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No 373 Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway), dated Simla, 1st September 1876, Nos 2,232—45 R

Proposed conference at Calcutta between Railway and Government Officers

Read—

- 1 —Public Works Department Resolution, Nos 1,233—8 R, dated 15th May 1875
To Secretary of State, No 65 R, dated 15th May 1875
- 2 —Despatch to Secretary of State, No 84 R, dated 19th May 1874
" to " " " 124 R, " 11th July 1876
- 3 —To Government of Madras and Consulting Engineers, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow,
Nos 302—5 G—R, dated 24th February 1873
From Government of Bombay, No 421, dated 24th March 1874
To Director of State Railways, No 1,749 R, dated 11th July 1876
- 4 —From Military Department, No 252 (Transport Railway), dated 5th April 1876, submitting
report of Military Railway Transport Committee assembled at Delhi in February 1876
- 5 —Public Works Department Resolution, Nos 1,286—91 G—R, dated 12th August 1872
- 6 — " " Nos 1,195—9 R, dated 15th May 1876, to Governments of
Madras and Bombay and the Consulting Engineers at Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow
- 7 —Public Works Department Circular No 17 R, dated 23rd September 1875
- 8 —From Director of State Railways, No 1,850 E, dated 6th August 1874
To " " No 869 E—R, " 20th November 1874
Public Works Department Circular, Nos 101—16 E—R, dated 5th February 1874
- 9 —Despatch from Secretary of State, No 5 R, dated 6th January 1876
From Government of Madras, No 789, dated 28th March 1876

OBSERVATIONS—The papers read are on the following subjects, with the exception of No 10, viz,—

- (1) Standard dimensions.
- (2) Continuous brake-power on trains
- (3) Communication between passenger and train staff and between guard and driver
- (4) Adaptation of rolling-stock to Military purposes and duties of Railway servants in time of war
- (5) Establishment of a clearing-house
- (6) Simplification of fares and goods tariff and the assimilation of systems of working as far as possible on all Railways
- (7) Means to promote the comfort and convenience of Railway travellers
- (8) Wages and allowances to Railway employés
- (9) Pensions, "Bonuses" or Provident Fund for Railway employés if any to be established and which to be preferred
- (10) Training and industrial schools for children of Railway employés with a view to their useful employment in India, including the establishment of hill sanatoria for the employés and their wives and families

RESOLUTION—There are so many and important points, remaining to be settled in connection with all of the foregoing subjects, that it is deemed advisable to invite representatives from all the Guaranteed and State Railways in India and Burmah

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and from the Consulting Engineers' Department of the three Presidencies to a conference to be held in Calcutta, probably some time in January next, for the purpose of discussing these questions, and with a view to aid the Government of India in coming to a right conclusion in regard to them

2 A detailed list of the inquiries on each of the subjects above mentioned will be circulated for information hereafter, when the date of the assembly of the proposed conference can be more definitely fixed than it can be at present. In the meantime the opinions of all officers, both of the upper and subordinate and of the mechanical classes, interested in any of the above subjects are freely invited, and may be submitted direct to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Department

3 The Secretary of State has been requested to acquaint the several Boards of Directors with the wishes of the Government of India in this matter, and to seek the co-operation of the Directors of the several Railway Companies by the issue by them of suitable instructions to their Agents in India

4 Delegates from the Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay and from the leading merchants, European and Native, of the principal towns are invited to attend the proposed conference and to submit papers to be read at it.

Madras
Bombay
Central Provinces
British Burmah
Hyderabad.

Director of State Railways
Consulting Engineer, Calcutta.
" " Lahore
" " Lucknow

ORDER—Ordered, that a copy of the above be sent to the Governments, Administrations and Officers noted on the margin for information

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial, Foreign, Military, and Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce Departments of the Government of India for information.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Home Department for information and for publication in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*

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

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(True Extract)

Colonel,

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

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" Chairman Chamber of Commerce

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