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[Despatch Abstract.]

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letter recommending the adoption of certain
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SUBJECT.

Infliction of deterrent
sentences in cases of
attempted train-wrecking

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Home Department
Judicial No. 1240—49, dated Simla, the 16th September 1897.

To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras; Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Judicial Department; Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal; Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces and Oudh, Judicial Department; Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab; Secretary to the Government of Burma, Judicial Department; Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces; Chief Commissioner of Assam; Chief Commissioner of Coorg; Resident at Hyderabad.

2. It is, in the opinion of the Governor General in Council, important that the serious nature of such an offence as that of train-wrecking (for which indeed section 126 of the Indian Railways Act provides a most heavy penalty) should be fully realised, and that in the interests of the safety of the travelling public, the punishments inflicted should be deterrent. His Excellency in Council accordingly trusts that when cases such as that referred to in paragraph 1 of this letter occur, the Local Government or Administration concerned will cause the necessary steps to be taken to secure the award of a proper sentence.

No. 742 R. T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.



To
THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR RAJPUTANA.
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, LUCKNOW AND ASSAM.

Simla, the 1st October 1897.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for information, a copy of Government of India, Home Department, letter No. 1240--49, dated the 16th September 1897, inviting attention to the necessity for the infliction of deterrent sentences in cases of attempted train-wrecking.

2. As dismissed gangmen have in several cases been implicated in attempts to wreck trains, the Government of India consider it necessary, with a view to preventing such attempts as far as possible, that registers should be maintained with all necessary particulars of the mates or gangers and of the under-gangers or keymen. All needful steps should be taken for verifying the registers of gangmen; any changes in the gangs should be reported to the permanent-way inspector, who, in case the ganger is changed, should enquire into the departing man's intended movements and the new man's reliability.

3. The Government of India also consider it a great safeguard that the men should be housed in gangmen's huts along the line instead of living in villages, and that both the permanent-way inspector and the mate should be held responsible for the safe custody of tools at all times whether in use or in store.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. A. Anderson
Under Secretary.

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Document accompanying.

Copy of Government of India, Home Department, letter No. 1240--49, dated the 16th September 1897.

*To The Jt. Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Deptt.
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