

Public Works (190¹⁸⁹⁶) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 41 Ry

DATED 11th January '96

[Despatch Abstract.]

* Watch and Ward Establishment

Govt of India letter requesting that the — on the various railways be revised according to certain instructions communicated to the Agents, Madras and South Indian Railways

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Documents accompanying.
Nil.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

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No. 12

Read the following

Letter from the Govt.
of India P. W. Dept.

He No: 3363 G, 7/19 Dec 1895

Communicated to the
Agents Madras & South Indian
Railways, with reference to
G.O No: 299 R date 26th Feb.
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for favor of reply to para 3
of letter read above.

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- To The Agent & Manager Madras Ry
- Agent S. I. Railway. ✓
- Engineer G. I. Ry. Accts. ✓
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVT. COUNCIL

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No 41. Dated 11.1.96

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

THE SECRETARIES TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOMBAY AND MADRAS,
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CALCUTTA, LUCKNOW AND ASSAM.

Calcutta, the 19th Decem ber 1895.

SIR,

It has been represented that since the definition of the term "Police," as laid down by the Secretary of State, was promulgated under Public Works Department Circular No. IV Ry. of 1890, there has been a tendency to strain the interpretation of the term "Watch and Ward" so as to comprehend classes of establishment that do not fall strictly under that term.

2. The Government of India desire it to be understood that only such establishments should be included under Watch and Ward Police, the whole, or chief portion, of whose duties are those of Watch and Ward.

It is not possible to draw up an exhaustive list of the various classes of establishment, which should be included in the term "Watch and Ward," under this interpretation; but it is considered, generally, that the following classes may properly be so included:—

- (a) Watchmen in charge of public buildings, workshops, godowns, or trains.
- (b) Watchmen in charge of cash in the Audit Office.
- (c) Workshop gatemen, if not mere gate-openers or part of the time-keeper's staff, their duties being to guard the workshops and prevent theft.
- (d) Men employed to watch fuel delivered within the railway boundary, excluding those employed to watch it in the forest, during fuel collection.

The following classes should be excluded:—

- (f) Chowkidars of empty bungalows and of cemeteries. These men are really care-takers.
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- (h) Chowkidars temporarily employed in charge of materials in connection with works in progress.
- (i) Pay clerks' peons.

3. It is requested that the present staff charged as Watch and Ward on the several guaranteed and assisted railways, in respect of which the State is debited with three-tenths of the actual cost under the contracts with Railway Companies, may be revised according to the above instructions, and the result communicated in the form of an abstract showing the numbers under the several Departments, Agency, Audit, Locomotive, Traffic, Engineering, Stores and Collieries, classified according to the four sub-heads enumerated in paragraph 2.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. H. D. WALKER,

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.

No. 3364 G.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, for information, with reference to correspondence ending with his No. 3336, dated 25th July 1894.

By order,

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