

G.O., No. 733-34R

DATED 27 Sept 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. A. J. E. Spring, Orders that a letter be sent to the Govt of India stating that the Governor in Council will be glad if it can be arranged that — may continue during Mr. D. E. Speott's absence, and permanently if that officer should not return to serve as Comdg. Engineer for Ry. & Joint Secretary in the P.W.D. of this Government.

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will be addressed.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

~~REVENUE DEPARTMENT~~

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Coety, the 27th Sept 1897.

SIR,

With reference to ^{my letter} ~~of the 16th Aug.~~~~Ref.~~ No. 559.R. dated the 16th Aug. 97reporting that ~~Mr.~~ Mr. C.W. Hodson, who previous tothe 19th August 96 was officiating as Consulting ^{had been permitted} Engineer in Jt. Sec. P.W.D. with the ^{to} ~~first~~ ^{to} return within the period of his leave, I am

directed to say that His Excellency the

Governor of India ^{in Council} will be glad if it

can be arranged that Mr. F.J.S. Spring

may continue, during Mr. F.R. Hyslop's absence,

and permanently if that officer should not

return, to serve as Consulting Engineer and

Joint Secretary in the P.W. Dept. of this

Govt.

2 - Now that Mr. Spring has become

H.S. The Governor.

I have drafted this in the sense
of your Excellency's remarks to-day.
and as I am advised that it
is more correct that Col Campbell
should sign it rather than Mr. Price,
Col. C. has been good enough to
initial the draft.

F.R.S.

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Documents accompanying:-

Despatched on 27.9.97

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averse to making another change.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENT.

Calcutta, the 23rd March 1888.

Amalgamation of the office of the Director General of Railways with that of the Railway Branch of the Public Works Department, and procedure in regard to work done by the Director General of Railways, on behalf of the Government of India, in connection with returns relating to Construction, Traffic, Stores, and compilation of Railway statistics generally.

Read again:—

- 1.—Circular No. XXXVII Ry., dated September 6th, 1881, defining the functions of the Director General of Railways and other Railway officers.
- 2.—Correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Government of India regarding the constitution, duties, and establishment charges of the Office of the Director General of Railways, ending with Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 75, dated 14th July 1887.
- 3.—Note by the Director General of Railways on Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 75, dated 14th July 1887.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Office of the Director General of Railways was constituted on its present footing in November 1884, but as the arrangements which were then provisionally introduced have not received the approval of the Secretary of State, the Government of India has had under consideration the alterations which it is necessary to make in order to give effect to the Secretary of State's orders. These orders contemplate a further decentralization of the executive control of Railways, and after a full consideration of the subject the Government of India has decided that the wishes of the Secretary of State can best be carried out by amalgamating the Office establishment of the Director General of Railways with that of the Railway Branch of the Public Works Department, and by transferring the control of the Tonghoo-Mandalay Extension and the Bengal and North-Western Railway, from the Director General of Railways to the Chief Commissioner, Burma, and the Consulting Engineer, Lucknow, respectively.

2. Further decentralization will probably be feasible on the completion of the North-Western Frontier Railways, but for the present it is considered advisable that the Director General of Railways should retain the executive control of this system.

3. It now becomes necessary to define clearly what will be the functions of the Director General of Railways under the proposed reorganisation. These changes will not in any way affect his duties as Deputy Secretary in the Railway Branch of the Public Works Department, but in his position as Director General of Railways he will for the future be the adviser and delegate of the Government of India in all matters connected with Railway administration.

4. In order that his duties in this respect may be effectively performed, it is essential that the Director General of Railways should communicate directly with all Local Governments and Consulting Engineers in regard to matters with which he will now deal on behalf of the Government of India.

RESOLUTION.—In future, therefore, the returns enumerated in the appendix, the majority of which have hitherto been forwarded to the Government of India, will be sent direct by Local Governments and Administrations, as well as by Consulting Engineers, to the Director General of Railways, and the corres-

pondence connected with these returns will similarly pass direct between the Director General of Railways and the Local Governments or Consulting Engineers concerned. Irregularities of any kind which may be detected by means of these returns, or inaccuracies in them which need correction, will be brought to notice by the Director General of Railways in direct communication. In the event, however, of any Local Government objecting to the decision of the Director General of Railways in connection with any of these matters, the correspondence should be forwarded to the Government of India for orders.

2. In addition to having complete control over the compilation and record of all statistics, and the reviewing of all matters connected with the traffic and working of open lines, the Director General of Railways will be vested with powers of inspection over the whole Railway system in India, and all correspondence from inspecting officers, in their capacity as such, *i. e.*, reports of half-yearly inspections, of accidents, and of inspections of lines before opening, will, for the future, be submitted to the Director General of Railways, and dealt with finally by that officer in communication when necessary, with the Government of India.

3. The Director General of Railways will also be charged with the duty of reviewing the indents for stores sent to England by Railways, whether State or Guaranteed; but with regard to the latter, his functions will be limited to giving the Companies information as to the surplus stores existing on other lines, and any further information required in connection therewith, leaving the Companies to take such further steps as may be thought advisable by them.

The Director General of Railways at present carries out this duty for State Railways, but for the future copies of all indents sent to England by the Guaranteed Railways will be forwarded by the Consulting Engineers to the Director General of Railways.

4. Besides the above functions, the Director General of Railways, in concert with the Consulting Engineer to Government for State Railways, will be recognised as the authority entrusted with the duty of preparing and issuing standard types and professional standing orders in connection with Railways.

5. As the additional powers conferred on the Director General of Railways under paragraph 2 of this Resolution will necessitate his being absent from head-quarters more frequently than at present, the Under Secretary of the Railway Branch of the Public Works Secretariat will be appointed Deputy Director General of Railways, and will have charge of the whole combined Railway office when the Director General of Railways is himself on tour.

6. This reorganisation, and the procedure consequent thereon, will come into force from the 1st April 1888.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Rajputana, Central India, and Baluchistan.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Central Division.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance, to the Local Governments, and Administrations, and to the Officers noted in the margin.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded for information to the Accountant General, Public Works Department.

R. W. Santer

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Document accompanying.

Appendix referred to in para. 1 of the Resolution.

*To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Dept.*

Appendix to P. W. Dept., Resolution No. 204 R. E. of 1888.

List of Returns of all State Railways to be forwarded by Local Governments and Administrations and by Consulting Engineers direct to the Director General of Railways.

Weekly.

- 1.—Approximate Statements of Traffic.
- 2.—Audited Statements of Traffic.
- 3.—Minutes of Meetings of all Railways,* State and Guaranteed.

Monthly.

- 4.—Statements of Fluctuations of Goods Traffic.

Quarterly.

- 5.—Returns of Accidents.
- 6.—Supplementary Statements of Traffic.
- 7.—Narrative Progress Reports in Form B.
- 8.—Lists of Additions and Alterations to lines and works.

Half-yearly.

- 9.—Revenue Accounts.
- 10.—Analyses of Working.
- 11.—Establishment Rolls and Working Estimates for all Railways.*

Yearly.

- 12.—Administration Reports, Parts I and II.
- 13.—Feeder Roads Map.
- 14.—Numerical and Casualty Returns.
- 15.—Strength and Cost of Police.
- 16.—Training of Native Drivers.
- 17.—Statements of Schools.
- 18.—Statements of Sleepers.
- 19.—Returns of Stores in Stock on all Railways.*
- 20.—Reviews of the Transactions of Fine Funds on State Railways.

* Not applicable to private Companies.

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