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No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department (Railway,) dated Fort William, 11th April 1876, Nos. 989—95 R.:—

Performance of the Train Service on the Railways over which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales travelled during his visit to India.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 3,200—6 R., of the 21st December 1875, laying down rules in connection with the running of Railway Trains for His Excellency the Viceroy, and for Members of the Royal Family of England.

Read also—

Letters from the Consulting Engineer, to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Lucknow, No. 144 of 21st January 1876, and No. 519 of 18th March 1876.

Letters from Consulting Engineer, to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Lahore, No. 103 of 26th January 1876, and Nos. 140 and 223 of 4th and 22nd February 1876.

Letters from Consulting Engineer, to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, No. 241 of 4th February 1876, and No. 573 of 15th March 1876.

Letters from Director of State Railways, Nos. 0152, 0168, 0188, 0190 and 0254 W., of the 5th, 7th, 12th, and 12th February and 1st March 1876, respectively.

Letter from Government of Bombay, No. 347 of 20th March 1876.

Telegram, dated 6th April 1876, from Madras Public Works, to Public Works Department, Government of India.

OBSERVATIONS.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales travelled on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway from Parell to Poona and back in November 1875, and from Jubbulpore to Khundwa, and from thence to Dadur Junction in March 1876. The instructions issued by the Railway authorities were clear and distinct, and the service was performed with discretion and punctuality. The general arrangements made by the Railway Officers met with the approval of His Royal Highness, who was pleased to express personally his satisfaction to the Railway Agent.

On the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, His Royal Highness travelled from Bombay to Baroda in November 1875, also to Mucknypura and Mehmoodabad, and thence back to Bombay on the 23rd November 1875. On the 11th March 1876 His Royal Highness also travelled on this line from Dadur Junction to Bombay. The service was performed with safety, but the arrangements on the departure of His Royal Highness from Baroda, on the evening of the 23rd November 1875, were somewhat unsatisfactory.

In the Madras Presidency, His Royal Highness travelled from Tuticorin to Trichinopoly, and on to Erode on the South Indian Railway, and from Erode to Madras on the Madras Railway in December 1875. The service rendered on the Madras lines was satisfactory.

On the East Indian Railway, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales travelled in January 1876 from Howrah to Bankipore, and thence to Benares, also from Cawnpore to Delhi; and from Delhi to Ghazeeabad, in going to the Punjab, and from Ghazeeabad to Agra in returning thence. In February His Royal Highness travelled from Agra to Alligrah and in March from Cawnpore to Allahabad, and on to Jubbulpore.

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The orders issued concerning the details of working the Royal Train by the authorities of the East Indian Railway were such as to ensure punctuality in running, combined with all possible precautions for safety.

On the conclusion of the journey to Jubbulpore His Royal Highness was pleased to record his thanks personally to the Officiating Agent and Traffic Manager for their attention to him, and to commend the Railway arrangements in connection with the several State ceremonials of arrival and departure of trains during the different journeys made upon the line by His Royal Highness.

On the Sindh, Punjab, and Delhi Railway, His Royal Highness travelled from Ghazeeabad to Lahore, and from Lahore to Ghazeeabad in January 1876. The train service was performed with safety and punctuality, and the satisfaction of His Royal Highness was expressed concerning the general arrangements.

On the Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway His Royal Highness travelled from Benares to Cawnpore and Lucknow in January 1876; from Aligurh to Moradabad in February 1876, and from Bareilly to Cawnpore in March 1876. The train service was performed with punctuality and safety.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales travelled over several of the State Railways in different parts of India.

On the Punjab Northern State Railway His Royal Highness proceeded from Lahore to Wazirabad and back to Lahore in January 1876. In connection with this journey, the ceremony of driving the last rivet for the completion of the bridge over the Chenab River was performed by His Royal Highness. The arrangements made for the ceremony and afterwards at the Wazirabad Station met with the approval of His Royal Highness, which was personally expressed to the Engineer-in-Chief of the State Railway.

On the Rajputana State Railway, His Royal Highness travelled from Agra to Bhurtore and back in January 1876, and from Agra to Jeypore and back in February 1876.

The train service on each occasion was well performed, and the general arrangements were good, and His Royal Highness was pleased to express his approval to the Manager.

His Royal Highness travelled over the open line of the Holkar State Railway in March 1876. The service was done well and elicited an expression of approval from His Royal Highness.

RESOLUTION.—Taking into consideration the length of the journeys, aggregating in all 4,829 miles, performed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on Indian Railways, and the difficulties with which the Railway authorities had to contend, consequent on an augmented traffic at a time when efforts were needed to ensure the safety of the Royal Train, and the personal convenience and comfort of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to record his high appreciation of the services rendered by the Railway Officials of all ranks.

This good result has been attained both by the well-considered arrangements and comprehensive directions of those in chief authority and by the loyal exertions of all the members of the different Railway Departments.

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ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, the Consulting Engineers at Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow, and to the Director of State Railways for information and for communication to the officers concerned under their orders. Also to the Home Department for publication in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Government of India.

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To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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