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2. No damage was done.

2. I have asked for further information, which shall be communicated on receipt.

Cotton Fires.

3. The general opinion here is that the cause of this as well as the other fires we have had is spontaneous combustion

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

3. I do not know of any measures, likely to insure success, which have been left untried by the Railway authorities.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

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Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras, 30th March 1868.

Dear Sir

The Guard of the 6/30 A.M.
Train from Madras to Bellary on
the 27th instant reports that on
arrival at Kottimattah station, the
ropes securing a Carriage loaded
in open sided Goods Wagon No 132
were found on fire.

No damage was done.

Yours faithfully
H. E. Church
Traffic Manager

The Agent Bellary

(Spec. Copy)
W. J. Church
Agent Bellary

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
for information -
30 March 1868.

Comptroller

Madras Railway,
Traffic Manager's Office,
Madras, 30 March 1868.

N. 96.

Dear Sir,
I beg to hand you copy of another letter received on the 28th Instant from Mr. Carter, reporting a case of fire in a Wagon loaded with Cotton attached to the 5.0 am Goods Train from Madras at the 26th Idem.

I have asked for further information which shall be communicated on receipt.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. Church,
Traffic Manager.

The Agent and Manager,

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

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Cotton Lined.

My dear Sir,
I have to report another case of fire, which occurred to a wagon (H. B. O. G. N. 235) attached to 5.0 am Goods Train yesterday.

On arrival of the train at Kundaloor, the Guard observed smoke issuing from the sides of the Wagon and immediately had it uncovered when a centre bale situated at the bottom of the Wagon was found to be on fire. With the assistance of the Station people the fire was immediately extinguished. The bale was very little injured.

The general opinion here is that the cause of this as well as the other fires we have had is

spontaneous

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Nº 119-

spontaneous combustion.

Yours faithfully,
W. B. D. Carter

H. C. Church Esq.,
Madras.

True Copy
To H. C. Church,
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
To J. G. W.
Agent and Manager.

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
for information.
30 March 1868.

Comptroller

Submitted for the information of
Government, with reference to letter Nº 111, dated
the 30th ultimo.

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To The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Deptt
Fort Saint George.

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Yours faithfully,
R. D. Carter

H. C. Church Esq.,
Madras.

True Copy
To H. C. Church,
Traffic Manager.

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Submitted for the information of
Government, with reference to letter N^o 111, dated
the 30th ultimo -

2. I have been in constant communi-
-cation with the Railway Authorities regarding
these frequent fires on the North-West Line, and
I had a long discussion yesterday on the subject
with the Agent, the Traffic Manager, and the Loco-
-motive Superintendent, but I regret to say that
no satisfactory evidence as to their origin has
yet been obtained.

3. I do not know of any measures,
likely to ensure success, which have been left
untried by the Railway Authorities.

Madras
7th April
1868

Major R. C.
Cous: Engr for Railways

To The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Deptt
Fort Saint George.

