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No. 532. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 24th January 1870, No. 32:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 15th January 1870, No. 25.

Letter No. 31, 14th January 1870.

Mr. H. C. West, Acting Resident Engineer, 3rd Division, South-West Line, reports as follows:—

"I beg to report that on the night of the 11th instant an attempt was made by some evil-disposed person or persons to throw off the line the 8-15 A. M. train by placing on the line of rails an iron curve gauge and an iron beater, the former of which was found broken in two between the rails at the 198th mile-post early next morning by the Gang Maistry on this length.

"The above-mentioned tools are usually kept at the house of the Night Watchman 'Vencataramen,' who lives within 150 yards of the spot, and he, when asked by the Gang Maistry if he had walked over his length previous to the arrival of the 8-15 A. M. train, replied in the affirmative, but denied all knowledge as to how these tools came to be removed from his hut and placed on the line. He has since absconded, and has not been heard of.

"As the Driver of the train states that there was no Watchman any where near the place, I am of opinion that the man must have been absent from his post, and that these obstructions were placed on the line by some person or persons avengefully disposed towards the Watchman.

"The circumstances have been reported to the Police at Oomaloor, together with a description of the missing Watchman, and the result of their investigation will be duly reported to you."

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

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

15*th January* 1870.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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

No. 533. Order thereon, 28th February 1870, No. 651.

Ordered to be recorded.

RAILWAY, No. 66.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS.

Dated February 28th.

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 28th February 1870. *No.* 651

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Nos. 532-533

Train (Railway).—Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer intimating that on the night of the 11th January, 1870 an attempt was made by some evil-disposed person or persons to throw off the line the 8-15 A. M. train by placing on the line of rails an iron curve gauge, etc.; recorded.

Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 15th January 1870.

No. 25.

Letter No. 31, 14th Jany. 1870

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. C. West, Acting Resident Engineer 3d Division S.W. Line reports as follows:-

"I beg to report that on the night of the 11th instant an attempt was made by some evil-disposed person or persons to throw off the line the 8.15 A.M. train by placing on the line of rails an iron curve gauge, and an iron heater the former of which was found broken in two between the rails at the 198th mile-post early next morning by the Gang Maistry on this length.

"The above mentioned tools are usually kept at the house of the night-watchman Venkataramen, who lives within 150 Yards of the spot, and he, when asked by the Gang Maistry, if he had walked over his length previous to the arrival of the 8.15 A.M. train, replied in the affirmative but denied all knowledge as to how these tools came to be removed from his hut and placed on the line. He has since absconded and has not been heard of.

"As the Driver of the train states that there was no watchman anywhere near the place, I am of opinion that the man must have been absent from his post, and that these obstructions were placed on the line by some person or persons revengefully disposed

disposed towards the watchman.

"The Circumstances have been reported to the Police at Bomdaloor - together with a description of the missing watchman: and the result of their investigation will be duly reported to you."

Yours faithfully
/signed/ T. W. Going
Asst. Chief Engr.

The Agent & Manager

/True copy/
Illegible
Agent & Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
for information.
15th January 1870.

No. 32

Submitted for the information of Government.

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Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 24th January 1870.

J. W. Meadows Captain R.E.
A.C.E. Consg. 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.

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Dated 24 } January 1870.
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Submitting for the information of Government copy of a letter received from the Ag Chief Engineer reporting that an attempt was made by some evil disposed persons to throw off the line the 8-15 A.M. train

Copy of Letter from Ag Chief Engineer to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 651, dated 24th January 1870.

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Train (By) Endorsement by Asst Engr Engr interviewing Asst on the night of the 11th January 1870 an attempt was made by some evil disposed person or persons to throw off the line the 8.15 Mail train ~~off~~ by placing on the line 9 rails an iron curve gauge, &c. Recorded.