and disembarking troops, horses, and guns on to and from Railway trains were made during the cold season of 1874-75 at Bareilly, Meerut, Allahabad and Agra, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The result of the exercises then carried out, aided by the cordial co-operation of the Railway officials was satisfactory, and Lord Napier of Magdala recommends that advantage be taken of the gathering of a large force at Delhi during the ensuing cold season to prosecute the experiments on an extended scale, on both the broad and narrow gauge lines of Railway

3 With this view the Honorable the President in Council is pleased to sanction the assembling of a Committee composed of Military and Railway Officers presided over by a General Officer. The Consulting Engineers to Government at Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow will be Members of the Committee, and, with the permission of the Agencies of the East Indian, Scinde, Punjab and Delhi, Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway Companies, they will be requested to obtain the services of Mr. R. Pearce, Mr. Bocquet, and Mr. Cooke as Members of the Committee for such time as these gentlemen can without inconvenience be spared from their own duties. The Director of State Railways will be a Member of the Committee, and he will select two officers under his orders, one from the broad and the other from the narrow gauge system of State Railways, to be on the Committee.

4 His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be pleased to nominate the President of the Committee and the Military Members, who should be selected from each branch of the service

5 In order that a record may be taken of the Proceedings, an Officer of the Royal Engineers will be appointed as Secretary to the Committee, and a full and complete report submitted for the information of the Government of India, illustrated by plans and sections of the patterns of rolling stock recommended by the Committee to be generally adopted on the broad and narrow gauge railways, suitable as far as possible, both for military and commercial purposes. By broad and narrow gauges are to be understood the standard 5 feet 6 inches gauge and the metre gauge 3 feet 3 inches

6 The Governments of Madras and Bombay are invited to send representative officers fully acquainted with carriage and wagon building from each of the Guaranteed Railways in those Presidencies to attend the Committee as Members

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st November 1875.*

ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department and to the Quartermaster-General of the Army for information and the issue of the necessary orders

2 Also to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, to the Director of State Railways, and to the Consulting Engineers for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow for information and guidance.

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

Nos 6 & 7

ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1875, No. 3,088.

RAILWAY, No 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Military Department. The Consulting Engineer

will invite the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways to nominate an officer of each Company possessing the required qualifications as regards carriage and wagon building to join the Committee.

2. The Government of India will be requested to avail themselves also of the services of Major C J. Smith, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, as a Member of the Committee, that Officer having been appointed one of the deputation of Military Officers to represent the Madras Army at the Delhi Camp.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government

No 8

(DOCKET No 3,089, dated 1st November 1875)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *1 Nov 75*

Read the following —

Government of India (M No 2577 R dated 18 Oct 75)

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Military Department. The Consulting Engineer will invite the Agents of the Madras and South Indian Railways to nominate an Officer of each Company possessing the required qualifications as regards Carriage and Wagon building to join the Committee.

The Govt. of India will be requested to avail themselves also of the services of Major C. J. Smith R.E. D.

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Dated 12-11-75

Mr. J. H. P. for
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Committee, that
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one of the depu-
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represent the
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requested to avail themselves of the services of Major C. J. Smith M. B. Lt. Col. Eng. for P. W., who will be present at the Camp of Exercise.

Forwarding copy of orders on P. W. of the Fort of India, regarding the Committee the concerned at Delhi and requesting that the services of Major C. J. Smith M. B. Lt. Col. Eng. for P. W. may be availed of who will be present at the Delhi Camp of Exercise —

Accounting of a Committee at Delhi

of the Fort of India issuing instructions for — to experiment on the construction & disembarking of troops on & from P. W. trains, and requesting that representative officers may be sent from Madras, Communicate to the Eng. for P. W., with instructions: The Fort of India