

HEAD QUARTERS,

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GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

To avoid the danger, if not the certainty of frequent collisions, and the consequent destruction of life and property, as well as obstruction to a transportation, it is absolutely necessary that the movements of rail road trains should be under *one undivided* control. These considerations make it imperative that all trains should be regulated in their movements and speed, *only* by their conductors and engineers, in accordance with the Regulations and Time Tables of the Company. All the operation of a road should be controlled by its Superintendent, or other authorized officer; and all orders for transportation of every kind, and the movement of every train, will be directed through him, when the exigencies of the service demand a variation from the regular schedule. Disregard of this rule will inevitably be attended with disastrous consequences.

By order of

GENERAL R. E. LEE

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