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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th January 1870.

No. 374. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Communicating a letter from the Officiating Magistrate of Malabar, reporting in regard to a corpse having been allowed to remain for an undue length of time at the Tirur Railway Station. (Here enter 21st December 1869, No. 2,021.)

No. 375. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1870, No. 195.

RAILWAY, No. 49.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 21st December 1869.

Read the following papers —

No. 135 From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th October 1869, No 589.

I have the honour to solicit your attention to the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Traffic Manager, and of its enclosure, having reference to the reprehensible conduct of the Village and Police authorities at Tiroor in allowing the body of a dead man to remain at the station from 10 A M. on the 13th instant until the following morning

* C No 330, 18th October 1869

2. May I ask you to be kind enough to bring this matter under the notice of the Collector of Malabar in view to the issue of stringent orders for the future guidance of village authorities.

C No 330

Death in a Station

DEAR SIR,

I beg to forward copy of a letter to my address from Mr Hill, and think you will agree with me that the conduct of the Village and Police authorities was very reprehensible in allowing a dead body to remain in a place of public resort like a Railway station

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) H E CHURCH,

MADRAS,
18th October 1869

Death of a Native Passenger in Station Compound at Tiroor on 13th instant.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have to report the death of a native man (name not known) who was a passenger by 8-15 A M train on 13th instant

2. It appears that, after he had given up his ticket at Tiroor, he went outside into the verandah of the station to sit down, and about one hour afterwards died

3 The Adigari was immediately sent to, but he took no steps to move the body. During the day the Police took the body to the Police station, but afterwards brought it *back* to the Railway compound

4 The Station Master telegraphed to me for instructions, and I directed him to go and report the case to the Sub-Magistrate

5 Yesterday morning the Adigari held an inquiry, and the verdict was "died from sickness"

6 It seems that the man was suffering from severe jungle fever, age about 35 years, his residence is uncertain, but supposed to be Poodiangady

7 The Adigari or Police are much to blame for not having the body removed from 10 A M on the 13th until the next morning, yesterday

8. I attach the Station Master's report

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) C. HILL,
Assistant Traffic Manager

(True Copy)

(Signed) H E CHURCH,
Traffic Manager.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st December 1869.

No. 340.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The neglect of the Police in allowing the body to remain so long in the station premises has been brought to the notice of the Collector of Malabar.

MADRAS,
20th October 1869.

(Signed) J. G. LINDSAY, Captain, R. E.,
Actg. Depy. Cons Engr. for Railways.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

23rd October 1869.

(Signed) H. TULLOCH, Captain, R E.,
Actg. Under Secy. to Govt.

Referred to the Magistrate of Malabar for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th October 1869.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No 136 From the Officiating Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 17th December 1869, No. 124.

With reference to the docket on a communication from the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 20th October last, No. 340, I have the honour to report that, from inquiries made regarding a corpse having been allowed to remain at the Tanoor station, I find the Police took charge of the body and had it carried to the Police station. The Adigari was informed of the fact, but delayed holding an inquest until the Sub-Magistrate's orders to do so were received. He reported the matter to the Sub-Magistrate, but the latter's orders were received late in the evening, and an inquest that day was impossible.

2. As to who was responsible for the return of the body to a hut in the station compound, the accounts are conflicting. The Police state that the Adigari ordered the body to be taken back to the Railway station, but their statement is uncorroborated by the evidence of villagers who accompanied the body to the Police station. I do not believe that the Adigari ever ordered the body to be returned to the station, but he was greatly to blame in not at once holding an inquest. I have taken due notice of his omission

3 I may add that the body was left in a hut in the station compound, but about 200 yards from the station.

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1869, No. 2021.

Communicated to the Public Works Department

(True Extract.)

J. J. Grindlay
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
Exd. J. Wright.

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JUDICIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, December, 21st.

Sir,

I am directed by the Government of Bengal to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, Eastern Bengal Railway, dated the 17th instant, No. 195, with its enclosure, on the subject of the Railway Establishments.

2. I am to request that you will submit the papers for the orders of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. Beverley,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

G. G., 21st December 1869, No. 2021.

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Nos. 127—137.

Commencing a letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer in regard to a proposal to maintain establishments for a limited length of time at the Railway Stations

No 195–17th January 1870

Vide our Orders

Sir

No 195

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer for Railways —

Fort St George
17th January 1870

To the Secretary to the Government of Bengal
Railways

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Dated

Rec'd

G. O. 17th January 1870, No 195

Nos. 374 - 375

Answered by Station Post Book

Appl. re Station Bungalow and Police Station, Villupuram & Police Station, Cuddalore in altering the Lease by Government Branch to the Trustees Railway Station - Lease & Bond &c. executed