

troops by day instead of by night between the 15th November and 1st March, and enquiring the stations on the North Western railway at which halts will be made for mid-day meals, and the time that should be allowed for such halts if day trains are to run during the ensuing cold season.

2. In reply I am desired to invite a reference to this Office No. 8345-A, dated 1st November 1893, recommending that General Officers Commanding be granted discretionary power to order movements during the cold season by day whenever they can be completed between the hours of 6 A. M. and 5 P. M.; and as the information required by the Public Works Department cannot be furnished by this office, His Excellency would suggest that the details referred to by that department be left for settlement to despatching officers in communication with District Traffic Superintendents or Assistant Traffic Managers.

Memorandum No. 2309-C., dated Fort William, the 23rd November 1893, by the Government of India, Military Department.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department with reference to the

From Public Works Department,
No. 385-R.T., dated 1st July 1893.
To Public Works Department, No.
2180-C., dated 16th November 1893.

correspondence noted in the margin, and with the
remark that the Military Department concur in the
opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Public Works (1894) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 55R

DATED 24th January 1894

[Despatch Abstract.]

Railways Post Service. — Circular from the Govt of India regarding the supply of sashes and other window fittings for postal sorting rooms on broad gauge and metre-gauge Railways, communicated to the agents, Madras and South Indian Railways.

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No. 983 R.C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Special accommodation to be provided in trains for the service of the Post Office on 5' 6" and metre gauge railways.

Simla, November 10, 1882.

Read—

Memorandum from the Director General of Post Office, No. 69, dated 20th June 1882.

Read also—

Public Works Department Circular No. 34 Railway, dated the 9th November 1869.

RESOLUTION.—The Postal Department having brought to notice that inconvenience is frequently experienced in the carriage of mails on the main lines of railway owing to the want of uniformity in the description of accommodation provided in the trains by the different Railway Administrations, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that the accompanying lithographed designs—one showing a whole carriage adapted to the convenience of the Post Office, the other a half carriage similarly adapted—be circulated for the information and guidance of Railway Administrations; and that these plans should be taken as standards for the construction or reconstruction of any vehicles which may be hereafter required by the Post Office.

2. His Excellency in Council is also pleased to direct that the plan of half carriage now circulated shall in all cases be substituted for the two ordinary second class compartments described in the Circular of 1869 above read.

3. These plans show vehicles constructed for the 5' 6" gauge, but the general arrangements as to the positions of the tables, sorting boxes, lamps, &c., are equally applicable to postal vehicles constructed for the metre gauge.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Local

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, and Assam.
The Resident, Hyderabad.
The Agent, Governor General for Central India.
The Directors General of Railways and the Post Office.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways.

Governments, Administrations and officers marginally named for information and guidance.

By order,

F. FIREBRACE, Major, R.E.,

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

- 1.—Lithograph showing whole carriage adapted to Post Office requirements.
- 2.—Lithograph showing half carriage adapted to Post Office requirements.

[Heads of Departments.]

Circular No. XIII Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, May 20, 1884.

Special accommodation to be provided in trains for the service of the Post Office on metre gauge railways.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 985 R.C. of the 10th November 1882.

Read also—

Memorandum from the Director General of the Post Office of India, No. 166, dated the 5th January 1884.

RESOLUTION.—With Public Works Department No. 985 R.C. of the 10th November 1882 were circulated designs of an entire and a half carriage adapted for the requirements of the Postal Department, which were to be adopted as standards for the construction or reconstruction of any vehicles thereafter required by the Post Office on lines on the 5' 6" gauge; and it was said that the general arrangements as to the position of the tables, sorting boxes, lamps, &c., were equally applicable to postal vehicles constructed for the metre gauge. It has, however, been brought to the notice of the Government of India that, owing to difference in the construction of vehicles on the various metre gauge lines, it has not been found practicable to adhere strictly to the prescribed standard for Post Office vans. In order, therefore, to obtain uniformity in future, the Government of India is pleased to rule that the accompanying designs for a full, three quarter, and half van, shall, from this date, be taken as the standards for the construction or reconstruction of vehicle accommodation to be built for the use of the Postal Department on metre gauge lines.

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

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, and Assam.
The Resident in Mysore.
The Agent to the Governor General, Rajputana.
The Directors General of Railways and the Post Office of India.

(2)

Also to the Government of the Punjab, the Resident at Hyderabad, the Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Biluchistan, the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

By order,

F. FIREBRACE, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

- (1) Lithograph showing entire carriage adapted to Post Office requirements.
- (2) Ditto three quarter ditto.
- (3) Ditto half ditto.

FULL STANDARD CARRIAGE.

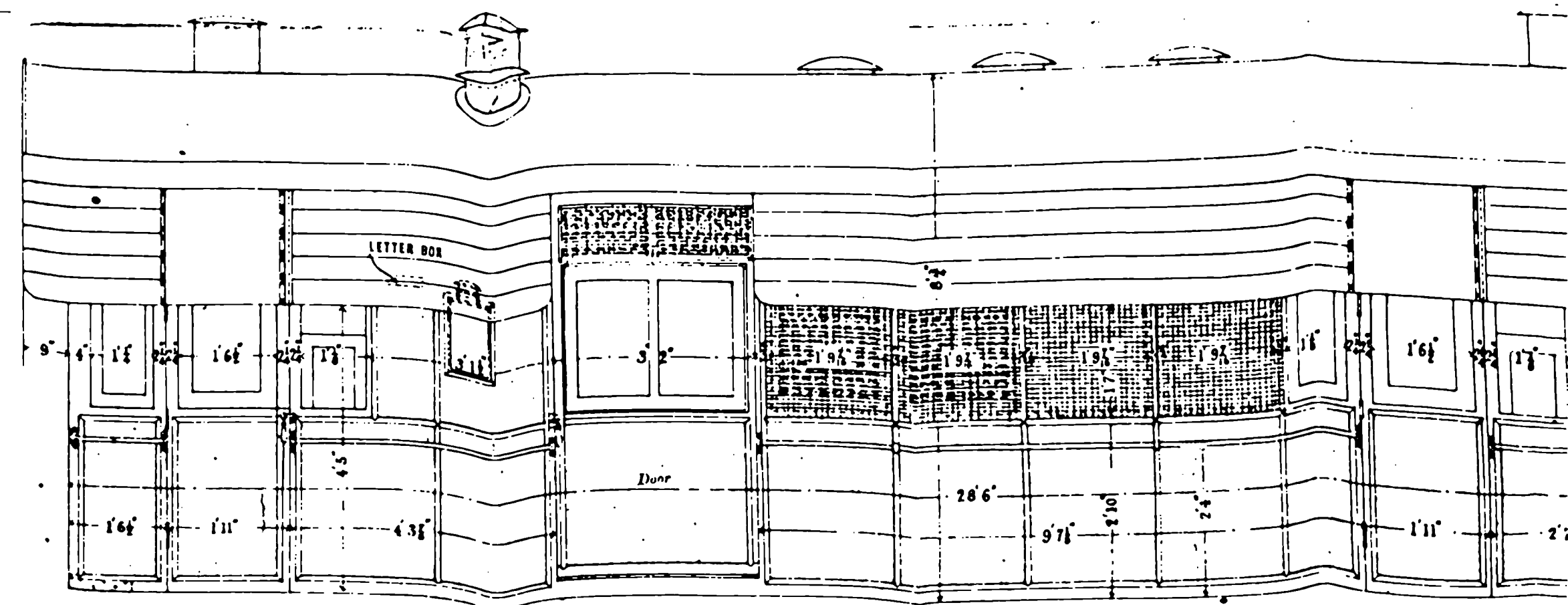
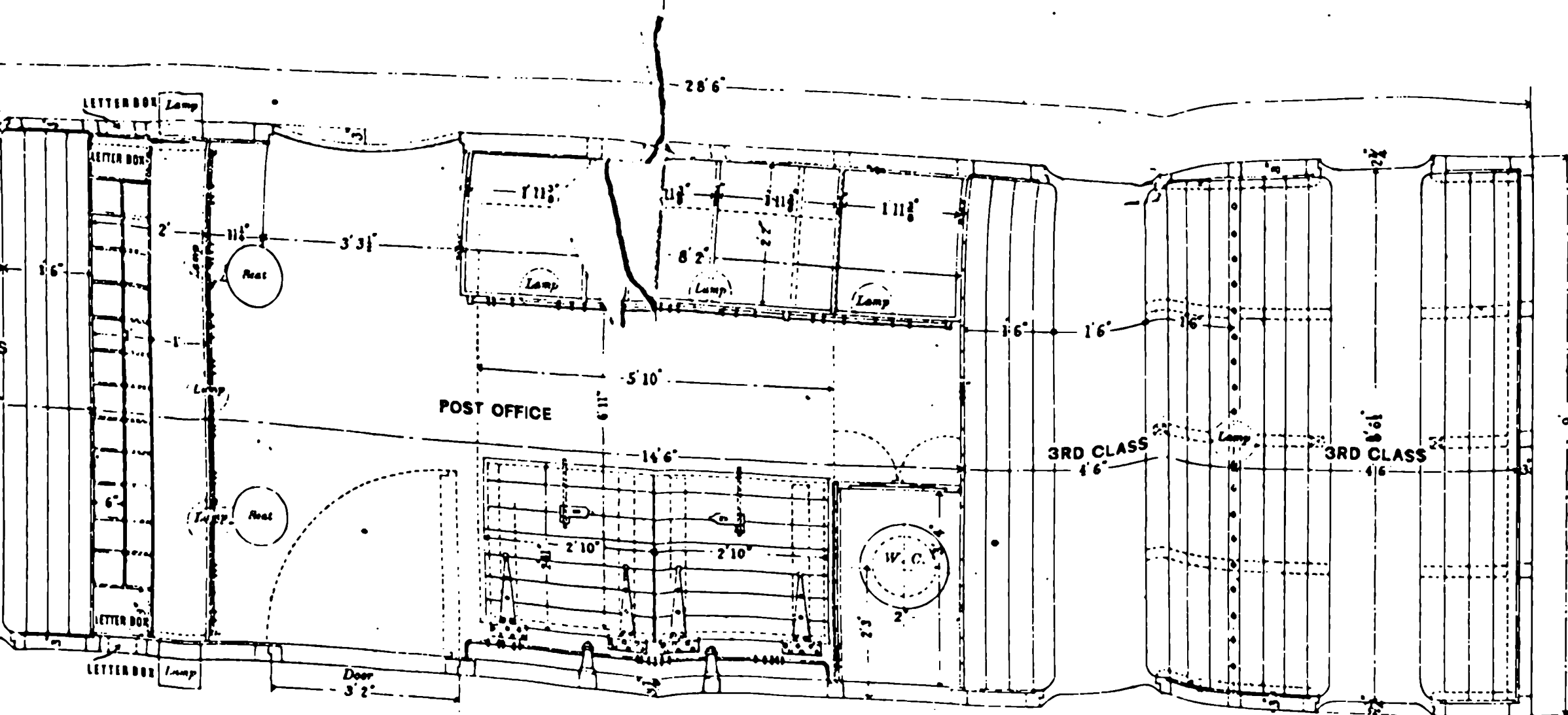
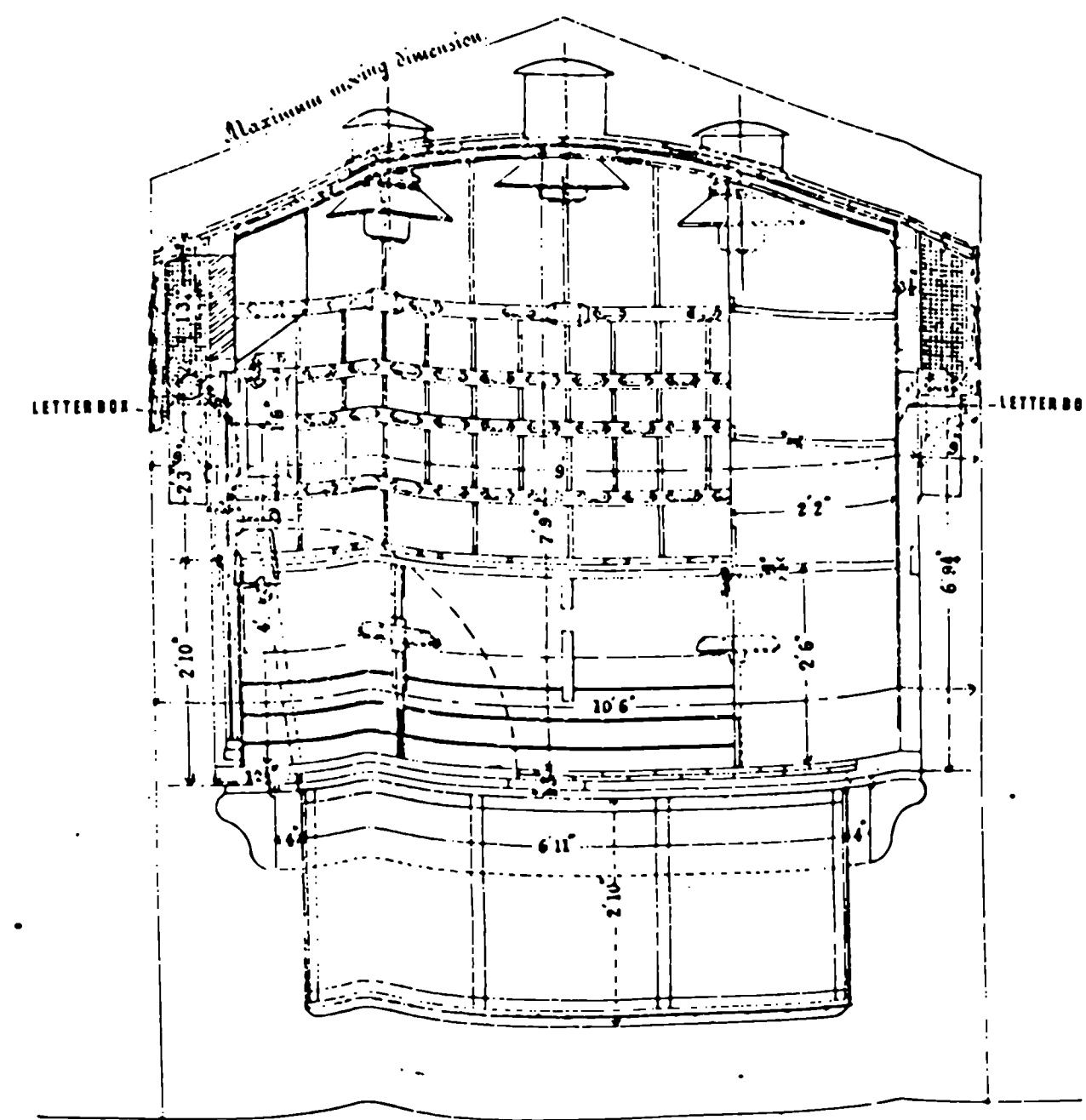
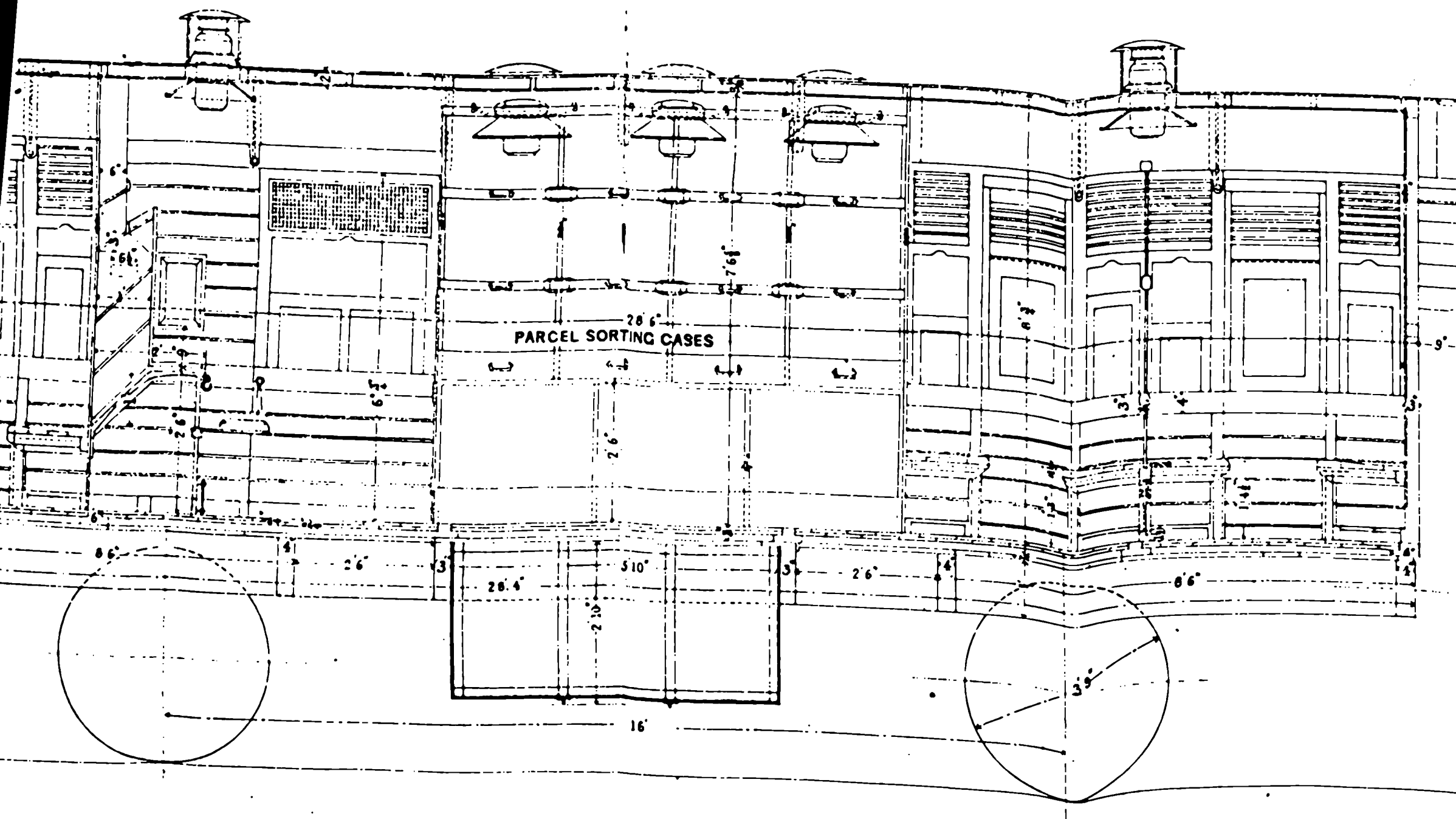
AGE
CARRIAGE IS REQUIRED.



COMBINED POST OFFICE & 3RD CLASS CARRIAGE

SCALE, 1/4 INCH TO 1 FOOT.

Accompaniment to Government of India Circular, No. 2



Red circles show number of roof lamps

Circular No. XV Railway.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, September 7, 1885.

Standard designs of carriages for Railway Postal Service.

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 985 R.C. of 10th November 1882.
Railway Circular No. XIII of 20th May 1884.

Read also—

Letter No. 4990 of the 8th July 1935, from the Director General of the Post Office of India.

RESOLUTION.—With Public Works Department Resolution No. 985R.C. of the 10th November 1882 and Railway Circular No. XIII of the 20th May 1884 were circulated standard designs of vehicle accommodation for the Postal Service on the standard and metre gauge Indian Railways, respectively. Since then experience has suggested various improvements, and the introduction of parcel sorting in transit has necessitated others. These improvements are embodied in the drawings now circulated, and His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that these designs shall, in supersession of the drawings previously circulated, be taken as standards for the construction or reconstruction of any vehicles which may hereafter be required for the Post Office.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab. Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam, and British Burma. Residents at Hyderabad and Mysore. Agents to the Governor General for Rajputana and Central India. Directors General of Railways and the Post Office. Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways.

Also to the Agent, Governor General, Biluchistan, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

F. FIREBRACE, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

- 1.—Lithograph showing whole carriage adapted to Post Office requirements.
- 2.—Lithograph showing half carriage adapted to Post Office requirements.

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No 1227 P d/28 Decr/85
Communicated
to the Consulting Engrs
for Railways for information
and guidance in continuation
of Pro. No 673 P d/
1st July/84

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

To

Circular No. XV Railway.

Dated September 7, 1895.

Received

RAILWAY POSTAL SERVICE.
Standard designs of Postal carriages on standard
and metre gauges.
O. I. C. P. O.—No. 391, P. W. D.—10-12-85.—970.

To
The Com: Engrs for Ry:

12733 R. 2^d October 1886.

Communicated to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways for information
and guidance in con-
tinuation of Pro: No 1227 R,
dated 28th December 1885.

J. B. J.
R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

To

Circular No. XII Railway.
Dated Simla, July 17, 1886.
Received

Railway Postal Service.

Standard designs of postal one quarter and
three quarter carriages on the standard gauge.

G. C. & P. Simla - No. 217 P. W. D. - 24 - 25 - 26.

Confiance for P. W. D.
Consulting Engineer.

With Order.

[Heads of Departments.]

Circular No. XII Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, July 17, 1906.

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND
ODH AND THE PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, BRITISH BURMA AND ASSAM.
THE RESIDENTS, HYDERABAD AND MYSORE.
THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPUTANA.
THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF RAILWAYS AND THE POST OFFICE.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR GUARANTEED RAIL-
WAYS.

SIR,

In continuation of Railway Circular No. XV of 7th September 1883, I am directed to forward herewith drawings of a one-quarter and three-quarters carriage adapted to the requirements of the Postal Department on Indian Railways of the standard gauge, and to request that they may be taken as standards for the construction or reconstruction of any vehicles which may hereafter be required for the Post Office. It is to be understood that no conversions to the new patterns are to be made without a distinct requisition from the Postal Department.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

FRED. FIREBRACE, Major, R.E.,

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

1. Lithograph showing one-quarter carriage adapted to the requirements of the Postal Department.
2. Lithograph showing three-quarter carriage adapted to the requirements of the Postal Department.

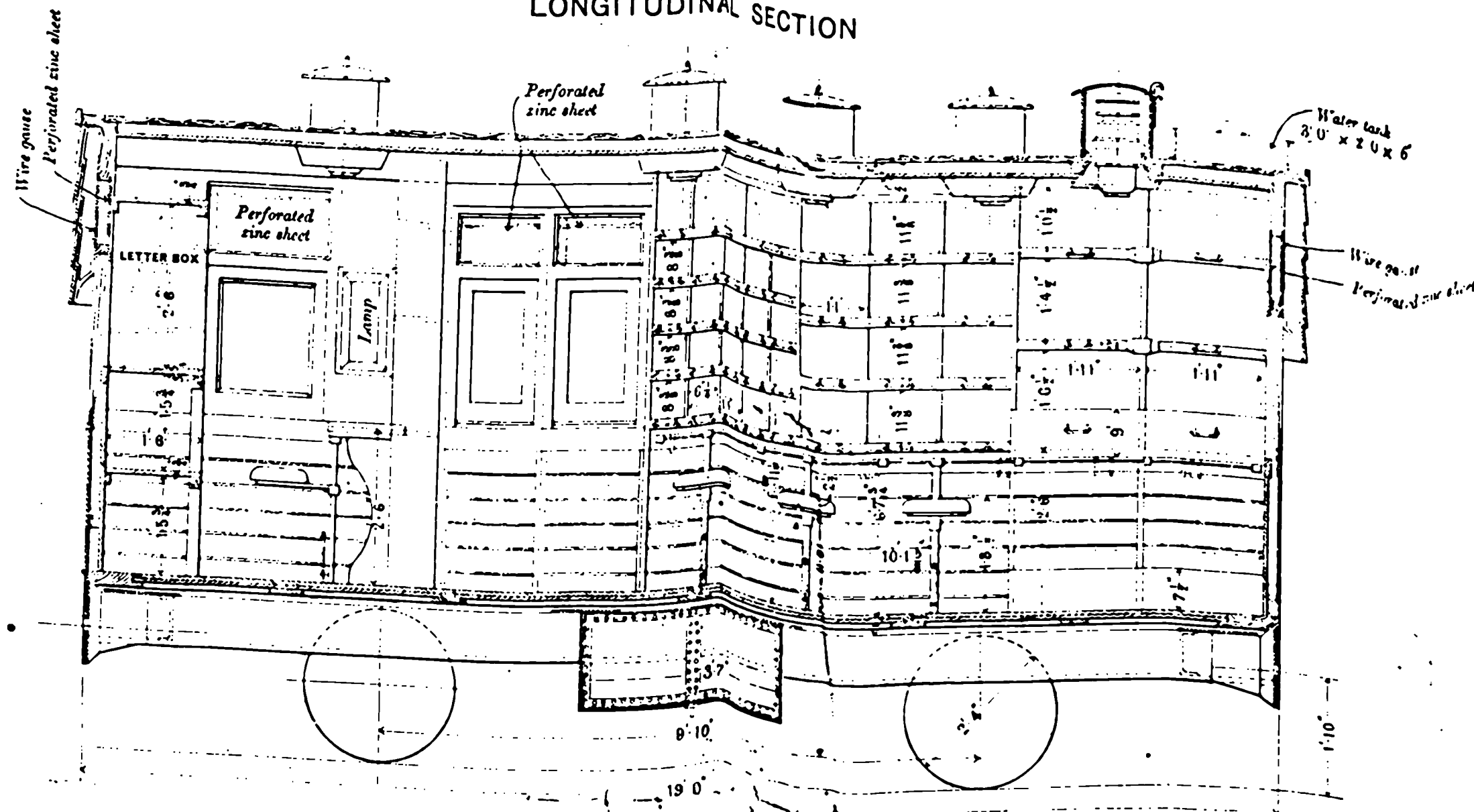
METRE GAUGE.

POST OFFICE CARRIAGE

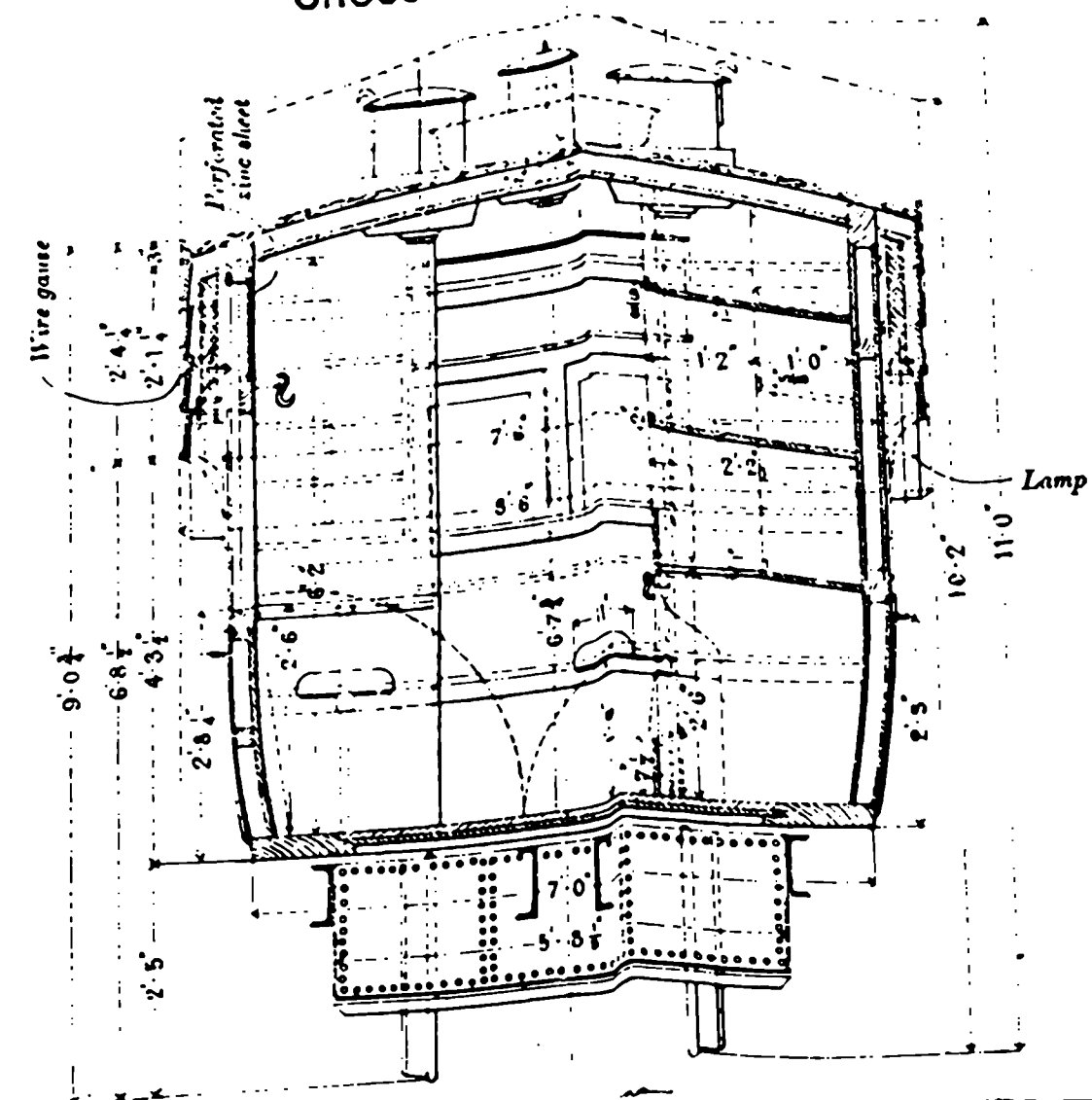
SHOWING ARRANGEMENT WHEN WHOLE CARRIAGE IS REQUIRED

Enclosure to Circular No. X. Railway, of 6th October, 1887.

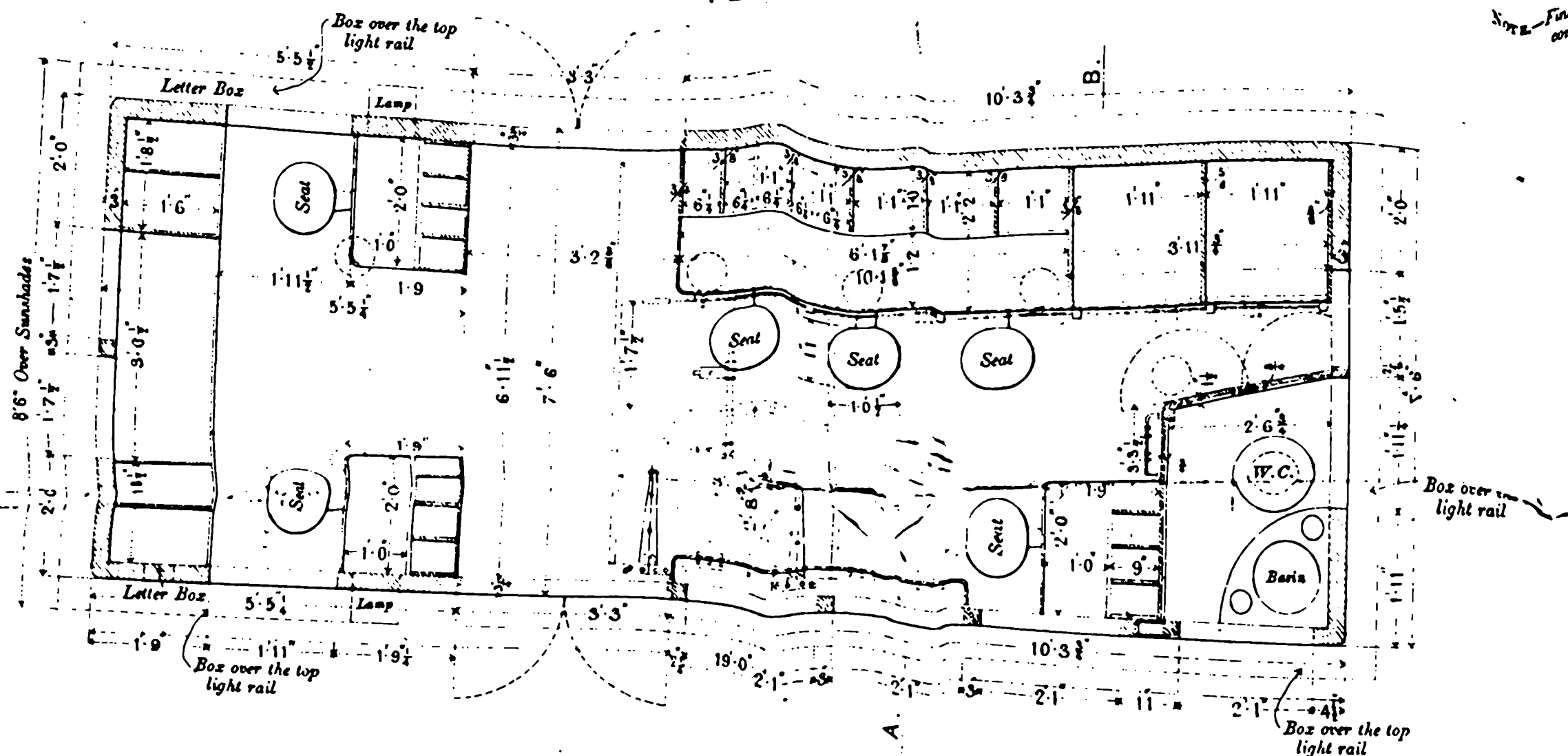
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PLAN



NOTE.—Fine wire gauze to cover all postal compartment window openings.

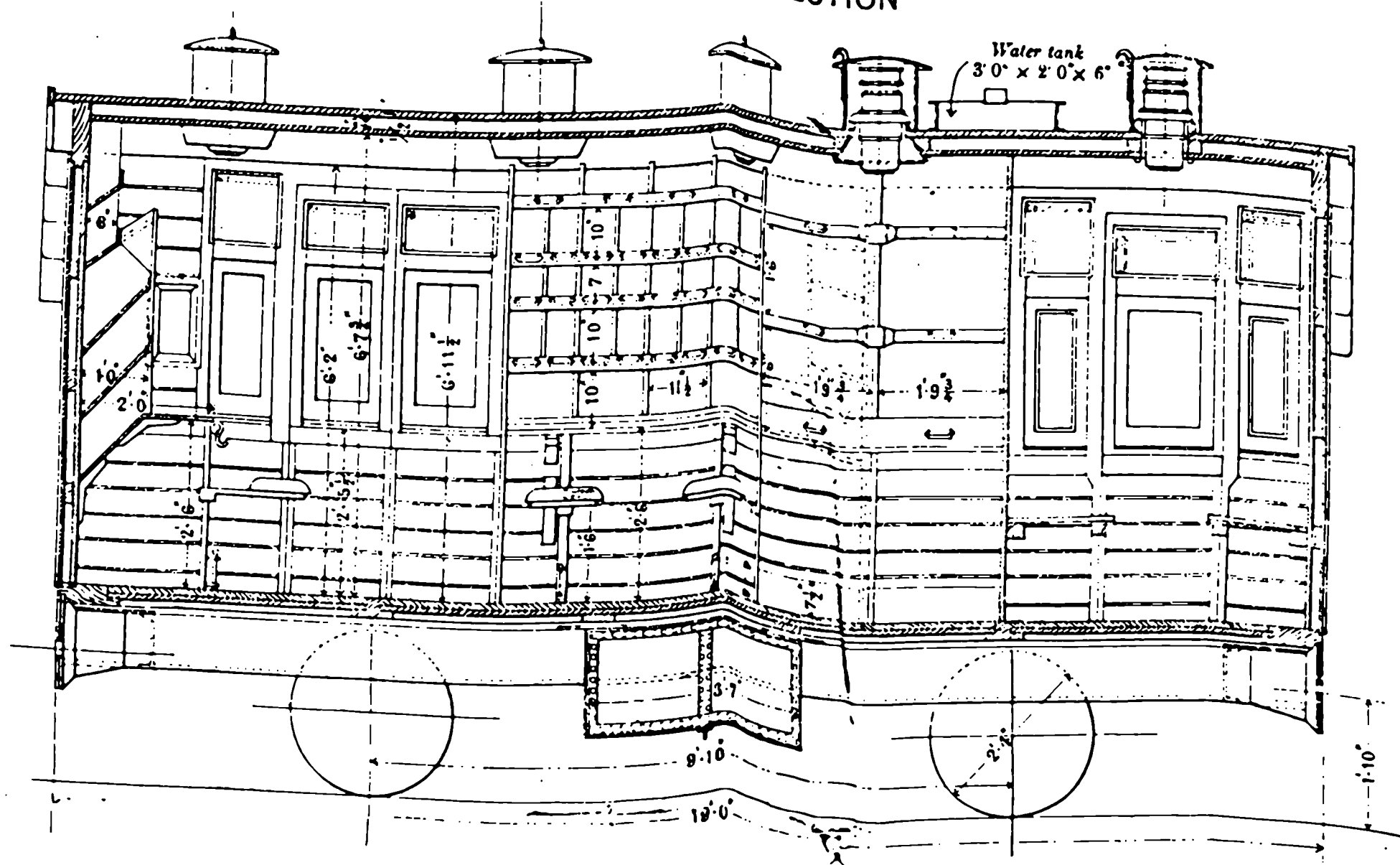
NOTE.—Dotted circles show the position of roof lamps

SCALE, $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH = 1 FOOT.

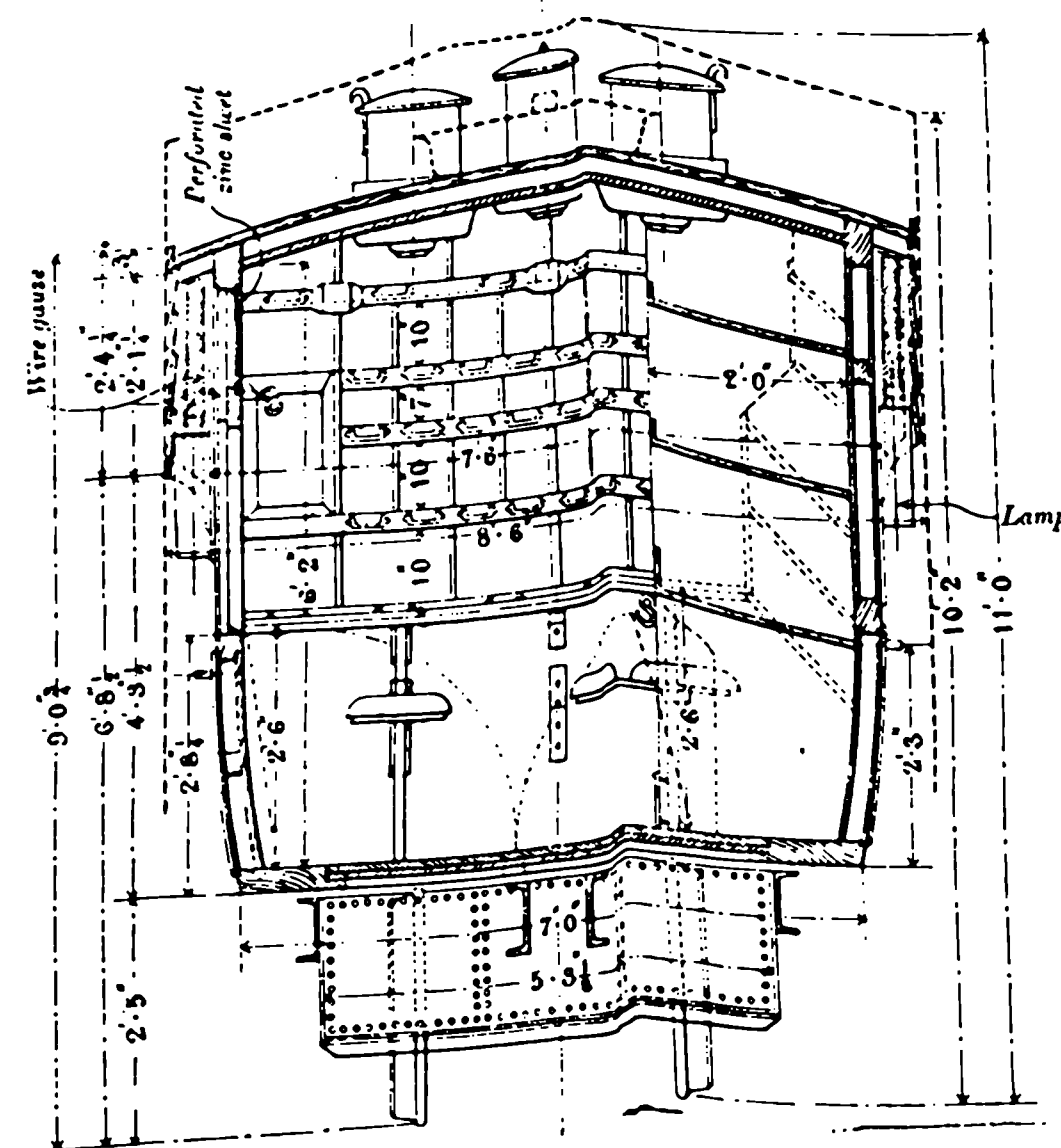
THREE-QUARTER SORTING VAN

Enclosure to Circular No. X. Railway, of 6th October, 1887.

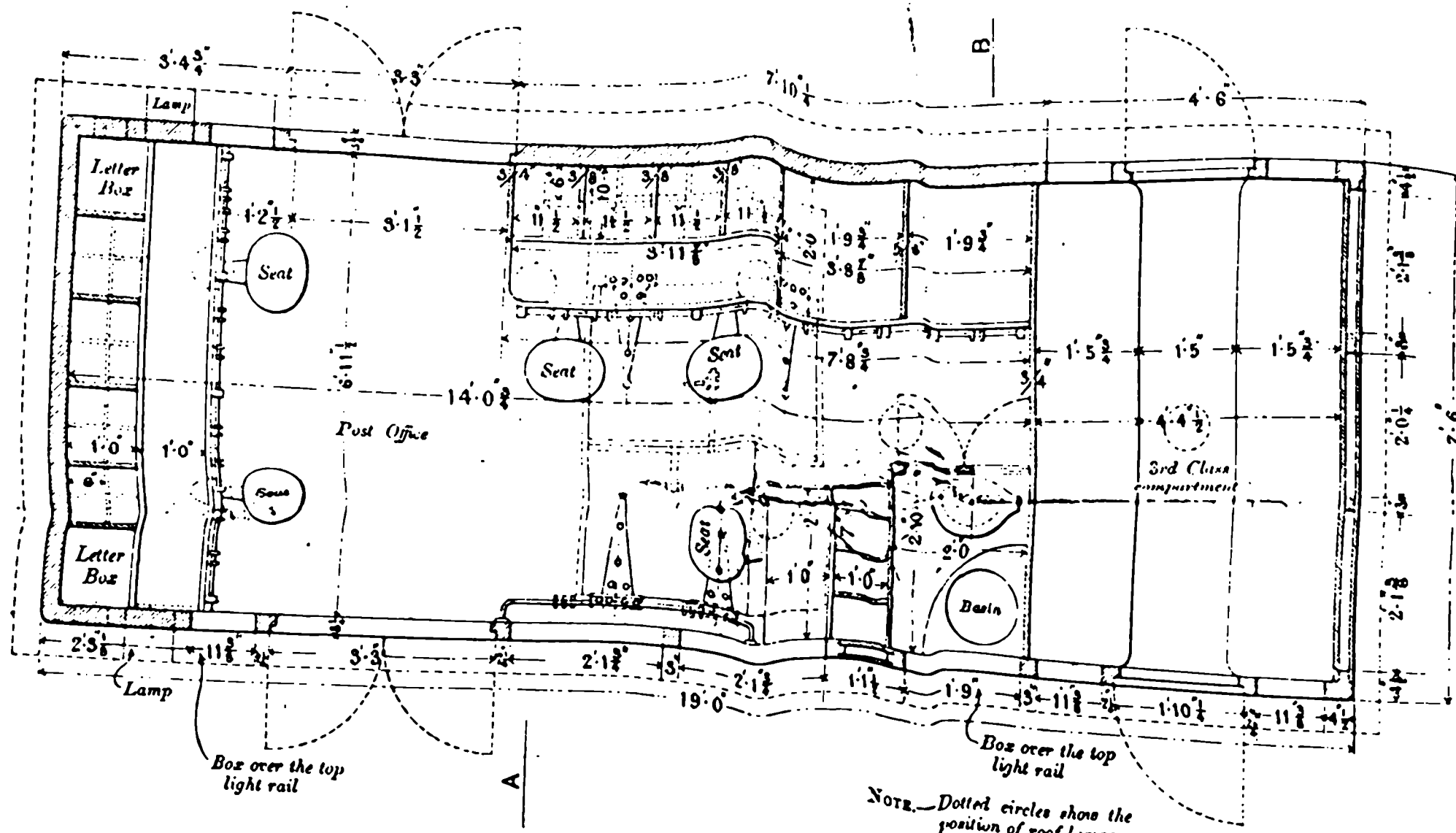
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CROSS SECTION ON A B.



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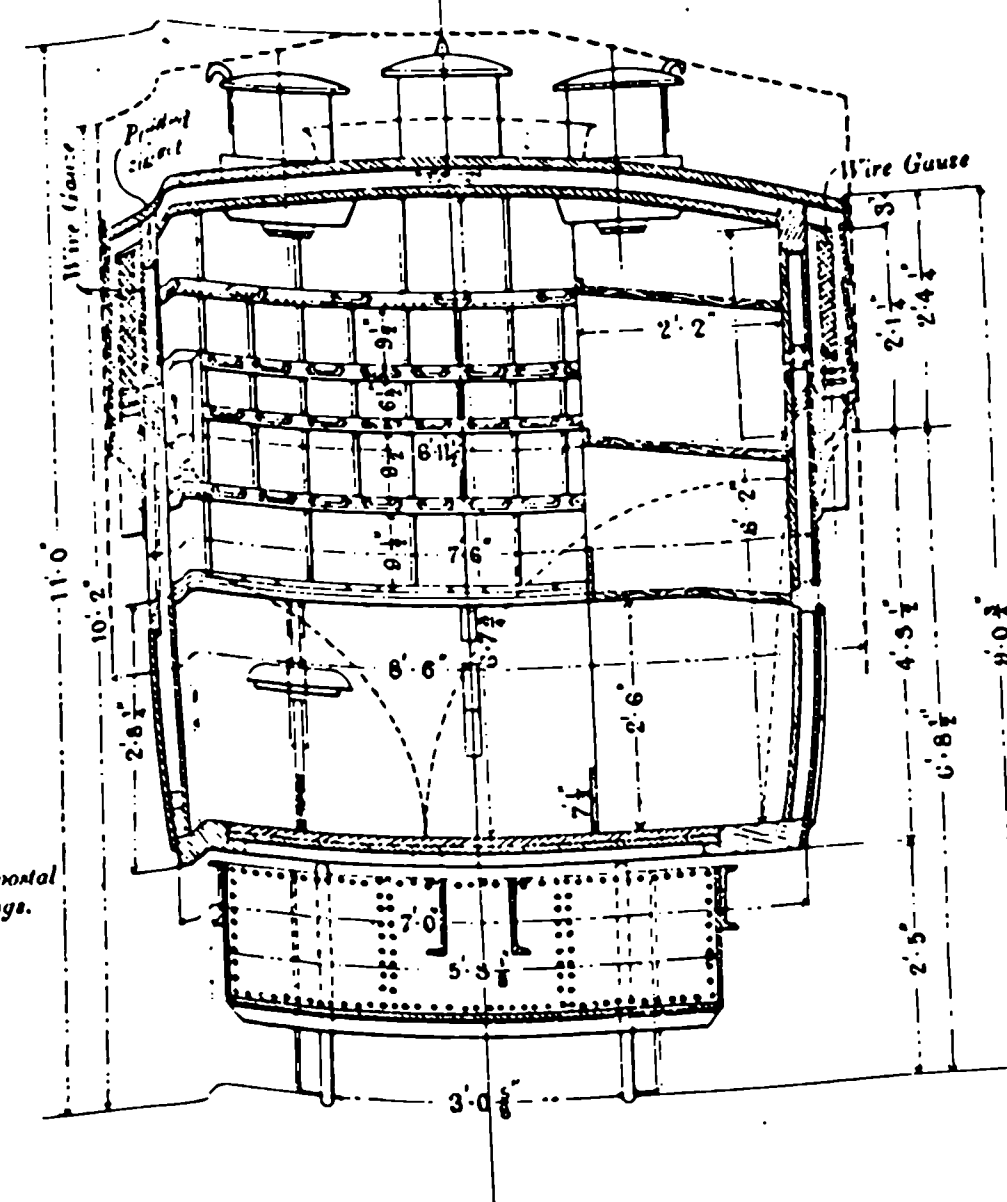
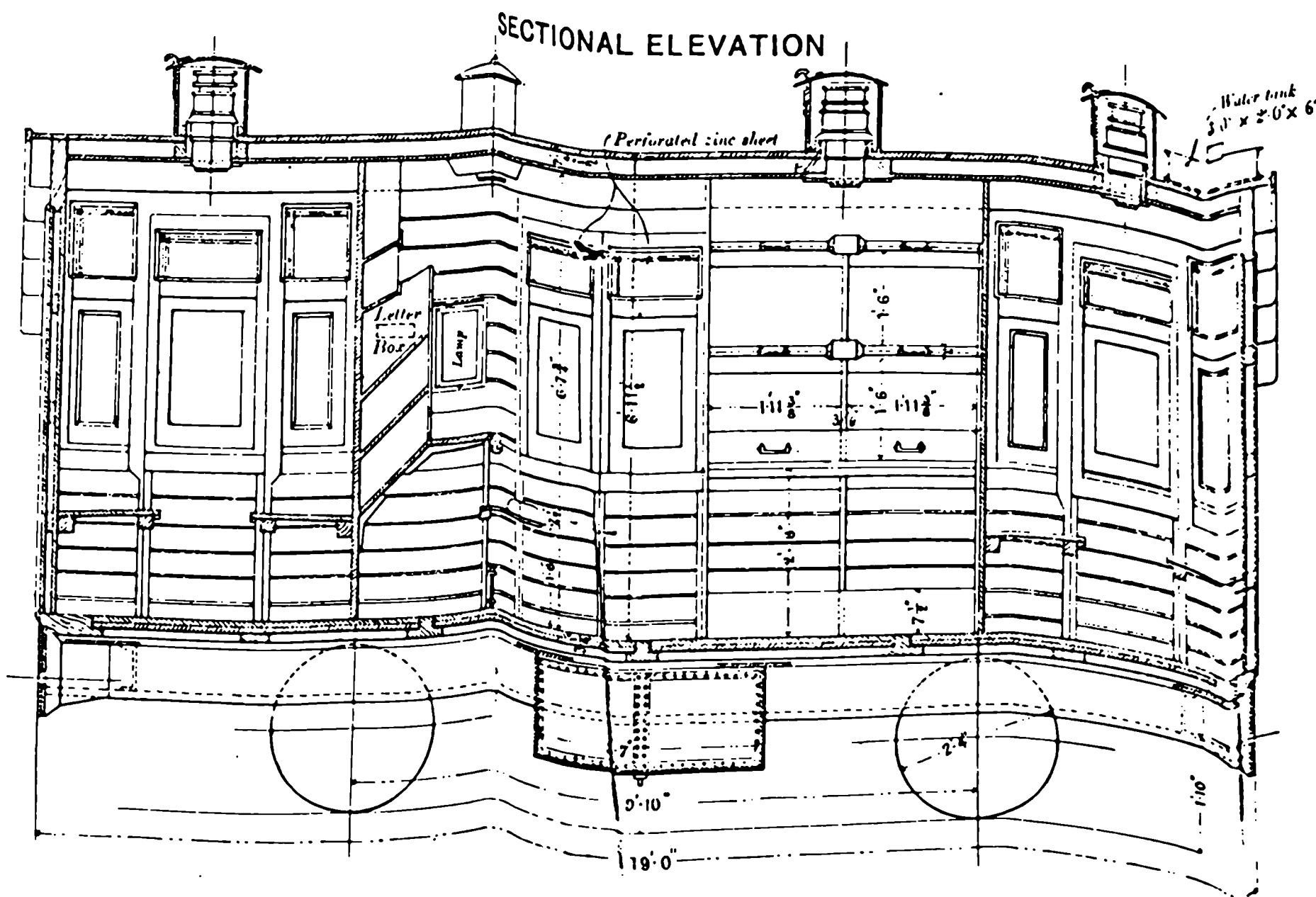
Note—Use wire gauze to cover all Postal compartment window openings.

NOTE—Dotted circles show the position of roof lamps

SCALE, $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH = 1 FOOT.

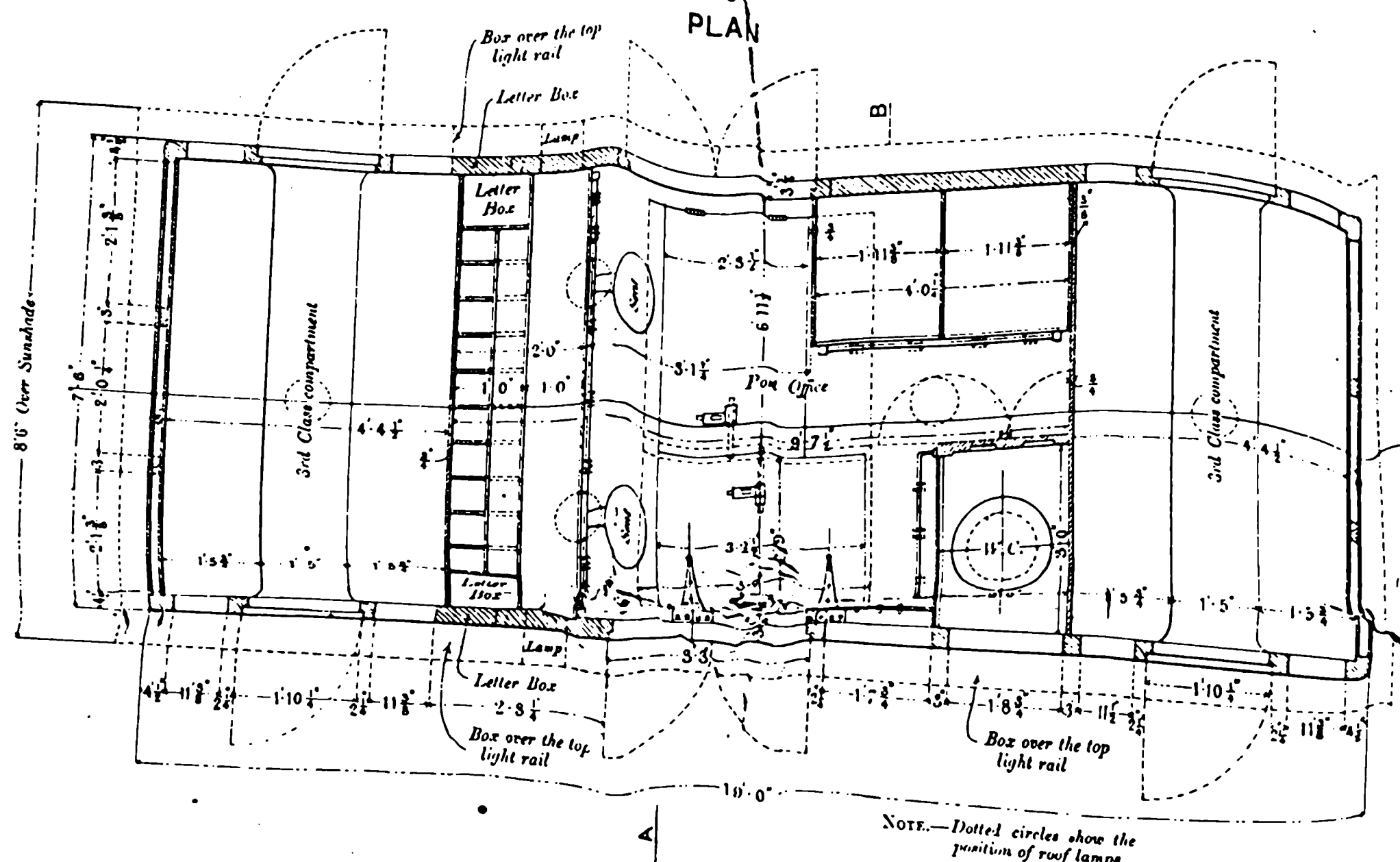
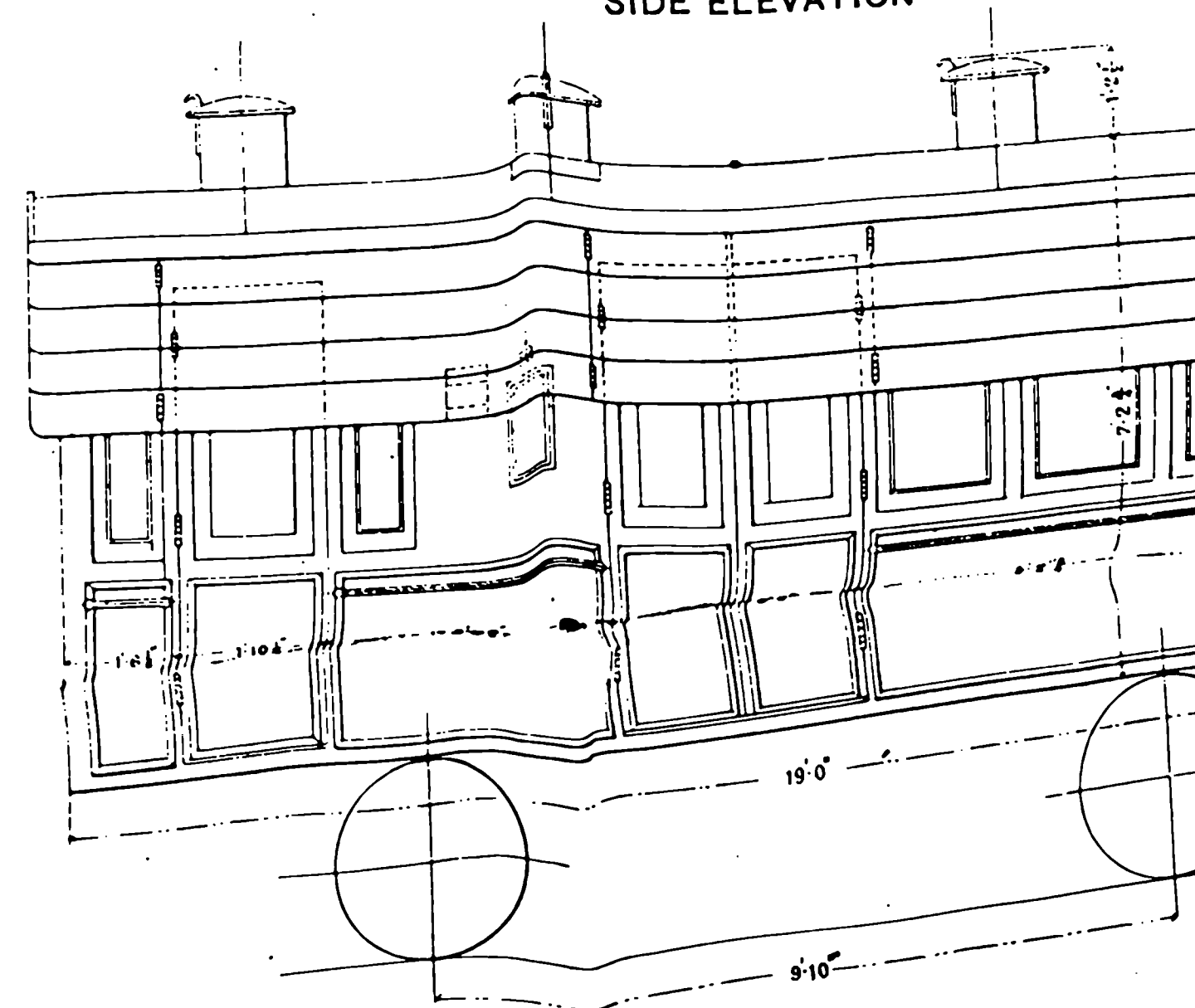
COMBINED POST OFFICE & 3RD CLASS CARRAGE.

CROSS SECTION ON A B.



NOTE—Fine wire gauze to cover all postal compartment window openings.

SIDE ELEVATION

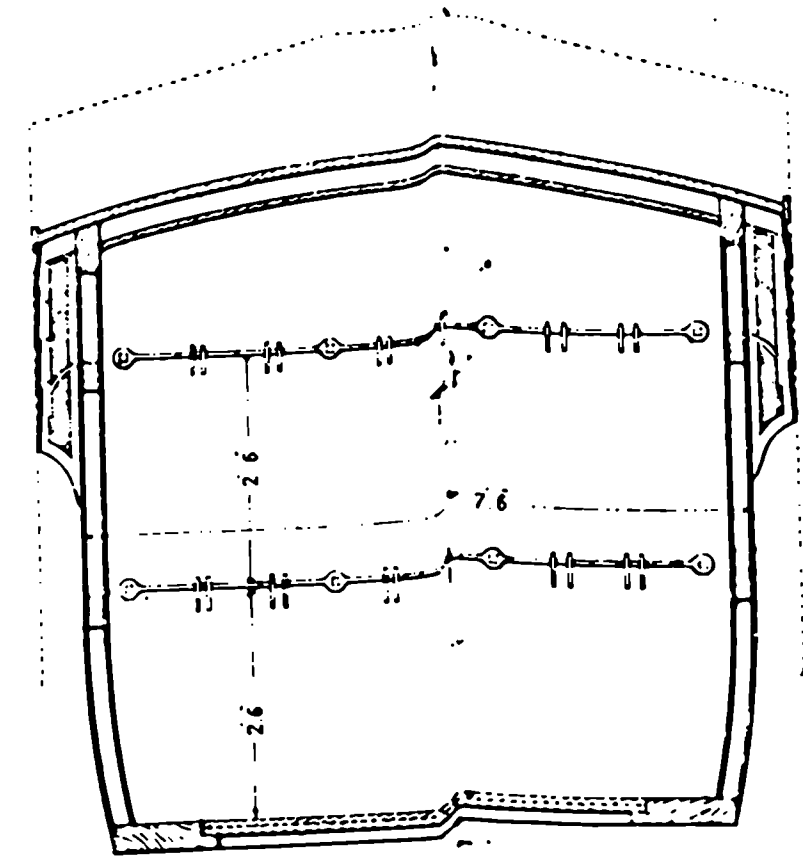


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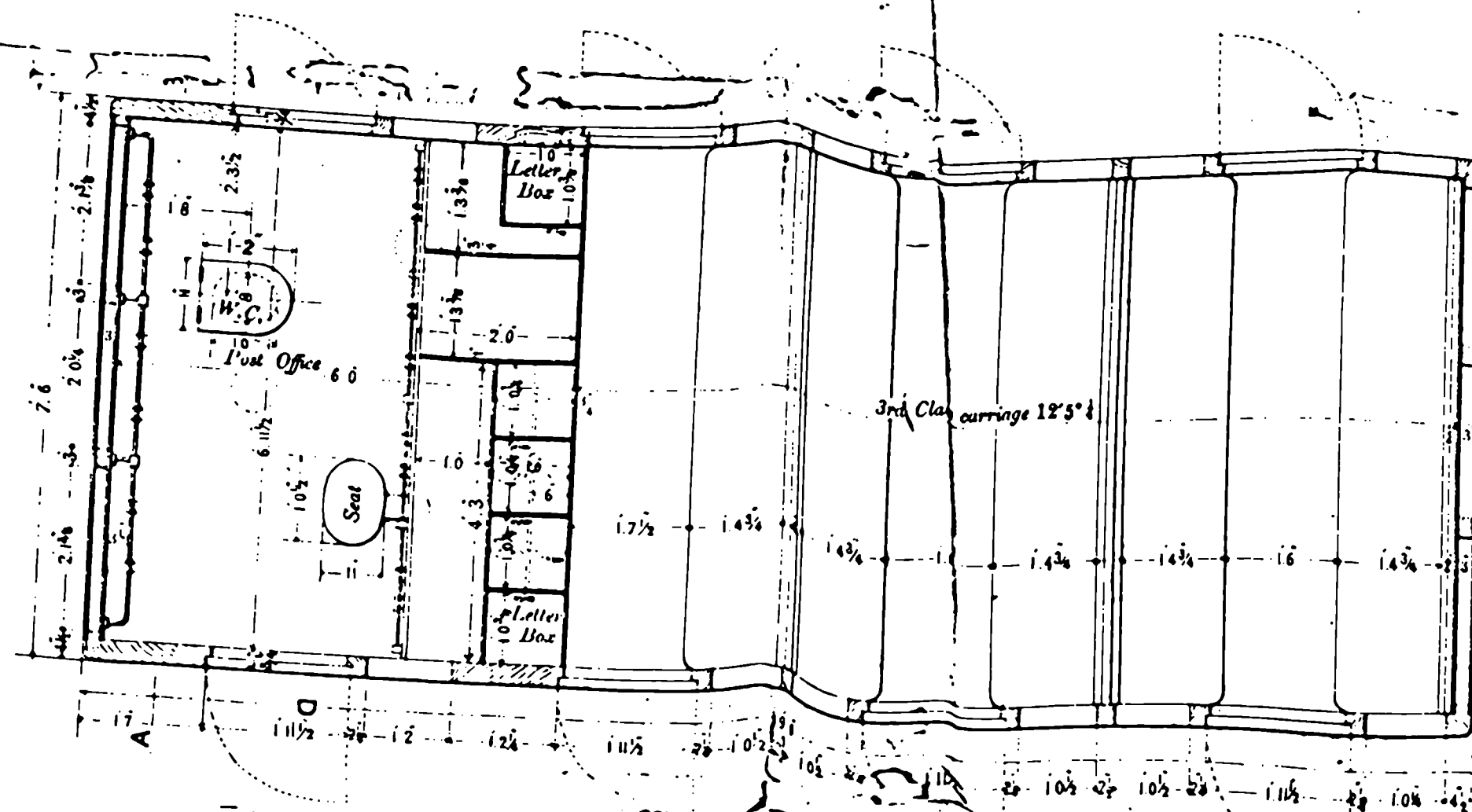
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ONE QUARTER SORTING VAN.

SECTION ^{ON} A B.

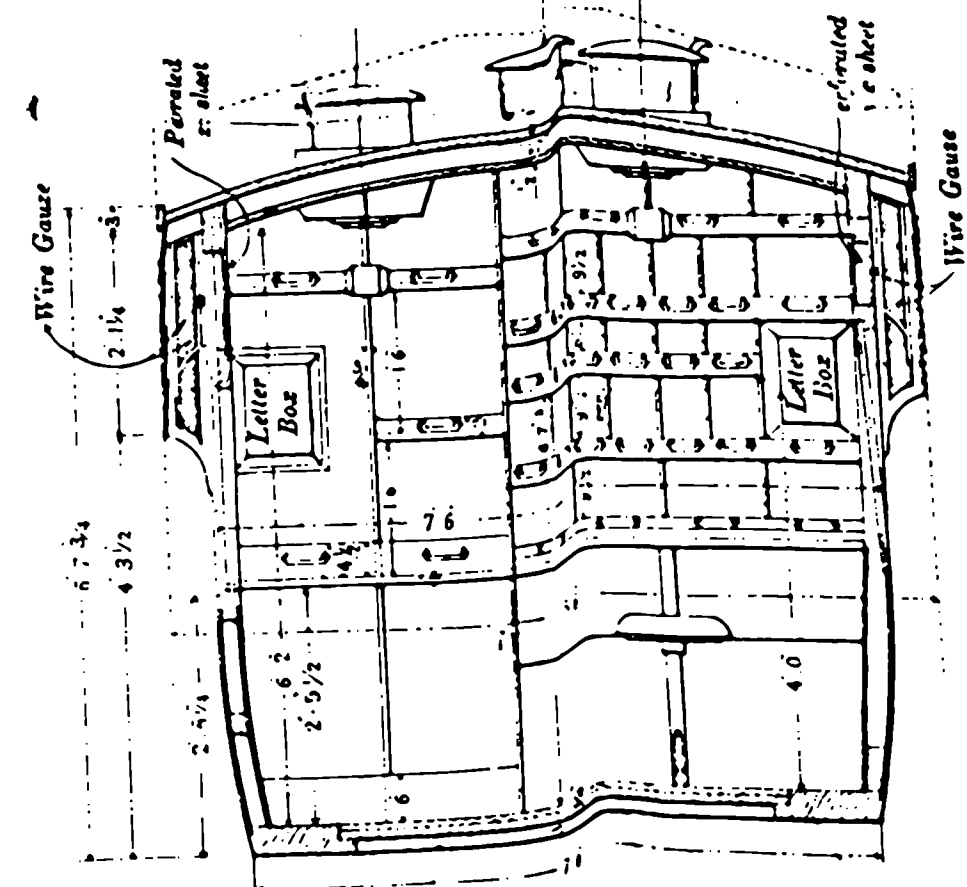


SECTIONAL PLAN



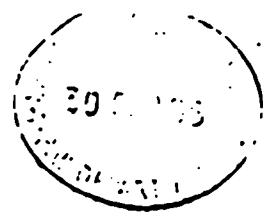
NOTE.—Fine wire is to cover all four compartment window sashes.

SECTION ^N C D.



NOTE.—Dotted circles show the position of roof lamps

SCALE, 1 INCH = 1 FOOT.



[Heads of Departments.]

Circular No. X Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

To

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 AND CENTRAL INDIA.
THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF RAILWAYS AND OF THE POST OFFICE OF INDIA.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS,
CALCUTTA, LUCKNOW AND CENTRAL DIVISION.

Simla, October 6, 1887.

*Standard designs for Metre-gauge Railway Carriages for use of the Postal
Department.*

SIR,

In continuation of Railway Circular No. XII of the 17th July 1886, I am directed to forward herewith lithographed drawings of a whole, a three-quarter, a half, and a one-quarter carriage adapted to the requirements of the Postal Department on Indian Railways of the metre-gauge, and to request that they may be adopted as standards for the construction or reconstruction of any vehicles which may hereafter be required for the Post Office.

It is, however, to be understood that no conversions to the new patterns are to be made without a distinct requisition in each case from the Postal Department.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Offg. Under-Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

1. Lithograph of a whole carriage required for Postal Service.
2. Lithograph of a three-quarter sorting van.
3. Lithograph of a half sorting van.
4. Lithograph of a one-quarter sorting van.

*To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department*

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Communicated to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways for information
and guidance in continua-
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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways, Secy.
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With order

Accompaniment to Government of India Circular No. I Ry., dated
2nd January 1894.

NOTE.—Delete the note "Fine wire gauze to cover all postal compartment window openings" on face of the four standard plans accompanying Government of India Circular No. X Ry., dated 6th October 1897, and paste the following instructions on the bottom right-hand corner of the plans attached to the above Circular as well as on the plans attached to Government of India Circular No. XII Ry., dated 17th July 1896 :—

- (a) Fine wire gauze, to cover all window openings except that of the window aperture in the door.
- (b) All windows to be provided, in addition to the above, with a sliding sash (glass) and a sliding venetian.
- (c) The window aperture in the door to have—
- (1) a sliding sash (glass) ;
 - (2) a sliding venetian ;
 - (3) a sliding frame filled up with wire gauze, each of which may be put up separately, or all, or any two of them together.

CALCUTTA,
The 2nd January 1894.

F. B. HEBBERT,
Under Secretary,
Govt. of India, P. W. Dept.

[For Heads of Departments.]

Circular No. I Ry.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY STORES.

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 CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, BURMA AND ASSAM.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJ-PUTANA.
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, LUCKNOW, CENTRAL DIVISION AND ASSAM.

RAILWAY POSTAL SERVICE.

Sashes and other window fittings of postal sorting vans on broad and metre gauge railways.

Calcutta, the 2nd January 1894.

SIR,

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that the note "Fine wire gauze to cover all postal compartment window openings" on the face of the standard plans accompanying Government of India Circular No. X Ry., dated 6th October 1897, has been taken to mean the filling up of the opening in the doors of postal sorting vans, built in accordance with standard designs, with an immoveable sheet of wire gauze, whereas the actual requirements of the Post Office in regard to sashes and other window fittings of these vans are as follow:—

- (a) Fine wire gauze to cover all window openings, except that of the window aperture in the door.
(b) All windows to be provided, in addition to the above, with a sliding sash (glass) and a sliding venetian.
(c) The window aperture in the door to have—
(1) a sliding sash (glass);
(2) a sliding venetian;
(3) a sliding frame filled up with wire gauze, each of which may be put up separately, or all or any two of them together.

2. The Government of India, I am directed to say, desire that the above requirements be provided for in the case of Post Office vans required for both broad and metre gauge railways, and I am to request that, in order to prevent any misunderstanding in the matter, the note referred to in para. 1 above may

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be deleted and that the accompanying slip containing the necessary instructions may be pasted for guidance on the bottom right-hand corner of the plans attached to Government of India Circulars Nos. XII Ry. and X Ry., dated, respectively, the 17th July 1886 and 6th October 1887.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. D. West

Under Secretary.

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Documents accompanying.
Slip referred to.

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

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Copy forwarded to

the Agents Madras and
the Indian Railways
for information and guidance
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mentioned below

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