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No. 390. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th March 1868, No. 110:—

Read the following letter from the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 24th March 1868, No. 86.

I have just received the following telegram from Mr. Carter at Cuddapah:—
“A waggon of cotton was found on fire when 5 A. M. arrived at Reddipully
“to-day.

“No damage occurred. When Guard returns I will send you particulars.”

Forwarded for the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
26th March 1868.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company,
dated Madras, 27th March 1868, No. 91.

With reference to my letter No. 86, dated 24th instant, I now beg to hand you copy of a report received this morning from Mr. Carter, containing particulars of the fire.

From the Assistant Traffic Manager, to the Traffic Manager, dated Madras, 26th March 1868,
No. 2,808.

1. With reference to my telegram of the 24th instant. The following particulars have just been given to me by the Guard. On arrival of the 5 A. M. Goods train at Reddipully, the Guard discovered smoke issuing from the side of high sided open Goods Waggon, No. 1,210, loaded with cotton at Moodanoor, and immediately took off the tarpaulins, when the upper part of the centre bale was found on fire; with the assistance of the Driver and station people this was soon extinguished; about one-fourth of the bale was consumed and damaged. This fire could not possibly have originated from a spark from the engine. As I before stated, the bale was in the centre, and the bales on top were not injured in the least, nor were the tarpaulins and ropes.

2. This is the most singular fire we have had as yet, the origin of which looks like spontaneous combustion.

3. I understand there is not the slightest trace of fire to be found on the wood-work of the waggon.

From the Agent and Manager, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 28th March 1868.

1. I am sorry not to be able to throw any light on the origin of this fire, but as explained personally to you this morning, every precaution is being taken to unravel the mystery.

2. A reward of Rupees 500 has been offered, and a detective officer accompanies the cotton trains.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 26th March 1868, No. 89.

1. The Station Master at Arconum Junction reports that on arrival of the 5 A. M. Goods train from Cuddapah on the 24th instant, the ropes on the left hand front corner of high sided open Goods Waggon, No. 801, loaded with cotton from Moodanoor, were on fire, and on further examination of the truck, two of the tarpaulins were found burnt through at the right hand corner, and a small hole in one of the bales of cotton.

2. The cotton was unloaded and carefully examined, but nothing could be discovered to throw any light upon the matter.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

The subject of the recent cotton fires is engaging the serious attention of the Traffic Manager, Locomotive Superintendent, and myself.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

26th March 1868.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd April 1868.*

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 27th March 1868, No. 92.

I beg to enclose copy of a letter received this day from Mr. Carter, relative to an empty truck attached to the 7-30 A. M. train from Moodanoor, on the 24th instant, having been damaged by fire.

From the Assistant Traffic Manager, to the Traffic Manager, dated Madras, 26th March 1868, No. 2,806.

With reference to enclosed, it appears that the Driver of the 7-30 A. M. on the 24th instant, discovered fire issuing from one of the empties attached to the train, he immediately had water thrown upon it, and extinguished it without stopping his train. The cause of this fire must have been a spark from the engine. The waggon is very slightly damaged.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways. I think there can be no doubt that this fire was occasioned by a spark from the engine.

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,

28th March 1868.

Agent and Manager.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 391.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1868, No. 1,229.

RAILWAY, No. 35.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 86

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras, 24th March 1868

Dear Sir,

I have just received the following
Telegram from Mr. Carter at Buddapah.

"A waggon of cotton was found on
"fire when 5 AM arrived at Reddipally to-day.
"No damage occurred. When Guard returns I will
"send you particulars."

Yours faithfully
Signed H. E. Church
Traffic Manager

To

The Agent and Manager.

True Copy

W. B. Elwin
Agent and Manager

Forwarded for the information of the Consulting
Engineer for Railways
26th March 1868.

Comptroller

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N. 91.

Madras Railway,
Traffic Manager's Office,
Madras, 27 March 1868.

Dear Sir,
With reference to my letter N. 86 dated
24 instant, I now beg to hand you copy of a report
received this morning from Mr. Carter containing
particulars of the fire.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. Church
Traffic Manager.

The agent and manager,

Madras Railway,
Asst. Traffic Manager's Office
March 26 1868.

N. 2808.

My dear Sir,
With reference to my telegram of the
24 instant, the following particulars have just
been given to me by the Guard. On arrival of the
5 AM Goods Train at Reddipally, the Guard discovered
smoke issuing from the side of N. 209, a wagon
N. 1210 loaded with cotton at Moodanoor, and
immediately took off the tarpaulins, when the
upper part of the centre Bale was found on fire: with
the assistance of the Driver and Station people this
was soon extinguished; about 1/4 of the bale was
consumed and damaged. This fire could not
possibly have originated from a spark from the
Engine - as I have stated, the Bale was in
the centre, and the Bales on top were not injured in
the least, nor were the Tarpaulins and Ropes.
This is the most singular fire we have
had as yet, the origin of which looks like spontaneous
combustion. I understand there is not the slightest

trace of fire to be found on the wood work of the wagon.

H.B. Church Esq.,
Yours faithfully,
Wm. L. D. Carter,

True Copy
Wm. L. D. Carter,
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
Wm. L. D. Carter,
Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
I am sorry not to be able to throw
any light on the origin of this fire, but as
explained personally to you this morning,
every precaution is being taken to unravel
the mystery.

A reward of Rupees 500 has been
offered, and a detective officer accompanies
the Cotton Trains.

28 March 1868.

Wm. L. D. Carter
Agent & Manager.

Comptroller

Madras Railway,
Traffic Manager's Office,
Madras, 26 March 1868.

N. 89.

Dear Sir,
The Station Master at Arcot Junction
reports that on arrival of the 5th Genl. Train
from Cuddalore on the 24th instant, the ropes on the
left hand front corner of High Speed Open Goods
Wagon N. 801, loaded with Cotton from Cuddalore,
were on fire, and on further examination of the
truck two of the Tar barrels were found burnt
through at the right hand corner and a small hole
in one of the Bales of Cotton.

The Cotton was unloaded and carefully
examined but nothing could be discovered to
throw any light upon the matter.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. L. D. Carter,
Traffic Manager.

The Agent & Manager,

True Copy
Wm. L. D. Carter
Agent & Manager.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
26 March 1868.

The subject of the recent Cotton
Fire is engaging the serious attention of
the Traffic Manager, and Legislative Dept.
Comptroller and myself.
Wm. L. D. Carter
Agent and Manager.

N^o 92.

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras, 24th March 1868.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose copy of a letter received this day from Mr. Barker relative to an empty truck attached to the 7.30 am train from Moodanoor on the 24th instant having been damaged by fire.

Yours &c,
H. B. Church
Traffic Manager.

To
The Agent and Manager

Madras Railway
Agent's Traffic Manager's Office
March 26th 1868.

N^o 2806.

My dear Sir,

With reference to enclosed it appears that the Driver of the 7.30 am on the 24th instant discovered fire issuing from one of the empties attached to the train, he immediately had water thrown upon it and extinguished it without stopping his train. The cause of this fire must have been a spark from the engine. The Wagon is very slightly damaged.

H. B. Church Esq.

Yours &c,
D. D. Barker.
True Copy
H. B. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
Agent's Manager.

For the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways - I think there can be no doubt that this fire was occasioned by a spark from the engine -

28th March 1868.

W. H. Barker
Agent & Manager.

Comptroller

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No. 110.

Submitted for the information of Government.

Mountstuart Major

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 30th March 1868.

Consng. Engr. for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways

To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated *30th* March 1868.
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W. H. P. D.
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