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RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 84. R

DATED 18th Jan'y 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Packing of bones containing human or other viscera for Chemical Examination.

Memorandum from the Govt. of India for -
Working for information. Copies of correspondence
^{directing} regarding the careful observance of the rules
regulating the mode of —, Communicated
to the Ry. Bd. concerned.

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From

The East of India

No. 9 RT

Dated 5th January 1898

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SUBJECT.

Rules regulating the mode of packing for transmission by post packages containing human & other viscera for chemical examination.

Agent. Marine Ry
 " S. I. Ry
 " Virgin Ry
 " Carey Paper Co Ry
 Postmaster General Marine
 Local & Municipal Dept

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Forwarding for information copies of correspondence, asking careful observance of the above.

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Calcutta, the 5th January 1898.



The undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Officers noted in the margin, for information.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and Burma.
The Chief Commissioner of Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agent to the Governor General for Rajputana.
The Director of Railway Traffic.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Lucknow and Assam.

Copy also forwarded to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, for information, with reference to correspondence ending with his memorandum No. 4244, dated the 22nd September 1897.

By order,
W. W. Lamington

*Captain, R. E.,
Offg. Under Secretary.*

Home Dept.
Judicial.

No. 1593—1601, dated Calcutta, the 14th December 1897.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Dept.,

To—The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras; the Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay, Genl. Dept.; the Secy. to the Govt. of the N.-W. P. and Oudh, Judicial Dept.; the Chief Secy. to the Govt. of the Punjab; the Secy. to the Govt. of Burma, Genl. Dept.; the Chief Comrs. of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg; the Resident at Hyderabad.

Home, Revenue and Agricultural Department
resolution No. $\frac{2\text{-Judicial}}{68-77}$, dated the 20th January
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Home, Revenue and Agricultural Department
resolution No. $\frac{14\text{-Judicial}}{1001-12}$, dated the 14th September 1880.

Home Department resolution No. $\frac{12\text{-Judicial}}{927-38}$,
dated the 6th July 1891.

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2. These instances show that it is desirable that precautions should be taken in packing human and other *viscera* for transmission as freight by rail, similar to those prescribed for the transmission of such *viscera* by post, in the resolutions cited in the first paragraph of this letter. I am to request that [with the permission of the Governor in Council His Honour the Lieutenant Governor (and C. C.)] instructions may be issued for the careful observance of such precautions.

Circular No. 8-T.—M., dated Darjeeling, the 30th September 1897.

From—C. E. A. W. OLDHAM, Esq., C.S., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Municipal Dept.,
To—All Commissioners of Divisions.

With a view to provide against the possibility of packages containing human or other viscera, consigned to the post office for transmission to the Chemical Examiner for analysis, becoming offensive or dangerous to the employes of the Postal Department, the Government of India, in their resolution No. 2-68-77, dated the 20th January 1880, prescribed certain

To The Joint Secy to the Govt of Madras,
Public Works Department, Ry Branch,

rules regulating the mode of packing and despatching substances of that nature. These rules, however, were frequently neglected, and the Supreme Government, in their resolution No. ^{12-Judicial} 927-938, dated the 6th July 1891, insisted on strict compliance with the orders issued in 1880. In 1896 a case of neglect of these instructions was brought to the notice of this Government, and in circular No. 25-T.—M., dated the 17th October 1896, the attention of the local officers was invited to the necessity of strictly complying with the orders contained in the resolutions quoted above, and it was particularly explained, with reference to rule 7 of the rules contained in the resolution of the 20th January 1880, as modified by the resolution of the 14th September 1880, that at sub-divisions the Medical Officer in charge, whether Assistant Surgeon or Civil Hospital Assistant, should see to the proper packing, and the Sub-Divisional Officer to the despatch to the Chemical Examiner of articles requiring chemical analysis, and that in case of any irregularity in packing or despatching these officers would respectively be held responsible. The Lieutenant Governor regrets that notwithstanding these warnings an instance has again come to light in which the standing orders have been disregarded, and His Honour trusts that care will be taken to adhere to them rigidly in future.

2. Further enquiries made in this connection have shown that packing requisites are not always obtainable at head-quarters of districts or sub-divisions, and the Commissioners of Divisions were consulted as to the best system for adoption in regard to supplying medical officers with materials for packing medico-legal exhibits. The Lieutenant Governor has considered the replies received, and is now pleased to direct that in future Civil Surgeons shall be held responsible for maintaining at head-quarters a sufficient supply of wide-mouthed glass bottles with stoppers, skins, spirits and other requisites for packing and despatching *viscera* and other articles liable to decomposition, and for seeing that a sufficient stock of similar materials is kept by the Medical Officer in charge of each sub-division.

3. I am to add that all inspecting officers should be requested to bear these orders in mind, and to satisfy themselves at the time of inspection that they are systematically observed.

Govt. of Bengal memorandum No. 912-T.—M., dated 30th September 1897.

Copy forwarded to the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals, for information, and necessary action in regard to para. 2.

Home Dept
Judicial.

No. 1592, dated Calcutta, the 14th December 1897.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Dept.,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal (Medical) Dept.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 945-T.—M., dated the 5th ultimo, submitting the explanation of the Civil Surgeon of * * * regarding the despatch by him of three wooden cases to the Chemical Examiner, Calcutta, one of which burst open on the railway and was found to contain intestines in an advanced stage of decomposition. With your letter was also forwarded copy of a circular issued by the Government of Bengal on the 30th September last, with the object of preventing breaches of the existing rules which regulate the packing of human and other *viscera* consigned to the Post Office for transmission to the Chemical Examiner for analysis.

2. The Government of India trust that these orders will prevent the occurrence of any further breaches of the rules. I am, however, to observe that the rules appear to deal only with packages consigned to the Post Office. The case of the wooden boxes despatched by the Civil Surgeon of * * * mentioned above, and a subsequent case in which the same officer despatched offensive matter by rail insufficiently packed, show that it is necessary that the same precautions should be taken in sending packages containing human or other *viscera* as freight by rail, and I am to request that, with the permission of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, orders may be issued to this effect.