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DATED 26 Oct 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Attempts to wreck trains on Indian Railways;

Pros: Judicial Dept Courts to all Dt Magistrates Govt of India letter pointing out the desirability of inflicting deterrent punishments in Cases of — Courts to Railways Administrations and a Copy of the Pros; ordered to be forwarded to the Govt of Bombay.

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Indian Railways.

Communicating to all District Magistrates letter from the Government of India pointing out the desirability of inflicting deterrent punishments in cases of attempts to wreck trains on —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Judicial), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 16th September 1897, No. 1240.

The attention of the Government of India has recently been drawn to certain cases of attempts to wreck trains on Indian Railways, in which the sentences inflicted by the Magistracy have not always seemed adequate. In one such case of recent occurrence, a Sub-Divisional Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him under section 128 of the Indian Railways Act to rigorous imprisonment for four months, but the High Court, to whom a motion was made, considered the sentence to be inadequate and enhanced it to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

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 realized, 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.

ORDER—No. 1428, Judicial, dated 2nd October 1897.

The foregoing letter from the Government of India will be communicated to all District Magistrates for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary*.

To all District Magistrates.
„ the Chief Presidency Magistrate.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
„ the Public Works Department.

Copy to the Honourable the Judges of the High Court (with C.L.).

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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RAILWAY BRANCH.

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Communicated to the Railway Commissioner in continuation of Proc. No. 850. R dated 26th Oct 1897

2. A copy of these Progs: will be forwarded for the information of the Govt of Bombay.

H. Dis. No. 852. R dated 26 Oct 1897

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To
The Agent Mad: & Sthn Mah: Ry
" Agent S. I. Ry
" Agent & Chief Engr Nilgiri Ry
" Manager Port Canning Ry
" Agent & Manr Nizam's Ry
" Consulting Engr for Rlys

29/10/97

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