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15th January 1867.

No. 269. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd December 1866, No. 483 :—

Read the following letter from the Secretaries and Agents for the Indian Tramway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 21st December 1866, No. 196.

1. Adverting to our letter of the 11th instant, No. 188, we have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copies* of letters we have received from Mr. Holloway, the Resident Engineer of the Company, with reference to the serious damages done to the works of the Company during the late heavy monsoons.

* And an original letter in Tamil from the Tahsildar of Conjeveram, (to be returned.)

2. We regret that we were not made aware of the fatal accident which occurred on the 4th instant, until just now, as will be seen from Mr. Holloway's letter above alluded to, which was received this day.

From the Resident Engineer and Traffic Manager, to the Secretaries and Agents for the Indian Tramway Company, Madras, dated Arconum, 7th December 1866, No. 219.

1. I much regret to have to inform you that the present unusually heavy floods have done very serious damage to the Line.

2. On the 4th instant one of the old Government arched 3 feet culverts, which passed under our Line and the Government road, at 9 miles 20 chains, was entirely washed away ; I continued the traffic as usual by having a train working on each side of the break, but I find I am now obliged to stop the passenger traffic (only) between Pulloor and Conjeveram, in consequence of the sinking of the north abutment of one of our own culverts at the 14th mile, the distance between these places being 5 miles, prevents us from booking further than Pulloor for the present ; the rains continue very heavy, and I will advise you to-morrow if any further damage occurs.

From the Resident Engineer and Traffic Manager, to the Secretaries and Agents for the Indian Tramway Company, Madras, dated Arconum, 20th December 1866, No. 227.

1. Adverting to my letter No. 219 of the 6th instant, I have to inform you (also for the information of Government) that the new abutment to the culvert at 14th mile which has been enlarged to 13 feet in lieu of 10 feet opening with iron girders is now finished, and I have commenced from to-day to book passengers between Conjeveram and Chengulroyen Choultry, which will leave a break of a mile and a half for a few days, until the bridge at 10½ miles is finished, which is being increased by one span of 10 feet as recommended by Major Prendergast ; this break was caused by the carrying away of the centre pier of the calingulahs of the Govindoovaddy tank.

2. The 3 feet arched Government culvert, which was carried away by the overflowing of the Pulloor river, and to be replaced by a 13 feet culvert, with iron girders, as recommended by Major Prendergast, I have commenced without reference to Government, as the stoppage of the traffic is a great loss to this Company ; as soon as the repairs are completed I will forward a bill to you, the amount of which, I trust, will be reimbursed by Government.

3. Many of the small Government irrigation culverts on this road are in a dangerous state ; one at the 3rd mile south of the Cortilliar bridge is cracked through the parapet wall ; and the one at 6 miles 55 chains has the foundation almost entirely washed from under it ; another, a little north of the Kumbumcal channel, fell in some few months ago, which the natives have several times complained about.

4. An accident occurred on the 4th instant : two women were walking between the rails towards the Cortilliar bridge, when one of them, perhaps, from being frightened by the approach of

the train, attempted to step across the opening of the bridge between the rails, her foot slipped, and she fell into the river; she was immediately taken out (quite dead) by the fireman of the Engine, who plunged in after her, the Engine being at the time about 18 or 20 feet from her; this is the statement made to me by the Engine Driver Mr. Langham, and the Superintendent. Mr. LeaHair, who were on the Engine at the time. I enclose an original letter just received from the Tahsildar of Conjeveram, who caused an inquest to be held on the body, and I shall feel obliged by your enclosing the same in your letter to Government.

From the Tahsildar of Conjeveram Talook, to the Resident Engineer, Tramway Company, dated Conjeveram, 17th December 1866.

On the receipt of your letter, No. 224, dated 17th instant, I proceeded to the Tramway Station in company with the Apothecary attached to the Hospital at Conjeveram, and others, and enquired after the death of the woman alluded to therein. It appears that on the 4th December, at half past 4 P. M., the woman was standing upon the Cortilliar bridge looking at the train which was coming at the time. Upon the approach of the train the woman was alarmed and ran across the the road, and while doing so, she accidently slipped and fell into the water. She was severely wounded on the right ear and on the back of her neck. Her husband, Colingum, and others, state that the woman was not injured by anybody, and that they have no suspicion against any one. Her death is accidental.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of my report forwarded with Consulting Engineer's Endorsement, dated the 19th instant, No. 475.

2. Extracts from my report, and from Mr. Holloway's letters have been communicated to the Superintending Engineer.

3. It will be seen from paragraph 9 of my report that an accident which happened on the 4th instant, was not immediately reported by the Resident Engineer to the Secretaries and Agents. It seems desirable, therefore, that Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. should be requested to obtain and submit to the Consulting Engineer for Railways reports of all accidents whether to persons or to Trains, or to the way and works, immediately they happen. Stoppages in the working of the usual Trains should also be at once reported.

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Major, V. C., R. E.,
Dy. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1867, No. 132.

RAILWAY, No. 16.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. No. 95, dated 11th January 1867.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Madras
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From Lt. Colonel Pennycuick Major R.E.
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To

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.
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Indian Tramway Company Limited
Madras 21st December 1866.

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Your Most Obedient Servants.
R. Mathews
Secretaries and Agents.

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The Consg. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
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