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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th January 1875.*

No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Fort William, 5th December 1874, Nos. 3,082—88 R —

Locking of doors of carriages in troop-trains.

Read again—

Military Department No 158 ^{Transport}_{Railway}, dated 3rd July 1874.

Public Works Department Nos 1,642—8 R, dated 17th July 1874, to the Government of Madras, Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow, the Director of State Railways, and Government of Bombay.

Read also—

From Consulting Engineer for Guaranteed Railways, Lahore, No 1,013, of 28th July 1874.

From Director of State Railways, No 1,942 W, of 8th August 1874

From Consulting Engineer for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, No 2,372, of 10th August 1874

From Government of Madras, Nos 2,223 and 2,518, dated 12th August and 5th September 1874

From Consulting Engineer for Guaranteed Railways, Lucknow, No. 2,212, dated 11th September 1874

From Government of Bombay, No 1,379, dated 6th October 1874

RESOLUTION—An accident occurred to a troop-train on the 14th February 1874 near the Chandnee Station on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and it was ascertained that both doors of the passenger carriages were locked. This practice seemed to be dangerous, but, before taking any action, the Government of India thought it desirable to inquire what is the general practice on lines of railway in India, and if there were any objections to the proposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that only one door of carriages in troop-trains should be locked. The result of the inquiries is, with one exception, either to the effect that, on all Guaranteed Lines, only one door is locked, or that, there is no objection on the part of Agents to establishing that rule, the Military Authorities at the same time taking suitable precautions that men do not leave the carriages at improper times. The Director of State Railways also concurs in this view.

On the other hand, the Agent of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway prefers locking both doors, but is not supported by the Government of Bombay, except in regard to carriages conveying women, children, and followers

Under these circumstances, the Government of India desire that one door only—that on the off side of all passenger carriages in troop trains—shall remain locked, as is the practice in England

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be sent to the Military Department, in reply to its Memorandum, No. 158 ^{Transport}_{Railway}, dated 3rd July 1874, and in view to the issue of such orders as His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may think necessary.

Madras, Bombay, Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore,
and Lucknow, and Director of State Railways.

Also, to the Governments and
Officers noted in the margin for information and guidance.

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

Deputy Secretary

11 Nov 1875

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11th January 1875.

No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1875, No. 69.

RAILWAY, No. 17.

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

2. It is observed that on the Railways in this Presidency carriage doors are never locked on both sides.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Military Department.

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