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Letter from James Smithells to staff
regarding hours of work.

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Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MANCHESTER, MARCH 23RD, 1866.

General Order, No. 334.

I wish you to inform me, immediately, the number of hours during which each class of men is employed, daily, at your station, stating the time they commence in a morning, and finish in an evening, and the time allowed for meals, and at what hours of the day.

Also let me have your recommendation as to the course which should be adopted to reduce the hours of labour, if any men at your station are employed an unusual length of time; and state whether an improvement can be effected by ceasing to collect goods earlier in an evening, or providing additional accommodation.

What is the earliest time at which we can cease to collect goods without positive inconvenience to the public generally, and at what time do you recommend us to cease?

I desire to have a full expression of your views on this subject, with any suggestions which you may have to make.

JAMES SMITHELLS.