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[Despatch Abstract.]

Transport of Cordite by rail

Coming to the Agents, Mr & S. S. Ry, for info and guidance, endorsement from the Govt of India forwarding the views of that Govt as to the conditions under which Cordite should be accepted for transport by rail.

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SUBJECT.

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for transport by rail.

To

The Agent & Man: heads Ry ✓
-a- Agent S. J. Ry ✓
-a- Cons Eng for Ry ✓
-a- Judicial Depto & Dep. m 40 ✓
-a- Examiner of Ry Accs ✓

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No. 527 R. T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA.

Simla, the 7th June 1899.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3411, dated the 31st August 1898, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Agent of the East Indian railway requesting to be furnished with the views of the Government of India as to the conditions under which cordite should be accepted for transport by rail.

2. In reply I am to inform you that cordite—except when tendered for despatch on behalf of Government, when, as pointed out in the documents noted in the margin, it is exempt from the operation of the Indian Explosives Act and the rules framed thereunder—ordinarily belongs to division 1 of class 3 of the explosives class and, when not a Government store, must be packed in the manner prescribed for explosives of that class in the rules issued with the Government of India, Home Department, notification No. 1393, dated the 8th July 1897, which was published in Part I of the *Gazette of India* of the 10th July 1897.

3. As regards Government cordite, departmental and other Government officials despatching military explosives are responsible that all possible safety conditions are carried out, and they are also required to observe, as far as practicable, the rules on the subject prescribed by the Government of India from time to time.

Government cordite small arms cartridges can therefore be safely accepted for carriage by rail when packed in the manner described in the letter, dated the 5th August 1893, from the Superintendent, Small Arms Ammunition Factory, Dum-Dum, to the General Traffic Manager, East Indian railway; namely, in strong wooden boxes with inner packages made of stout tin hermetically sealed.

Government cordite cannon cartridges and cordite in bulk can, it is considered, be safely carried by rail in the packing in which they are received from England.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. MCELHINNY, Captain, R. E.,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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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 Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Lucknow and Assam.

The Managers, North-Western, Eastern Bengal, Oudh and Rohilkhand and East Coast (State) railways.

the officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance; also to the Governments of the North Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, the Agents to the Governor General in Central India and Baluchistan, the Resident in Mysore and to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information; in continuation of the Government of India, Public Works Department circular No. 12

Railway, dated the 9th December 1897.

By order,

W. McCreary Captain, R. E.
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.
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To. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
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