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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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26th June 1867.

No. 257. Read the following letter from the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of Salem, to the Magistrate of Salem, dated Tripatoor, 10th June 1867, No. 58.

As requested in your's, dated 6th instant, No. 148, I have the honor to report the result of my personal inquiry into the death of Mahomed Kareem, night watchman of the Railway Company at Jollarett station. Deceased was on duty watching some goods waggons on the Bangalore side, on the morning of the 4th instant, from 3 o'clock, and it was about this hour he was last seen alive (I should add apparently sober). At 4 A. M., the train that left Madras the previous evening reached and stopped at the station, and the engine ran on the Bangalore line, in order to back into the engine shed; whilst it was so doing (and there is nothing to show that it did so in any other way than is usual) deceased (who was, I am inclined to think, squatting in a dozing state on the line on which the engine was backing) was apparently knocked by a buffer of the tender, and, falling over, struck his head against a projecting nut of one of the stay-rods. I make this latter conjecture, as the head must have hit against something sharp to have part of the brain projecting as it was, and there was blood and hair on the nut. Deceased would then appear to have rolled over and over, and been carried along by the engine, for some 420 feet; this is clear from the sand, &c., on the rail side being brushed, and from blood and pieces of flesh and cloths being found here and there along this distance; a little piece of flesh was also discovered sticking on the edge of the engine trailing wheel. Past this he was apparently violently ejected sideways, immediately in front of the leading wheel, pushing out and breaking the stand-pipe, and fell immediately near a point, which makes me think the sharp point of it must have caught the body, and so jerked it out. Up to this, indeed, the matter is clear enough, but I must now mention a fact which is rather unintelligible, though, under the circumstances not suspicious:—One of the witnesses, Saniyasi, must have been at this point, at the identical moment the corpse was thrown out there exactly. There, however, it simply lay, without any one's knowing of it, till about 5-15 A. M., when the same witness, having to pass the same point, to handle another further down, found, and was seen to find, the corpse in a fearfully mangled state: not merely was the head cut and bruised, but the trunk was all open, showing the intestinal organs in a confused mass and partly protruding, whilst one of the feet had been completely severed.

3. Some slight discrepancies occur in the evidence I have summarized above, but I do not consider them of any importance; and, as you have no doubt already gathered from my remarks, deceased's death does not appear to have been otherwise than purely accidental.

(True copy).

SALEM MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
12th June 1867.

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Magistrate.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, for information of Government.

No. 258.

ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1867, No. 1023.
Communicated to the Public Works Department.
(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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