

Public Works (1893) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Members of the Royal Commission on opium. Copy of
India's letter regarding the provision of special trains
for the accommodation of the _____ communi-
cated to the Agents of Railways.

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(Encls. to P. W. D. Nos. 610 R. T. and 611 R. T. of 1893.)
RAILWAY ORDER.

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TO THE STATION MASTER,
Please supply railway transport, according to the details below, on
account of THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON OPIUM.
FROM

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON OPIUM.

FROM
TO
Date 189 .

Secretary to the
Royal Commission on Opium.

Date _____ 189

*Secretary to the
Royal Commission on Opium.*

Date _____ 189

*Secretary to the
Royal Commission on Opium.*

PASSENGER AND ARTICLES.	Number.
Saloon or Officer's Carriage . . .	
1st Class	
2nd "	
Intermediate	
3rd Class	
Dining Saloon	
Cooking Carriage	
Carriage Trucks	
Horse Boxes	
Luggage Vans	
Special Train	
TOTAL	

Certificate.

Certified that conveyance as above has been provided on this order.

Dated _____ 189 .

Royal Commission on Opium.
Dated _____ 189 .
NOTE.—This order, together with a bill for the cost of the journey, should be submitted by the Auctioneer or Examiner of Accounts of the railway on which the journey is commenced to the Civil Assistant General with whom he is in account for payment.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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No. 610 R. T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

To

THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (RAILWAY BRANCH).
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (RAILWAY BRANCH).
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF BURMA AND 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, CENTRAL DIVISION AND ASSAM.

Simla, the 27th October 1893.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that it has been decided to provide special trains for the accommodation of the members of the Royal Commission on Opium during their approaching tour in India, and that the trains shall be used by them as a residence, except at three or four of the principal centres. The Commission will probably assemble in Calcutta on the 15th November 1893.

2. It is believed that the Commission will consist of nine members, in addition to the Secretary, Mr. J. P. Hewett, C.S., C.I.E. (at present Magistrate and Collector of Bareilly), and probably Mr. Alexander; and accompanying the Commission, so far as it is at present known, there will probably be two short-hand writers, one European and a few native clerks, besides the native servants, including kitchen and table servants, required for such a party.

3. Attached is a memorandum of the places which will most likely be visited by the Commission, from which it appears that the administrations of the railways that will be concerned are the East Indian, Eastern Bengal, Oudh and Rohilkhand, North Western, Bombay, Baroda and Central India System, Great Indian Peninsula, His Highness the Nizam's, and the railways in Assam, Burma, and Madras.

4. The special trains should be supplied on requisitions, which will be furnished, in the form annexed, by the Secretary to the Commission direct to the railway administrations concerned; and the Comptroller of India Treasuries will, on presentation of such requisitions, accept debit or make payment to railways for accommodation supplied.

5. Mr. Hewett, the Secretary to the Commission, has been appointed to take entire charge of the arrangements connected with the tour, and will correspond direct with the departments and officers concerned with regard to the train accommodation, which will include dining and cooking arrangements, that may be required.

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Any reference that may be necessary with regard to the actual strength and composition of the party, the dates of arrival and departure from the places to be visited, details of train accommodation, arrangements for refreshments, timetables, halts for meals or for other purposes, &c., should, therefore, be made direct to that officer.

6. I am to request that the managements of the railways under the control of the Government of ^{Your control} may be desired to arrange that the vehicles which constitute the special trains at the starting point may run through over all connected railways of the same gauge, and to curtail expenditure on the trains as far as it may be possible for them to do so, by breaking them up after arrival at stations *where they are not required as a residence*, and in any other way that may be possible, consistently with the comfort and convenience of the party.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. M. V. L.

Under Secretary.

M. V.

Documents accompanying.

Memorandum of places to be visited by the Opium Commission and form of railway requisition.

Enclosure to the Government of India, Nos. 610 R. T. and 611 R. T. of 1893.

Places to be visited by the Royal Commission on Opium.

1. *Calcutta*.—Starting thence, as a centre, the Commission will visit—
 - (a) Orissa, including the districts of Cuttack and Balasore.
 - (b) North-Eastern Bengal, including the districts of Dinagore and Rungpore.
 - (c) Assam, including the districts of Lakhimpur and Sibsaur.
 - (d) Behar, visiting the factory at Patna, and possibly one or two of the opium-growing districts.

Of the above localities, the districts enumerated in (a), (b) and (c) are those in which the consumption of opium is most considerable. In Behar a great part of the opium of Bengal is produced. It will be desirable to visit Behar during January or February when the crop is in flower.

2. *Burma*.—Both Upper and Lower Burma should be visited, and the conditions of each province considered separately. The Arakan division and the town of Akyab will probably require attention, as the consumption of opium has been greatest there. The new system by which the consumption of opium by Burmans is generally prohibited in Lower as well as in Upper Burma will be introduced before the arrival of the Commission, and it will not be possible to study easily the working of either the old or the new system.

3. *The North-Western Provinces and Oudh*.—The chief places to be visited are—

- (a) Benares. The factory at Ghazipur may be visited from here.
- (b) Allahabad.
- (c) Cawnpore.
- (d) Lucknow.

4. *The Punjab*.—The chief places to be visited are—

- (a) Delhi.
- (b) Umballa.
- (c) Ludhiana.
- (d) Amritsar.
- (e) Lahore.
- (f) Ferozepore.

These are all districts in which the consumption is considerable. From Umballa or Amritsar some of the Native States might be visited, and also the district of Gurdaspur. From Lahore, the Dera Ghazi Khan District might be visited if time can be made available.

5. *Ajmere*.—This place is not of itself very important for the present purpose; but as being British territory, and situated in the midst of the States in which Malwa opium is produced, it is a convenient centre for enquiring into the latter trade. The following States in the Rajputana and Central India Agencies are those which produce most opium, and might be visited—

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| (a) Meywar | ... | ... | ... | } in the Rajputana Agency. |
| (b) Jhallawar | ... | ... | ... | |
| (c) Indore | ... | ... | ... | } in the Central India Agency. |
| (d) Bhupal | ... | ... | ... | |
| (e) Gwalior | ... | ... | ... | |

6. *The Central Provinces and Berar*.—The following towns might be visited:—

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| (a) Jabulpore | ... | ... | ... | } in the Central Provinces. |
| (b) Nagpur | ... | ... | ... | |
| (c) Amraoti, in Berar. | | | | |

7. *The Bombay Presidency*.—The Government of India will leave it to the Local Government to suggest the places to be visited in Bombay; they should, it is thought, include the Native State of Baroda, and perhaps some others.

8. *Hyderabad*.—The capital of the Nizam's dominions may be visited if time permits.

9. *The Madras Presidency*.—Here also the Government of India prefer to leave it to the Local Government to suggest the places to be visited. These might perhaps include some of the hill tracts, in which special arrangements in regard to opium are in force.

To
The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department (Railway Branch).

P. W. CURRY

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RAILWAY BRANCH.

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S. W. Dept.:-

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to the Agents, Madras, S. W.
S. W. & Mysore Rail.
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sideration with the instruc-
tions of the Govt. of India.

2. Para 9 of the
enclosure to the above
letter will be referred to
the Revenue Department
for necessary action.

J. M. S.
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To The Agents, Madras }
Agent S. S. Ry }
Agent M. Mysore Ry } ER
Revenue Dept. }
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