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Retrenchment of Railway Staff

Seconded from Lt. Western Railway

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I must begin by explaining the delay in sending this on. Apparently the latter was only received on the 7th September and sent to the Department on the 8th. I returned from leave on the 10th and sent it on that day in red to C.Registry for the Ceylon papers. It return without the papers on the 11th; I sent it back again in red and saw nothing more of it until the 18th. Perhaps when action has been completed the file might go to C.Registry for explanation of the delay.

If promptly circulated delay is inexcusable
7/11/24
1 A

I attach a memorandum.

I am afraid that a telegram will have to be sent to the High Commissioner saying that the scheme intended to provide permanent employment and its conditions as set out in the despatch on 25304/27 (flag A) did not contemplate the return of the seconded men on the ground of retrenchment and that the C.W.R. will not be able to absorb them; that in the circumstances the Secretary of State considers that the K.U.R. must be regarded as having a moral responsibility for their permanent employment (unless they prove unsuitable) and that in the interest the High Commissioner must therefore arrange, however inconvenient it may be, for them to be retained so long as their services are satisfactory.

Both of the men who have not completed 2 years service & of the Training who has done so,

It is, however, for consideration whether an attempt should not be made by the [illegible]