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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th April 1867.*

No. 207. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kadayampett, 16th April 1867, No. 19.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd May 1867.*

No. 62. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Communicating letter from the Magistrate of Salem, reporting an accident which occurred on the night of the 4th instant to a young man in the vicinity of the village of Pootoor. } (Here enter 26th April 1867, No. 658.)

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1867, No. 1,323.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

To the Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. J. H. Burns.

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th April 1867.*

No. 207. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kadayampett, 16th April 1867, No. 19.

I have the honor to report an accident, which occurred on the night of the 4th instant. It appears that the train from Coimbatore arrived at the Sooramungalum station at the usual time, 7-20 p. m. The Engine Driver, Mr. Dawson, was then unaware of any accident having taken place, but, on the following morning (5th), when cleaning the Engine, he observed, on the guard iron, blood and some hair. The Superintendent states that no information of this fact was then given to the Police, but, soon after, the Inspecting Engineer, who was going down the line by a special train, came across the corpse of a man on the line, about three miles west of Sooramungalum. He sent back a note to the Station Master, giving him the news, who then communicated the same to the Head Constable at Sooramungalum. Inspector Mr. Dias immediately repaired to the spot (20th mile), which is in the vicinity of the village of Pootoor. He found the body close to the line of rails; the right thigh had been separated from the body; the head had been injured in several places; and the cloths were besmeared with blood. The body had apparently been dragged for some little distance, by, no doubt, the cloth becoming entangled with the wheels or guard iron of the Engine. The accident must have happened about 7-15 p. m. The deceased is a young man of about 25 years of age, and is quite robust and strong. He has not been recognized by the people of the neighbouring village. The Inspector believes him to be a Native Christian. No property, save the cloths, was found upon his person. One of the Railway watchmen discovered the body first, and made report to the Village Moonsiff of Pootoor. The man must have been walking along the line at the time the train was coming, and, being overtaken, was run over, the darkness assisting in rendering his escape next to impossible.

2. The Natives too commonly make use of the line as a path, and it is wonderful that more accidents do not occur.

3. I delayed sending this letter till I had received reports which I had ordered to be made. These reports have just come to hand, and nothing further has been discovered, save that a Brahmin is said to be missing from his village in Salem Taluq. Should any further information reach me worthy of your attention, I will do myself the honor of submitting it to you.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1867, No. 658.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract).

To the Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. J. H. Barns.

H. J. Curran
Chief Secretary.

W. H. C. C.

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Law: Corp. for Pp*

*Grant & George
2nd May 1867*

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