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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th September 1876. No. 2,521*

No. 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 6th September 1876, Nos 2,296—2,302 R —

Carriage of Prisoners by Rail.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution, Nos 834—39 R, dated 25th March 1875.
Letter from Consulting Engineer, Calcutta, No 2,102, dated 10th August 1875
Public Works Department to Home Department, No. 2,174 R, dated 2nd September 1875.
Letter from Consulting Engineer, Calcutta, No. 2,708, dated 22nd October 1875
Public Works Department to Home Department, No 2,753, dated 16th November 1875
Public Works Department, Nos. 1,009—13 R, to Local Governments and Administrations, dated 13th April 1876
Home Department Circulars dated 7th April and 22nd September 1875

Read also—

From Consulting Engineer, Calcutta, No 1,029, dated 1st May 1876	
" " " " 1,098, " 11th " "	
" " " " 1,155, " 17th " "	
" " Bombay, " 591, " 17th " "	
" " Lahore, " 670, " 23rd " "	
" " Madras, " 1,488, " 15th June "	
" " Lucknow, " 1,241, " 21st " "	

OBSERVATIONS —In Public Works Department Resolution, Nos 834—39 R, dated 25th March 1875, the Government of India directed that, on all railways, carriages conveying prisoners should be provided with iron-frames in the manner adopted on the East Indian Railway, the precise arrangement being ascertained from that Railway Company, and that when prisoners have to be transferred from one carriage to another, timely notice should be given to the Railway authorities in view to similar frames being provided at the station of transfer.

2. In August 1875 the Consulting Engineer, Calcutta, reported that the East Indian Railway Company had agreed to carry prisoners in the compartments of third-class carriages and when the number of the prisoners and guards together amounted to six persons, or failing that number, if payment was made for that number of seats that Company agreed to reserve a compartment, and for the proper security of the prisoners, the Company had agreed also to provide iron removable frames to the windows of such compartments, fixed by means of a padlocked bar outside. Recently, however, orders were issued in Home Department Circular of 22nd September 1875, suggesting whether it would not suffice if a reserved compartment were to be engaged only when the number of prisoners with the guard were enough to fill a compartment, or when a dangerous prisoner, for whose safe custody special precautions were necessary, was sent by rail. These orders the Railway Company considered opposed to the understanding under which prisoners were carried in ordinary third-class carriages.

3 Since then the views of the Local Governments and Administrations have been invited by the Government of India on the subject of reserving accommodation in Railway trains for the carriage of prisoners.

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RESOLUTION.—On consideration of the replies received, it does not seem possible, owing to difference in design of rolling stock, to adopt one uniform rule for the segregation of certain classes of prisoners when travelling by rail in India; but His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that the original cost of the iron-frames shall in all cases be paid by the Local Government and not by the railway, and that a sufficient number of frames should be provided on the different lines of railway in India to meet the probable wants of prisoner traffic, the number of frames needed for each railway being determined by records of past demands.

East Indian Railway	{	Eight fares for each third-class compartment capable of holding 10 passengers	Whenever it is required by the Police authorities that iron-frames shall be attached and consequently compartments reserved for the transport of prisoners then payment will be made at the rates noted on the margin. Prisoners may be carried by ordinary trains at ordinary
Eastern Bengal Railway			
Sindh, Punjab and Delhi Railway	{	Six fares for each lower-class compartment capable of holding 8 passengers	
State Railways broad gauge			
Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway	{	Twelve fares for one-half of a second-class carriage capable of holding 20 passengers	
South Indian Railway			
State Railways, narrow gauge.	{	Prison vans fitted up with movable gratings, divided into two compartments, capable of holding 20 passengers each. One or both compartments can be reserved by payment of either 20 or 40 third class fares	
Madras Railway			
Great Indian Peninsula Railway	{		

rates if the precaution of attaching the iron-frames is not required by the Police authorities.

ORDER —Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and to the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow for information and for issue of the necessary instructions to the Railway Companies

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Director of State Railways for information and for communication to the Managers of State Railways opened for public traffic.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Home Department for information.

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R E,
Dy. Secy to the Govt of India.

No. 345. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1876, No 2,521

RAILWAY, No 29.

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

(True Extract)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
" Judicial Department
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.

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To

The Governments of Madras and Bombay.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of
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Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Director of State Railways
The Home Department

Nos. 2296—2302 R.

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