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No. 63. Read the following Circular letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Telegraph,) to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy; the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, and Ceylon; the Government of India in the Financial, Foreign, Home, Military, Revenue, Agricultural and Commerce, and Legislative Departments; the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam; the Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana; the Commissioners of Sindh and Peshawur; the Resident at Hyderabad, dated Simla, 4th June 1875, No. 1 T:—

THE Director-General of Telegraphs having represented that inconvenience and interruption to the telegraph traffic is sometimes occasioned by the despatch of telegrams by Government officials marked "confidential," I am directed to explain that the effect of such marking is to cause not only the Terminal Telegraph Offices concerned, but also those intermediately in electrical connection with them, to be cleared of all but the Signaller in charge, and to state that, with the view of remedying as much as possible the evil complained of it has been decided by the Governor-General in Council to limit the power of issuing confidential telegrams involving the power of "clearing the offices" to the officials mentioned in Rule XLVI. of the Inland Traffic Rules and Regulations, who have the power to "clear the line."

2. It is to be understood that a message of extreme urgency marked "clear line" will be passed along a certain wire in advance of all the telegrams in course of, or awaiting, transmission by that wire, whereas a message headed "clear line and offices" will be similarly expedited, but will in addition involve work being suspended on all the other wires owing to the precaution explained in the preceding paragraph. As the latter class of messages obviously occasion much serious interruption to the ordinary traffic, I am to request that the power to "clear line and offices" may be used only in cases of real emergency.

3. It has been considered inadvisable to publish this rule among the general traffic rules sanctioned by the Government of India; it will therefore be included only in the supplementary traffic code issued under the authority of the Director-General of Telegraphs. I am to state that this circular is not for publication, but is intended only for the information of the officers mentioned in Rule XLVI. above quoted.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1875, No. 1,863.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the several Departments of the Secretariat for information and guidance. The Inland* Traffic Rules and Regulations have been communicated separately.

* G. O., No. 1,839, dated 1st July 1875.

(True Extract.)

Major R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

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